



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)** of the proposed **GUTALAC NICKEL PROJECT** of the **FLORJENMAR MINING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FMDC)** to be located in **BARANGAYS BACONG AND BAYANIHAN, GUTALAC, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the proposed **GUTALAC NICKEL PROJECT** to attend the Public Hearing on:

Date	Time	Venue
26 July 2023 (Wednesday)	9:00 AM <i>Registration starts at 8:30a.m.</i>	Covered Court, Brgy. Bacong, Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte

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

The following is the project information:

Project Name	Gutalac Nickel Project		
Project Location	Barangays Bacong & Bayanihan, Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte		
Project Type	Extraction of metallic minerals		
Project Area	114.50 hectares		
Project Capacity	500,000 MTPY		
Project Rationale	The mining industry in the Philippines is an engine for growth in the local and regional economy providing critical employment, infrastructure development, industrialization, and rural development that transform and create self-sustain communities. Thus, the mining operation of FMDC is expected to generate the same benefits in both local and national economies. It aims that over the life of the mine not only of Parcel 2 but of the whole tenement areas assigned to FMDC that the communities will benefit from the mining-related programs and activities.		
Project Components	Components		Area (ha)
	Mining Area		81
	Stockpiles at Mining Area (<i>High-grade, Marginal-grade, Low-grade, Topsoil</i>)		10
	Waste Dumps		4
	Mining Contractor’s Equipment/Motorpool		0.5
	Camp Site/Mine Office (<i>Offices, Warehouse, Core House, Fuel Depot, Nursery, Assay Laboratory, Staff & Guesthouses, Recreational Area</i>)		2.62
	Pier/Causeway		0.01
	Pier Facilities (<i>Stockyard, Multipurpose shed, Fuel Depot, Security House</i>)		0.24
	Stockyards & Drying Areas at the Port (<i>Solar/Wind Drying Pad, Ore Stockyard, Dry Ore Stockpile Area, Equipment Service Area</i>)		12
	Road Networks (<i>Haul roads from mining area to port, Brgy. Road from mining area to Brgy. Bacong, Access Roads, Campsite to mining area</i>)		10
	Source of power – 2 units of generator sets with 200 kVA capacity and 3 units of generator sets with 15 kVA capacity for pumps and lighting		
	Source of water – nearby springs; approximately 80,000 liters per day		
	Pollution Control Facilities – siltation ponds, waste dumps, topsoil stockpile, oil-water separators, materials recovery facility, hazardous waste storage facility, septic tanks)		
	Proponent	Florjenmar Mining and Development Corporation	

All interested parties who wish to attend or participate in these Public Hearings 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 email at eia@emb.gov.ph, at least 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 EIS 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 on our website*) while copies will be available in the following offices:

1. **EMB Region IX**
Purok Tugas, Balangasan District, Pagadian City
Tel. No. (062) 945 3228
2. **Gutalac Municipal Hall**
Municipality of Gutalac, Province of Zamboanga del Norte
3. **Bacong Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Bacong, Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte
4. **Bayanihan Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Bayanihan, Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte

For more details, please contact the EIAM Division at this Office at telephone number (02) 8539-4378 loc. 116 through the project case handler **Ms. Leonil Marie Gargar** and **Engr. Joel Polintan**.

