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Resolution Copper Begins First Phase of Securing Open Workings

Superior, Ariz. — Resolution Copper has begun the initial phase of securing open workings on both private and U.S. Forest Service land as part of a voluntary undertaking to educate the public about the hazards associated with entering abandoned and inactive mine sites.

“We are committed to taking a proactive approach in helping to raise awareness and ensure public safety,” said Bruno Hegner, vice president and general manager of Resolution Copper. “In addition to posting the warning signs, we will close as many as 20 of the most hazardous openings this fall. This work will be done in an environmentally responsible manner, allowing for the free movement of bats, snakes and other creatures, while providing a safer environment for the general public.”

The first phase of the project involves placing signage on abandoned sites. Resolution Copper anticipates posting the warning signs on more than 100 open workings identified through surveys the company conducted last spring. Resolution Copper personnel assessed and rated the openings to determine which sites were most hazardous. Openings range from shallow prospects to large shafts. The second part of the initiative, which involves permanent closure of the most dangerous openings, will take place in mid-October when weather conditions will be more favorable for transporting heavy equipment and supplies by helicopter.

The Office of the Arizona State Mine is providing the “Stay Out, Stay Alive” warning signs to Resolution Copper free of charge. These signs are also available to the general public at no cost. More information about abandoned mine safety and how you can obtain the warning signs is available at <http://www.asmi.state.az.us>

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