



Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold
Economic Impact of the Sierrita Mine Upon Arizona and Pima County

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The Sierrita Mine is an open-pit copper and molybdenum complex about seven miles west of the town of Green Valley. The property has been in operation as an open-pit mine since 1959, and consists of a concentrator that produces copper and molybdenum concentrates. The majority of the copper concentrate produced is smelted at Freeport-McMoRan Miami in Arizona. Sierrita includes also two molybdenum roasters and a rhenium processing facility. Rhenium is a rare earth used in aerospace applications and in the production of specialty steels. Molybdenum from Sierrita and other Freeport-McMoRan facilities is treated here.

The economic health of the communities in which Freeport-McMoRan operates relies heavily on the taxes and wages the company pays and the goods and services purchased. These dollars fuel the local economy and, thanks to the multiplier effect, there is an indirect impact that echoes several times across the economic landscape of Arizona.

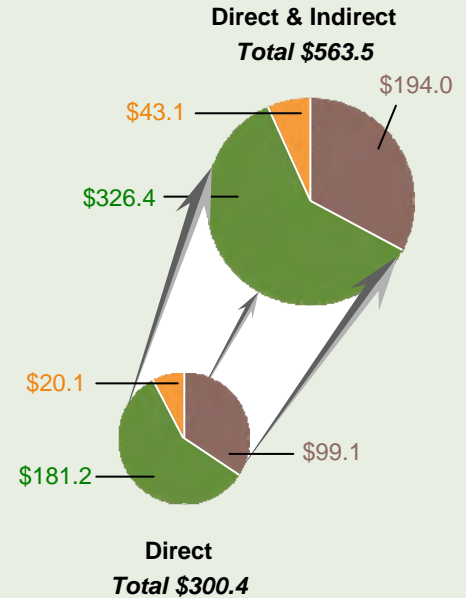
The operation provided a direct economic impact of approximately \$300 million to Pima County. The direct economic impact of the Sierrita Mine on the state of Arizona was significantly larger, amounting to approximately \$405 million.

The operation provided a combined direct and indirect economic impact of approximately \$563 million to Pima County, while the combined direct and indirect economic impact to the full state was more than \$1.1 billion.

The estimated \$321 million in personal income directly and indirectly generated by the Sierrita operations in Arizona is equivalent to approximately 6,300 jobs in the state.

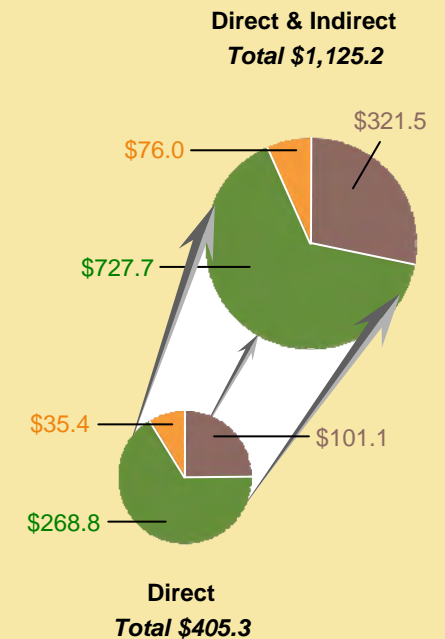
Sierrita Mine Economic Impact on Pima County in 2008

(Dollars in millions)



Sierrita Mine Economic Impact on the State of Arizona in 2008

(Dollars in millions)



■ Personal Income
■ Business Sales
■ Local Government Revenue

All economic impact numbers here were produced by the Western Economic Analysis Center in Marana, Ariz.