



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (EPRMP)** of the proposed **CBNC EXPANSION PROJECT** of the **CORAL BAY NICKEL CORPORATION (CBNC)** located in **RIO TUBA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (RTEPZ), BARANGAYS RIO TUBA AND OCAYAN, BATARAZA, PALAWAN.**

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

Date	Time	Venue
27 November 2024 (Wednesday)	9:00 AM <i>Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.</i>	Usman Gym, Brgy. Rio Tuba, Bataraza, Palawan

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	CBNC Expansion Project			
Project Location	Barangays Rio Tuba and Ocayan, Bataraza, Palawan			
Project Type	Resource Extractive Industry (Mineral Processing)			
Project Area	1,077.18 hectares			
Project Capacity	25,000 DMT Ni per year; 2,500 DMT Co per year			
Project Rationale	The construction and operation of the Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF) is an important component of the Hydrometallurgical Processing Plant (HPP). During the course of regular operation, the generated tailings are directed to the TSF for proper storage/disposal to ward off deterioration of the nearby water bodies. Two TSFs have been constructed since the start of the HPP’s operation. TSF1 was operated from 2005 to 2010, while TSF2 has been in operation since 2010. TSF2 has reached its maximum capacity in 2023, but drying and settling of the tailings will allow additional space that can be used for 3 years. Tailings discharge to TSF3 South Cell started in January 2023, while the North Cell construction is still in progress. TSF3 is expected to be utilized from 2023 to 2028. Subsequently, TSF4 (proposed additional component), as a continuous management measure to safely store tailings, will start its operation by 2028, or until TSF3 has been filled up.			
Project Components	Major Component	Existing Capacity/Area	Proposed Additional Capacity/Area	Total Capacity/Area
	HPP Lines 1 & 2	44 ha	No changes	44 ha
	Capacity	25,000 DMT Ni per year 2,500 DMT Co per year	No changes	25,000 DMT Ni per year 2,500 DMT Co per year
	Support Facilities	69 ha	189 ha	258 ha
	Environmental Management Facilities	470 ha	305.18 ha	775.18 ha
	Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) capacity	TSF1 : 7 M m ³ TSF2 : 33 M m ³ TSF3 : 19 M m ³	TSF 4: 42 M m ³	4 TSF units 101 M m ³
	TSF Area	TSF1 : 85 ha TSF2 : 189 ha TSF3 : 111 ha	TSF 4: 170 ha	555 hectares



	<div>Source of power – Maximum of 14.5 MW Coal-fired boiler and turbine power plant per Line • Breakdown for Line 1: a. 11 MW Coal-fired boiler and turbine power plant b. Back-up: two (2) units 1.5 MW each diesel generators, or 3 MW total</div> <div>• Breakdown for Line 2: a. 11 MW Coal-fired boiler and turbine power plant b. Back-up: Two (2) units of 1.64 MW each diesel generator, or 4.92 MW total; Additional two (2) units of 0.072 MW each diesel generators, or 0.144 MW total installed at the pier site and 1.5 MW Diesel Generator installed at HPP Line 2 used as back-up power supply for the townsite</div> <div>Source of water – Intake dam at the East Ibelnan River for Lines 1 and 2 water supply Upper Togpon siltation pond and a 300,000 m³ reservoir as alternative sources of water</div>
Proponent	Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC)

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 Region IVB – PEMU Palawan**
DENR PENRO Palawan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
2. **Bataraza Municipal Hall**
Municipality of Bataraza, Palawan
3. **Rio Tuba Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Rio Tuba, Bataraza, Palawan
4. **Ocayan Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Ocayan, Bataraza, Palawan

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



