



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN (EPRMP) of the proposed HOMONHON LATERITIC NICKEL-IRON EXPANSION PROJECT of NICKELACE INC. (NKI) to be located in BARANGAYS CAGUSU-AN, PAGBABANGNAN, CASUGURAN, AND CULASI, HOMONHON ISLAND, GUITUAN, EASTERN SAMAR.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the proposed HOMONHON LATERITIC NICKEL-IRON EXPANSION PROJECT to attend the Public Hearing on:

Date	Time	Venue
28 May 2025 (Wednesday)	9:00 AM <i>Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.</i>	Casuguran Covered Court, Brgy. Casuguran, Homonhon 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	Homonhon Lateritic Nickel-Iron Expansion Project		
Project Location	Barangays Cagusu-an, Pagbabangnan, Casuguran, and Culasi, Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar		
Project Type Project Area Project Cap.	Extraction of metallic minerals 2,005.9616 hectares 8,000,000 MTPY		
Project Rationale	<p>NKI initially planned to mine in the existing delineated resource/reserve area covering 800 ha, but the potential for additional resource areas within the tenement may be delineated through continuous exploration. NKI pushed through with more exploration alongside the mining activities, which yielded positive results. The updated mineral resource/reserve estimate has increased the volume of the lateritic nickel/iron ore deposit, but the mining area covered shall remain the same at 800 hectares. With this, NKI proposes to tap these resources as well to maximize its potential to bring about more economic benefits to the company, the government, and the host communities.</p> <p>The mining industry provides many of the raw materials for everyday equipment, ranging from electrical wires to electronic chips found in gadgets. The world is currently shifting toward more sustainable and cleaner energy sources in order to reduce and/or eliminate the usage of fossil fuels. As a result, the need to mine nickel, which is mostly used in batteries, is critical for the world to achieve a cleaner energy source. The supply of nickel-bearing laterite from the Homonhon Lateritic Nickel-Iron Project Expansion will aid in this gradual transformation. Furthermore, market demand for low-nickel, high-iron laterite, the project’s principal product, is particularly advantageous to the expansion project. This would also imply an increase in taxes, more employment, and increased allocation of the Social Development and Management Program, which would include additional training, skill development, and livelihood programs that would result in economic advantages for the local communities.</p>		
Project Components	Components	Existing	Proposed
	Area	2,016.2015 ha	2,005.9616 ha Based on the approval of survey returns by MGB
	Annual Production/Extraction	5,000,000 WMT	8,000,000 WMT
	Mining Area	800 ha	same
	Waste Dump	9 ha	13 ha
	Mine Stockyard	14 ha (VTGI)	Additional 17.87 ha (GMMRI)
	Pier Stockyard	2.5 ha (VTGI)	same
Proponent	Nickelace Inc. (NKI)		

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 VIII**
Paterno Extension, 6500 Jones, Downtown,
Tacloban City, Leyte
2. **Guiuan Municipal Hall**
Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar
3. **Cagusu-an Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Cagusu-an, Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar
4. **Pagbabangnan Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Pagbabangnan, Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar
5. **Casuguran Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Casuguran, Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar
6. **Culasi Barangay Hall**
Brgy. Culasi, Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar

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