



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REPORT** of the proposed **Coto Chromite Project** of **Consolidated Mines, Inc.** located in Sitio Coto, Barangay Taltal, Masinloc, Zambales.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the proposed **Coto Chromite Project** to attend Public Hearing that is scheduled as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
09 March 2023	9:00 AM (Registration starts at 8:30 AM)	Dfarm & Park, Km 3 Baloganon, Masinloc, Zambales

This Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the **Consolidated Mines, Inc.** application for Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC). The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the aforementioned project is being reviewed by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The following is the project information:

Proponent	Consolidated Mines Inc.	
Project Name	Coto Chromite Project	
Project Location	Sitio Coto, Barangay Taltal, Masinloc, Zambales	
Components	UG Mine Area (APSA No. 000409-III within ZMCR-Lower Western Orebody)	Fine Plant Facilities (Vibrating Screens Classifier, Vibrating Screens Classifier Cyclone, Cyclones, Yuda Jig Reichert Spiral, Humprey Spiral, Product Storage Bins)
	UG Mine Facilities (Field Office, Workshop, Air Compressor Building, Generators Building, Hoist Room Building, Sand Cement Plant)	Campsites (Coto Camp Residential Areas, Staff House, Staff Mess, Hospital, Towers, Elementary Schools, Coto High School Annex, Recreational Facilities)
	Explosive Magazine	Administrative Facilities (Warehouse, Accounting Office, Personnel Office, Mechanical/Electrical Office/Shop, Mechanical/Electrical Office/Shop, Motor pool, Carpentry Shop, Fabrication Shop, Core house)
	Tramline	Airstrip
	ZMCR Loading Station	Helipad
	Haul Roads and Access Roads	Power and Water Source
	Mill/Processing Plant	Pollution Control Structures/Facilities and Devices
	Rationale	The project aims to produce 87,900 MT of chromite concentrate and 10,000 MT of lumpy ore annually, using underground mining methods. The output will be domestic and foreign, particularly in metal foundries and other refractory uses. Export prices of Philippine chromite have been increasing, following the trend of world prices.
Area	745.53 hectares	

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 submitted to the **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION (EIAMD)** of this Office through email or eia@emb.gov.ph, three (3) days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who cannot register or submit written positions may be given the opportunity to share their issues on the day of the hearing.

The project's EIS and Executive Summary for the Public is downloadable at our website: www.eia.emb.gov.ph (kindly access the Notice of Public Hearing/Consultation link found on our website) while copies will be available in the following offices:

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Masinloc Municipal Hall

Masinloc, Zambales

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