



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (EPRMP)** of the proposed **MANICANI NICKEL MINING PROJECT** of the **HINATUAN MINING CORPORATION (HMC)** located in **BARANGAYS BANAAG, BUENAVISTA, HAMORAWON AND SAN JOSE, MANICANI ISLAND, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR.**

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

Date	Time	Venue
12 September 2024 (Thursday)	9:00 AM <i>Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.</i>	Barangay Buenavista Covered Court, Barangay Buenavista, Manicani Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar

The Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the review of the Environmental Performance Report and Management Plan (EPRMP) 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	Manicani Nickel Mining Project																									
Project Location	Barangays Banaag, Buenavista, Hamorawon and San Jose, Manicani Island, Municipality of Guiuan, Province of Eastern Samar.																									
Project Type	Extraction of metallic minerals																									
Project Area	497.069 hectares																									
Project Capacity	3,000,000 MTPY																									
Project Rationale	<p>HMC started its commercial operations and shipment of nickel ore from Manicani Island in 1992 with the granting of MPSA No. 012-92-VIII. However, operations ceased from January 1994 to November 2004 initially due to low nickel prices and subsequently due to the anti-mining protesters. It then underwent a Care and Maintenance period from 2005 to 2015 before being authorized on July 1, 2014, by the MGB to dispose of nickel ore stockpiles. From May to August 2016, five shipments were made until shipments were suspended. The DENR lifted the suspension of mining operations and extended the term of the MPSA for a period of 15 years through its Order dated March 4, 2022. With the extension of the term of its MPSA and lifting of the suspension of mining operations, HMC is aiming to produce 3.0 million wet metric tons of nickel ore annually to be shipped to different buyers, mainly in Asia, to supply the growing demand for such ores.</p> <p>The potential contributions of this project to the regional and local economic development would be in the form of excise taxes, property taxes, and other taxes, employment (through prioritization of qualified residents in hiring), and downstream benefits. There will be additional business opportunities for the local entrepreneurs who may be tapped to provide services as well as supplies and materials for the project. With the employment of locals, it can directly enhance the purchasing power within the community, which can lead to the growth of micro-enterprises.</p>																									
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		Source of power – 8 units of generator sets (50 kVa, 165 kVa, 300 kVa, 500 kVa)	
		Source of water – ground wells (~500 m <sup>3</sup> /day)	
		Pollution Control Facilities – settling ponds, silt traps/sumps, stockpile area (topsoil, subsoil, overburden), nursery, materials recovery facility, hazardous waste storage facility, sewage treatment plant, oil-water separators, septic tanks, buffer zones	
Proponent	Hinatuan Mining Corporation (HMC)		

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](mailto: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 EPRMP and Executive Summary for the Public are downloadable at our website: [www.eia.emb.gov.ph](http://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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- Hamorawon Barangay Hall**  
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- San Jose Barangay Hall**  
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