

**PUBLIC HEARING REPORT**  
**PROPOSED SCRAP RECYCLING STEEL MILL FOR STRUCTURAL**  
**SHAPES AND SECTION PROJECTS**  
**SteelAsia Manufacturing Corporation**

13 November 2018; 09:00 a.m.

Brgy. Mataas na Bayan Basketball Court, Brgy.Mataas na Bayan, Lemery, Batangas

**1.0 Invitations**

Formal written invitations were issued before the scheduled date. Invitations sent were duly acknowledged, received and forwarded to the persons concerned. Provided below is the list of invitees.

HON. HERMILANDO I. MANDANAS  
Governor  
Province of Batangas

HON. SOFRONIO "NAS" C. ONA JR.  
Vice Governor  
Province of Batangas

HON. CARLO ROMAN G. ROSALES  
1st District Board Member  
Province of Batangas

HON. GLENDA P. BAUSAS  
1st District Board Member  
Province of Batangas

HON. HANNAH BEATRIZ CABRAL  
Sk Provincial Federation President  
Province of Batangas

HON. LEO MALINAY  
PCL President  
Province of Batangas

HON. LARRY ALILIO  
Mayor  
Lemery, Batangas

HON. MONETTE ROSALES- GAMO  
Vice Mayor  
Lemery, Batangas

**SB MEMBERS OF LEMERY BATANGAS**

- HON. JUNJUN ALILIO
- HON. ZENY VIDAL
- HON. GERALDINE ORNALES
- HON. RODEL SUAYAN
- HON. JUDE SUAYAN
- HON. NAPOLEON PIOL
- HON.JONJON DE CASTRO
- HON. ARIS KENNETH PUNZALAN

BRGY. CHAIRMAN REYNALDO OBRADOR AND COUNCIL  
Brgy. Chairman- Mataas na Bayan, Lemery, Batangas

BRGY.CHAIRMAN WILFREDO TOLEOS  
Brgy. Chairman- Balanga, Lemery, Batangas

MS. DIOSDADA VITO  
Municipal Planning and Development officer (MPDO)  
Lemery, Batangas

MR. GARRY MENDOZA  
Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)  
Lemery, Batangas

ENGR. SONIA MASUNGSONG  
Municipal Engineering Office  
Lemery, Batangas

RD NOEMIE PARANDA  
Regional Director- EMB Region IV A  
S & L Building, 1515 Roxas Blvd, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Metro Manila

MR. JANUEL PERAS  
CENRO-Calaca  
Calaca, Batangas

MR. LUIS A. AWITAN  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources (PENRO)  
Batangas City

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

NGOs/POs – or associations of senior citizens, tricycle drivers, cooperatives

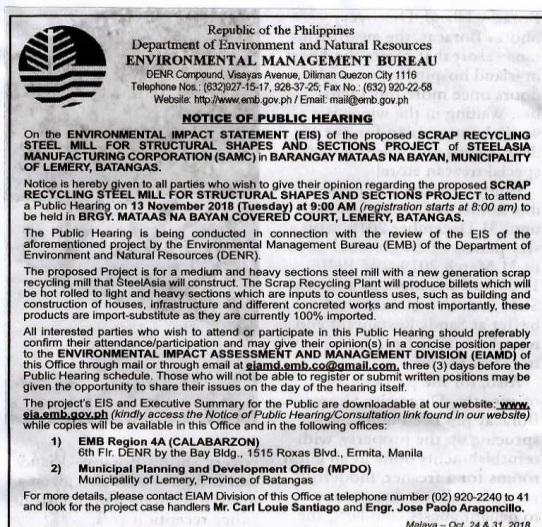
Churches (Parish Priest and other religious organizations or sects

Residents of Brgy. Matas na Bayan and Balanga

Shown in ANNEX A is the list of duly received invitations and few invitations actually received by the invitee.

## 2.0 Publication

The Notice of Public Hearing was published on October 24 and 31. Provided below is the Affidavit of Publication.



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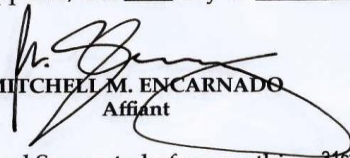
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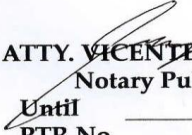
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In witness whereof, I signed this affidavit in Manila Philippines, this 31st day of Oct. 2018.

  
**MITCHELL M. ENCARNADO**  
Affiant

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 31st day of Oct. 2018, in Manila, Philippines, affiant exhibiting to me his Res. Cert. No. 15612981 issued at Manila on Jan. 23, 2018.

  
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Until Dec. 31, 2019  
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## 1. Postings/Announcements

Announcements were also posted in conspicuous areas as shown in the photographs below:



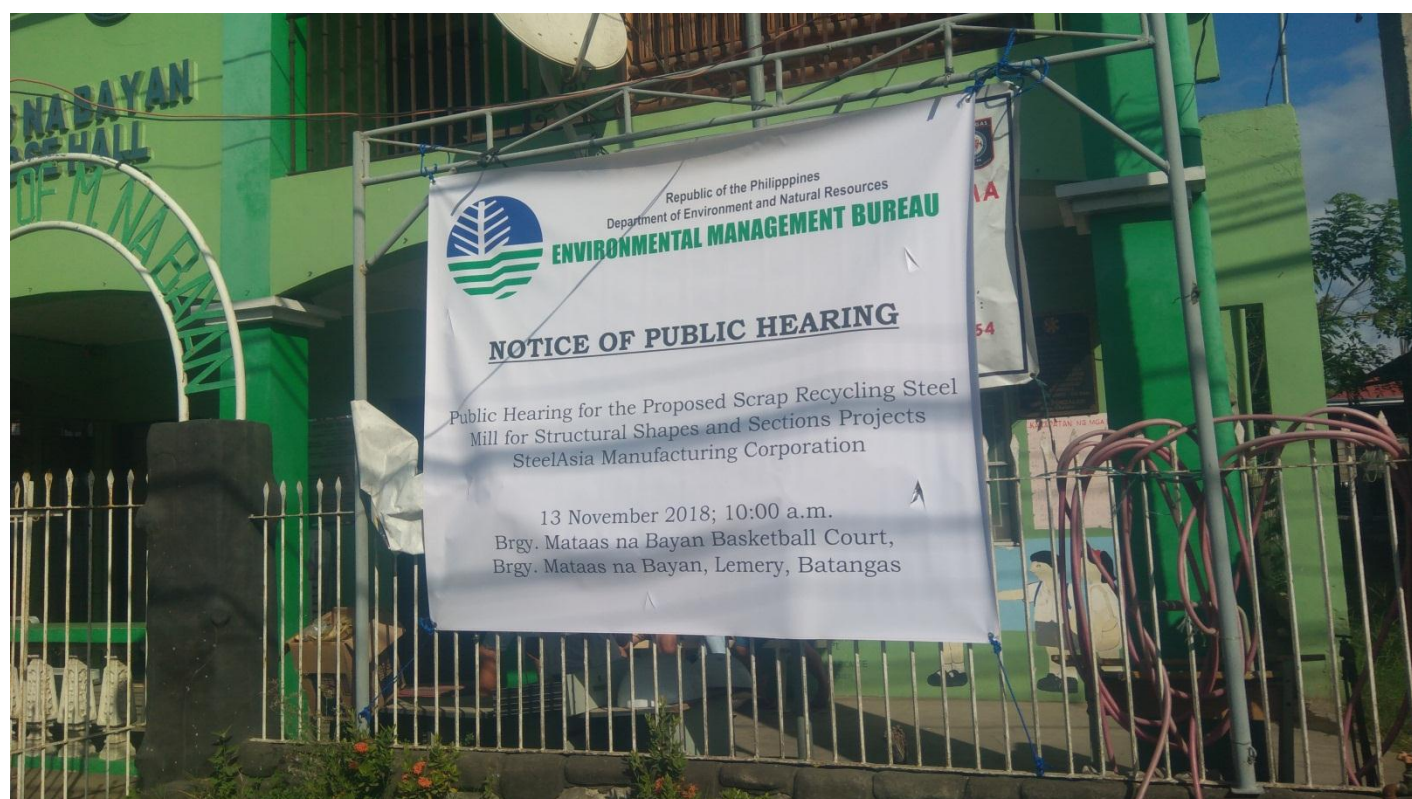
















## 2. Program

### A. Registration

Registration started as early as 8:00 am while the Program started at 9:00 am. 327 persons attended the Public Hearing. **The attendance sheets are given in ANNEX B.**

### B. Presentation

EMB Central Office Representative and Project Case handlers Mr. Carl Louie Santiago and Mr Jose Paolo Aragoncillo facilitated the Public Hearing. Brief presentation on project background, description, location, implementation schedule and other information or facts regarding the project was provided by the SAMC Representatives. Result of the EIA on impacts, measures and commitments was provided by the EIA Preparer's Team leader Ms. Medi Fernando. Copy of the program is provided in Table 1 below while presentation materials are attached as **Annex C.** –

**Table 1: Program  
PROGRAM**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration	<b>SAMC/Mediatrix/EMB</b>
9:00 – 9:15 AM	National Anthem	<b>LGU Representative</b>
	Invocation	<b>LGU Representative</b>
	Opening Remarks	<b>LGU Representative</b>
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Introduction on the Conduct of the Public Hearing/Consultation and Target Objective/Outcome  Presentation of House Rules on the conduct of Public Hearing	<b>EMB Central Office Representative</b>  <b>Atty. Aime Rodaje</b> Public Hearing Officer
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Brief presentation on project background, description, location, implementation schedule and other information or facts regarding the project  Discussion on the results of the EIA study conducted	<b>SAMC</b>  <b>EIA Team</b> Mediatrix Business Consultancy
10:15 – 11:15 PM	Open Forum	<b>Atty. Aime Rodaje</b> Public Hearing Officer
11:15 – 12:00PM	Lunch	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Continuation of Open Forum	<b>Atty. Aime Rodaje</b> Public Hearing Officer
1:00 – 1:15PM	Agreements in Public Hearing/Consultation Open Forum; Summary of issues/concerns/ impacts raised by the public and Response of the Proponent	<b>Atty. Aime Rodaje</b> Public Hearing Officer
1:15 – 1:30 PM	Closing Remarks and Next Steps in the EIA Process	<b>EMB Central Office Representative</b>

*Emcee:*

**MS. CJ HIRRO**

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### C. Open Forum

The Open Forum session was moderated and facilitated by the Hearing Officer Atty. Aime Rodaje from Legal Division of EMB Central Office. Public Hearing Guidelines were provided as follows.

#### **Mga Patakaran sa Pagsasagawa ng Public Hearing:**

1. Ang public hearing ay gagawin sa Tagalog. Gayunpaman, maaari pa ring gamitin ang lengguwahe kung saan kayo mas kumportable.
2. Ang sinumang may gustong sabihin sa open forum ay dapat itaas ang kanyang kamay upang mapayagang magsalita ng hearing officer. Ang mga komento at suhestyon ay maaari ding isulat sa ipapamahaging papel at ibigay sa tauhan ng DENR.
3. Gamitin ang mikropono sa pagsasalita sapagkat ang mga pangyayari ay itinatala.
4. Kung magsasalita sa unang pagakataon, sabihin ang pangalan, opisina/organisasyon na iyong nirerepresenta at ang iyong posisyon.
5. Ang mga magsasalita ay dapat bigyan ng kaukulang pansin ang nakalaang oras
  1. Project Proponent – 10 minuto para ipaliwanag ang proyekto
  2. EIA Consultant/PP – 15-20 minuto para ipaliwanag ang mga natuklasan sa kanilang pag-aaral
  3. Stakeholders/Concerned citizen – 2 minuto bawat isa

*(ang sinumang gustong magsalita ng mas matagal upang ipresenta ang mga importanteng impormasyon gayundin ang mga nangangailangin ng mga gamit tulad ng projector ay dapat magsab isa hearing officer sa pamamagitan ng EMB personnel bago magsimula ang open forum)*
6. Lahat ng presentasyon at katanungan ay dapat maikli, malinaw at direkto. Iwasan ang paggawa ng mahahabang pagsasalita upang magamit ng husto ang partisipasyon ng publiko at upang makamit ang objektib ng public hearing.
7. Ang mga komento ay dapat gawin bilang kinatawan ng interes ng publiko at hindi pansarili ng sagayon ay naka pokus ang lahat sa isyung pinaguusapan.
8. Makinig sa taong nagsasalita at iwasan ang paggawa ng anumang nakakabulabog. Ano man ang nararamdaman tungkol sa sinasabi ng taong nagsasalita ay dapat itong ipagtimpi at hintayin ang pagkakataong makapagsalita. Irespeto ang opinion ng iba at ang hindi pagsang-ayon ay dapat isatinig ng maayos.
9. Ang hearing officer ay may karapatang palabasin ang indibidwal o grupo na patuloy na nakakagulo sa ginagawang hearing kung hindi pa rin ito tumigil matapos bigyan ng tatlong babala ng Hearing Officer.
10. Kung maari ay tapusin ang Public Hearing at huwag munang umalis.



Shown below are the summary of issues and concerns raised.

**Table 2: Summary of Issues and Concerns**

Issue	By / Affiliation	Response
Health impacts	Board Member Jun Rosales, Provincial Government	The Proponent responded that before construction, MMT will be formed headed by the MENRO/LGU; compliance to laws of environment, labor, health, safety of the people, among others will be closely monitored and this includes the concerns raised by Board Member Rosales; Continuing IEC will be undertaken.
Air and noise effects once the plant is operational		
Conduct of Public Hearing after Operations		
Employment – 80% of employment shall be from Mataas na Bayan and Balanga, Lemery; training for Mataas na Bayan before construction; opportunities for senior citizens fit to work		<p>The Proponent responded that validation will be made as to the employment requirements.</p> <p>Training will be conducted while construction is ongoing and on the job training in the existing plants of STEELASIA; community mill – community and SAMC are partners; senior citizens are welcome as long as they are fit to work.</p>
Wawa River – is it Palanas River?; will assessment be conducted later	Engr. Sofia Masungsong from Lemery	The EIA Team responded that yes the river will be reassessed for monitoring.
Is Pier will be constructed here?	Written question	The Proponent responded that the pier will not be constructed there because there is marine protected area (MPA). Pier will be located somewhere else.
Existing pumping station will not be affected but will be improved; assistance in the relocation line of water system before construction	Doroteo De Castro Umali, President of Brgy. Mataas na Bayan Rural Waterworks	The Proponent responded that this water supply system for the community will be part of the social development program (SDP) which will be undertaken before construction of the Plant.
What will happen to residents near mangrove area	Written question	They will not be affected because mangrove area is not part of the project site.
Safety and buffer zone between the community and the Plant; fencing has been implemented; drainage system to protect the community	Hansel Reyes, resident of Brgy. Mataas na Bayan	<p>Transport and traffic management plan is among the tools that will be used; traffic flow shall consider the residents, no. of trucks, easement from residential areas using local and national laws, among others.</p> <p>For the drainage, the proponent will consider the volume of the rain that will be captured by the rainwater reservoir which will be used as process water of the Plant.</p>

		Fencing from national road to the site. Water flow will not be blocked;
1 family living near mangrove – will their access be blocked?	Family near mangrove area	Beach will not be closed because it is public domain; access will be provided.
Fencing may block the creek; request to improve the road going to Brgy. Balanga through road grader.	Captain Willy Torneos	The fence will not block the creek; the request was noted and will be referred to management for decision.
Increase the 3.5m road given by EEI to an additional 1 meter	Resident of Silangan ng Mataas na Bayan	The request was duly noted and will be referred to the SteelAsia management.
Right of way commitment by EEI may be affected	Lucy Culianin, Silangan ng Mataas na Bayan'; Brgy. Sec. of Mataas na Bayan	The Proponent will check the property areas with EEI
Barangay road will be developed together with the mangrove area	Mr. Doroteo De Castro-Umali	The Barangay road will not be blocked; the stakeholders will be assured of this commitment because they will be part of the MMT
"I visited SteelAsia in Davao".	Ms. Concolacion Buca, resident of Brgy. Mataas na Bayan	

#### D. Photo Documentation

Photographs of the Public Hearing are shown below







***Plate 1: Registration***





***Plate 2: Mr. Jose Paolo Argoncillo presents the house rules in Public Hearing.***



***Plate 3: SAMC Representative discussed the Project Back ground.***





***Plate 4: Open Forum***

Video coverage/documentation was also taken. Attached is the full copy.

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Public Hearing Officer