



**Bisbee** was already attracting national interest when Phelps Dodge invested in the area back in 1881. Through the years, the town and company helped each other become legendary in the mining business. As many of you know, Phelps Dodge was acquired by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold in early 2007. Since that time, we have been working hard to combine these two very successful companies under the Freeport-McMoRan name.

Combining all of our operations under one name recognizes that we are one company, able to share talent, expertise and new ideas among operations in North America, South America, Indonesia and Africa. Although a few of the people have changed, one thing that will not change is our commitment to addressing environmental issues from past eras – as we look toward a future for Bisbee built on the idea of “sustainable development.”

As a leader in our industry, we understand our commitments to the local communities and environment in which we operate.

We recognize we have an obligation to operate our properties in balance with our corporate and social responsibilities in order to safeguard future generations. This is the core concept of sustainable development, which we embrace both as our corporate civic duty and as a prudent business practice.

Modern mining is far different from the mining practices of the 1800s and even far different from mining of the 1970s, when operations at the Lavender Pit ceased. In the past few years, we have undertaken major reclamation projects to mitigate impacts of past eras. These efforts are ongoing, and our reclamation crews and environmental experts are busy at several historic mining sites around the state, including Bisbee. Most of these efforts are being performed voluntarily, some under the direction or guidance of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

We are undertaking this work even as we develop new mines – including the one in Safford – that meet the latest environmental and land-use practices. There is still a significant copper resource in the Bisbee area, and the U.S. and world economies rely on copper to help provide the basics of modern life.

We have environmental projects under way in Bisbee now and continue to study possible resumption of mining. Our new Community Outreach Office is open in Copper Queen Plaza and we meet regularly with our Community Partnership Panel to share thoughts about Bisbee's future.

Thank you for visiting this site and thank you for your interest in Bisbee and our company.

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