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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (EPRMP)** of the **AGATA NICKEL LATERITE PROJECT** of the **AGATA PROCESSING, INC. (API)** to be located in the **PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE**:

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the **AGATA NICKEL LATERITE PROJECT** to attend a Public Hearing on **21 JULY 2017 (FRIDAY)** at **9:00 A.M** (*registration starts at 7:30 AM*) in the **CSU GYMNASIUM, PUROK 2, BARANGAY 12, CSU CABADBARAN CITY CAMPUS, CABADBARAN, AGUSAN DEL NORTE**.

The Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the review of the EPRMP of the aforementioned project by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

API is proposing to increase the annual production capacity of Agata Nickel Laterite Project from 2 Million DMT per year to 3.5 Million DMT per year of nickel ore. Changing economic conditions and increased demands are the primary reasons for the proposed production increase. Higher ore grades required by the market called for more material stockpiling and blending to reach the target grade specifications. Revisions to the mining plan to meet the changing economic conditions and the increased demands have resulted in significant changes in the materials movement schedule relative to the original Feasibility Study projected output, hence the application for Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) amendment.

The key information about the project is as follows:

<b>Project Name</b>	Agata Nickel Laterite Project	
<b>Project Location</b>	Brgys. Lawigan, Tinigbasan, Municipality of Tubay; Brgy. Colorado, Municipality of Jabonga; Brgy. E. Morgado, Municipality of Santiago Province of Agusan del Norte, Caraga Region	
<b>Nature of Project</b>	Direct Shipping of Nickel Laterite Ore	
<b>Project Size</b>	600 hectares of the 4,995 ha MPSA/ECC	
<b>Mineral for Extraction</b>	Nickel Laterite	
<b>Annual Extraction Rate</b>	From 2.5 Million to 3.5 Million DMT/yr	
<b>Mine Life</b>	6-7 years	
<b>Mining Method</b>	Shallow Cut, Surface Mining Method	
<b>Project Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Mine</li> <li>• Ore Stockpile Area</li> <li>• Port and Pier Facilities</li> <li>• Employee Housing Facilities</li> <li>• Administrative Building</li> <li>• Motor pool</li> <li>• Assay Laboratory</li> <li>• Nursery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security Camp</li> <li>• Access/Haul Roads</li> <li>• Water Management Facility (Sediment Ponds)</li> <li>• Water and Power Distribution Facilities</li> <li>• Chemical Storage Area</li> <li>• Waste Management Facility</li> </ul>

All interested parties who wish to attend or participate in this Public Hearing should preferably confirm their attendance/participation and may give their opinion(s) in a concise position paper to the **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION (EIAMD)** of this Office through mail or through email at **[eiamd.emb.co@gmail.com](mailto:eiamd.emb.co@gmail.com)**, three (3) days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able to register or submit written positions may be given the opportunity to share their issues on the day of the hearing itself.

The project's EPRMP and Executive Summary for the Public (ESP) are downloadable on our website: **[www.emb.gov.ph](http://www.emb.gov.ph)** (*kindly access the Notice of Public Hearing/Consultation link found in the lower right portion of our web page*) while the hard copies are available in this Office and in the following offices:

1. **EMB Regional Office XIII**  
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2. **Municipal Planning and Development Office**  
Municipality of Jabonga, Agusan del Norte
3. **Municipal Planning and Development Office**  
Municipality of Tubay, Agusan del Norte
4. **Municipal Planning and Development Office**  
Municipality of Jabonga, Agusan del Norte
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