



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (EPRMP)** for the proposed **INCREASE IN ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF THE GOTOK LIMESTONE QUARRY PROJECT** of the **RIO TUBA NICKEL MINING CORPORATION (RTNMC)** located in the **MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the proposed **INCREASE IN ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF THE GOTOK LIMESTONE QUARRY PROJECT** to attend a Public Hearing on **14 JUNE 2018 (THURSDAY)** at **9:00 AM** (*registration starts at 8:00 am*) to be held in the **COVERED COURT OF BARANGAY SANDOVAL, BATARAZA, PALAWAN**.

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).

RTNMC needs to increase the production of its limestone quarry and crushing plant in order to supply the demand of the Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC) and Unichamp Mineral Philippines, Inc. (UMPI). CBNC is a hydrometallurgical processing plant that refines raw limonitic nickel ore into an intermediate downstream product of mixed nickel sulfide, sources its limestone directly from the Gotok quarry. The crushed limestone from RTNMC and lime slurry from UMPI is utilized for the neutralization of the wastewater and tailings. These two (2) materials are added to increase pH of the tailings from a pH 6 to pH 8 to 8.5 as part of the mitigating measures. For the crushing plant, RTNMC opted to modify its old crushing plant to increase its production from a maximum capacity of 110 TPH to 250 TPH. Furthermore, the modification allows the crushing plant to produce the size requirement UMPI who produces the lime slurry for CBNC as stated above.

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, 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 at our website: www.eia.emb.gov.ph (*kindly access the Notice of Public Hearing/Consultation link found in our website*) while the hard copies will be available in this Office and in the following offices:

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