



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (EPRMP)** of the proposed **GOTOK LIMESTONE QUARRY EXPANSION PROJECT** of the **RIO TUBA NICKEL MINING CORPORATION (RTNMC)** to be located in **BARANGAYS IWAHIG, SANDOVAL, AND RIO TUBA, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.**

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

Date	Time	Venue
23 October 2024 (Wednesday)	9:00 AM (Registration starts at 8:30AM)	Sandoval Covered Court, Brgy. Sandoval, Bataraza, Palawan

This 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	Gotok Limestone Quarry Expansion Project											
Project Location	Barangays Iwahig, Sandoval, and Rio Tuba, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan											
Project Type	Extraction of non-metallic minerals											
Project Area	85.821 ha											
Project Capacity	725,000 WMTPY											
Project Rationale	<p>The ECC granted to RTNMC in 2019 includes the quarry operation with an annual extraction rate of 725,000 WMT within the 13-ha allowable area inside the MPSA No. 213-2005-IVB and the crushing plant operation inside the MPSA No.114-98-IV Amended I. The quarry operation within the 13.0 ha allowable area has ended in 2022 and rehabilitation within the remaining quarry area commenced. To extend the minelife of the Gotok Limestone Quarry, RTNMC is proposing to develop 46.9 hectares in addition to the existing 13.0 hectares permitted area, increasing its development area to a total of 59.90 hectares. The proposed new development area will allow RTNMC to continue the supply of limestone products to the two (2) industries located within the Rio Tuba Export Processing Zone (RTEPZ): CBNC and Graymont (Philippines), Inc. (GPI).</p> <p>The proposed new area of 46.9 ha will include the new quarry area, access roads, and structures for drainage. Existing facilities of RTNMC such as the crushing plant and the storage of explosives which are located at the minesite area of company will also be utilized in this proposed expansion project. The extraction rate stated in the current ECC shall be retained at 725,000 WMT.</p>											
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Proponent	Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corporation (RTNMC)
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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 EPRMP 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- PEMU Palawan**
DENR PENRO Palawan
- 2. **Bataraza Municipal Hall**
Municipality of Bataraza
- 3. **Sandoval Barangay Hall**
Barangay Sandoval, Municipality of Bataraza
- 4. **Iwahig Barangay Hall**
Barangay Iwahig, Municipality of Bataraza
- 5. **Rio Tuba Barangay Hall**
Barangay Rio Tuba, Municipality of Bataraza
- 6. **Ocayan Barangay Hall**
Barangay Ocayan, Municipality of Batara

For more details, please contact the EIAM Division at this Office at telephone number (02) 8539-4378 loc. 116 through the project case handlers **Mr. Jay Mon Angoluan** and **Ms. Leonil Marie Gargar**.



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