



Community Update

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With thanks to many of you who have followed our progress and provided valuable feedback, in this issue we provide answers to some of the most commonly-asked questions about the KMC project

Q: *Where is KMC in the permitting process?*

A:

After receiving KMC's proposed mining and reclamation plan of operations (MRPO) on April 18, 2017, BLM began an extensive environmental review under the rules of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This included an extended public scoping period, during which public comments were received. After careful consideration, the comments were cataloged and published onto the BLM website for public review. Westland Resources and BLM have begun developing the Environmental Assessment (EA) that includes studies on cultural and biological resources, water use and availability, potential environmental effects, traffic impact analysis, and, social and economic outcomes associated with the planned mining operations. The draft EA is expected to be completed in early 2018, after which BLM will release it to the public for review and comment.

Q: *When will the mine be operational?*

A:

After completion and approval of KMC's MRPO, the company must still pursue several additional Federal, State and local permits before becoming fully operational. With these activities, it is currently expected that KMC may begin commercial operations by the start of 2019.

Q: *What are the benefits of this project to the local community?*

A:

KMC's project will produce at least a dozen family- waged local jobs in its initial phase, with an opportunity for additional job growth within 3 to 5 years. The company's preference to work with local vendors and subcontractors, along with local fuel and other material purchases, will further add to the local employment and tax base. KMC looks forward to working with local communities to evaluate how best to give back in meaningful ways. As a family owned business it is important to us to be a part of the community and contribute as a good neighbor.

Q: *How will KMC control dust emissions?*

A:

KMC will employ multiple state-of-the-industry strategies for controlling potential dust emissions, both from operations and from vehicular traffic. Recent BLM-approved production sampling and testing, which was monitored by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), showed very low dust emissions during excavation, crushing and hauling activities using standard methods of dust control and water application. Visit our website to see the actual ADEQ field report on dust control.

For more detailed information on these and other questions, visit www.kirklandmining.com

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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