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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (EPRMP)** of the proposed **WESTCHINAMIN ZAMBALES FERRO-NICKEL PLANT AND MINING PROJECT** of **WESTCHINAMIN CORPORATION** in the **MUNICIPALITIES OF CANDELARIA AND STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES.**

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the proposed **WESTCHINAMIN ZAMBALES FERRO-NICKEL PLANT AND MINING PROJECT** to attend a Public Hearing on **20 September 2018 (THURSDAY)** at **9:00 AM** (*registration starts at 8:00 am*) to be held in **CANDELARIA MULTIPURPOSE GYM (COVERED COURT), CANDELARIA, ZAMBALES.**

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).

The proposed expansion will cover the installation and operation of a ferro-nickel plant and mining of nickel ores confined in 1,730.56 has. The annual mining production would be 3,000,000 metric tons nickel laterite ore with the proposed plant producing 300,000 MT Fe-Ni pellets at 100% plant capacity. A 48 hectares solar farm will also be established to provide the power requirement of the Project. The project will contribute to the national economy by way of generating direct employment and increase in local taxes.

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

- 1) **EMB Region III**
Turquoise Street, Ramar Village, San Agustin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
- 2) **Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO)**
Municipality of Candelaria, Province of Zambales
- 3) **Environment & Natural Resources Office of Zambales**
Province of Zambales

For more details, please contact EIAM Division of this Office at telephone number (02) 920-2240 to 41 and look for the project case handlers **Engr. Carlo Vic Arida** and **Mr. Carl Louie Santaigo**.