



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)** of the proposed **NICKEL LATERITE PROJECT** of the **BRIGHTGREEN RESOURCES CORPORATION (BRC)** to be located in **BARANGAY S LOBO AND CABANGAHAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE CANTILAN; BARANGAY S BABUYAN, PANTUKAN, AND PANIKIAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARRASCAL; AN D BARANGAY BAYOGO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MADRID, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR.**

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

Date	Time	Venue
25 September 2024 (Wednesday)	9:00 AM <i>Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.</i>	Carrascal Tennis and Badminton Center, Brgy. Embarcadero, Carrascal, Surigao del Sur

The Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (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	Nickel Laterite Project	
Project Location	Barangays Lobo and Cabangahan in the Municipality of the Cantilan; Barangays Babuyan, Pantukan, and Panikian in the Municipality of Carrascal; and Barangay Bayogo in the Municipality of Madrid, all in the Province of Surigao del Sur	
Project Type	Extraction of metallic minerals	
Project Area	4,860 hectares	
Project Capacity	2.5 WMPY	
Project Rationale	<p>In the 2015 Mineral Resource Report of BRC, it was indicated that the total measured and indicated mineral resources were estimated to be 16.027 million WMT with 1.17% Ni and 34.98% Fe. With the proposed project, the barangays identified as host and neighboring barangays will experience economic benefits through direct and indirect employment, resulting in increased circulation of money within the region. This will further bring about the expansion and proliferation of business establishments in the host and neighboring barangays and the CARAGA region. The proposed project is expected to cause an increase in income for the direct and indirect workers of the mine and increase local government revenues. A higher income may result in better living conditions within the community. Moreover, the project may contribute to addressing the government’s program of supplying opportunities in the countryside.</p> <p>The projected 7-year operation of BRC is limited to the approximate 58.76-ha proposed mining area inside the 4,860 ha-MPSA of BRC. The proposed mining operation of BRC requires the development of structures and other facilities within the MPSA of BRC. Other facilities such as haul roads, mine yards, and environmental protection structures shall be established within the MPSA of Marcventures Mining and Development Corporation (MMDC). Both MMDC and BRC are subsidiaries of Marcventures Holdings Inc (MHI). Due to the proximity of the MPSA of BRC to the MPSA of MMDC, both companies entered into an agreement regarding the use of some of MMDC facilities for the BRC operation.</p>	
Project Components	Major Components	Area
	Mining Area	58.76 ha
	Facilities within BRC MPSA	111.64 ha
	Facilities within MMDC MPSA	24.18 ha
	Shared Facilities with MMDC	58.61 ha
	Causeway	1.8146 ha



	Source of power – Surigao del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO II); Two (2) 160 kVA-generator sets (Back-up)
	Source of water – Settling ponds & Carac-an River (25,200 L/day road watering; 5,525 L/day for Offices)
	Pollution Control Facilities – settling ponds, drainage canals, stockpile area (topsoil, subsoil, overburden), nursery, sanitary landfill, materials recovery facility, hazardous waste storage facility, oil-water separators, septic tanks, buffer zones
Proponent	Brightgreen Resources Corporation (BRC)

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 EIS 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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- Madrid Municipal Hall**  
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- Lobo Barangay Hall**  
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- Cabangahan Barangay Hall**  
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