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The question isn't "environment or economy," it's "how can we have both?" The Copper World project demonstrates that responsible development is possible. Hudbay's commitment to cutting-edge water management technologies, renewable energy sources, and stringent environmental regulations ensures that the natural world isn't just protected, but actively improved. This isn't just about meeting the bare minimum; it's about exceeding expectations and setting a new standard for sustainable mining practices. ADEQ, with its expertise and dedication to environmental well-being, is perfectly positioned to assess this project and ensure it adheres to the highest standards. By granting the permit, ADEQ can showcase its commitment to responsible development that balances economic progress with environmental protection, proving that we can have our cake and eat it too.

Sincerely,

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