

MINUTES OF THE 1st QUARTER 2021
MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE (MRFC) MEETING
GRAYMONT (PHILIPPINES) INC. (GPI)

Video Conference via Zoom Application
25 March 2021 @ 3:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:

MRFC Members:

Roland A. De Jesus, CESO V	-	Chairperson and Regional Director MGB-MIMAROPA
Ma. Lourdes Ferrer, CESO III	-	Vice-Chairperson and Regional Executive Director, DENR MIMAROPA
Perlita I. Quiling	-	Representing Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta Executive Director, PCSDS
Nunilon Tanguilig	-	Representing Atty. Michael Drake P. Matias Regional Director, EMB MIMAROPA
Inocencio Magallanes	-	Chairperson, Haribon Palawan, NGO
Rommel A. Ibuna	-	President, GPI

Guests and Participants:

Alvin Trazona	-	GPI
Hilda M. Quillo	-	GPI
Danielle Ann O. Ravalo	-	GPI
Christian Laberez	-	GPI
Bob Robin M. Camo	-	GPI
Kenneth Lozano	-	GPI
Lyndel novencido	-	ORED
Conrado M. Corpuz	-	CENRO, MMT Team Leader

MMT/Secretariat:

Rocelyn F. Rebullante	-	MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat
Joel V. Balquiedra	-	MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat
Al Janry S. Tuazon	-	MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat
Venus V. Jesoro	-	MGB MIMAROPA, MMT
Dessa Jie Madarcos	-	MGB MIMAROPA, MMT

51 **I. PRELIMINARIES**

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53 Upon confirmation of a quorum by the Secretariat, the meeting was called to Order
54 at 3:30 pm by MGB MIMAROPA Regional Director Roland A. De Jesus, Chairperson of
55 the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC).
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58 **II. MEETING PROPER**

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60 **A. Approval of the Provisional Agenda**

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62 The Chairperson requested the committee members to peruse the
63 Provisional Agenda for the 1st Quarter 2021 MRFC meeting, for any
64 comments and/or additional issues/concerns/topics for inclusion in the
65 agenda.
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67 Thru the motion of Mr. Magallanes, the agenda for the 1st Quarter 2021
68 MRFC was approved by the body with no other matters raised.
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70 **B. Review and approval of the draft Minutes of the 4th Quarter 2020 MRFC**
71 **meeting and the matrix of issues and concerns arising therefrom.**
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74 **C. Matrix of Issues and Concerns**

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76 **1. FPIC**

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78 Ms. Quillo informed the body that they had a meeting with RD Almonte
79 regarding the issue of the pending FPIC application. RD Almonte
80 informed them that there is an additional requirement from the NCIP
81 CO which is the submission of a financial report. Ms. Quillo informed the
82 body that they were able to complete the requirements and that they
83 will send it to RD Pascua.
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85 RD De Jesus recommended to the company to also get in touch with
86 RD Pascua on top of the formal letter.
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88 **2. Drone Shots of Mangrove Area (NGP)**

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90 Mr. Bob Camo informed the body that the drone shots of the
91 mangrove area is included in his report on the AEPEP
92 accomplishments.
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94 **3. Establishment of Bamboo Plantation in Mining Areas**

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96 According to Mr. Camo, as per Engr. Alvin Requimin of MGB
97 MIMAROPA Region, the area's boundaries is subject to a verification
98 survey. Engr. Trazona added that there is a conflict with another
99 claimant concerning the area.
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4. Discharge Permit

Mr. Camo informed the body that they are awaiting their discharge permit from the EMB MIMAROPA Region as they have already complied with the requirements.

Mr. Tanguilig confirmed Mr. Camo's statement.

5. Water System Project

Engr. Trazona informed the body that a meeting with the Brgy. Rio Tuba concessionaire was held in March 2021 and that the project cost is 70 million pesos. He added that the three companies will enter into a tripartite memorandum of agreement regarding the said project.

D. Presentation of Reports

1. Report on the highlights of the entry and exit meetings of the 1st Quarter 2021 MMT validation was presented by CENRO Conrad Corpuz.

CENRO Corpuz reported the highlights of the MMT entry and exit meetings, as follows:

a. Complaint from Mr. Billy Elefane

- Mr. Elefane, through MENRO Rey Rivera, lodged to the MMT a complaint letter dated 27 February 2021 containing the same issues against RTNMC:
 1. alleged siltation sourcing from Lower Togpon going to the mangrove area, claiming that such is affecting the established fishponds;
 2. water quality (dark discharge with foul odor) of wastewater from the townsite;
 3. alleged ECC violation specifically item no. 34 - perpetual lease agreement concerning the Macadam Road, and
 4. no. 35 - community representation to the MMT;
 5. alleged water shortage caused by the mining operations;
 6. land ownership relative to Lot No. 1640; and
 7. insufficient period for monitoring of the 4 projects.
- An ad-hoc team led by MENRO Rivera conducted an investigation on 06 March 2021.
- The MMT decided on the following after a thorough discussion:
 1. To conduct water sampling at the townsite discharge point; undertaking to be led by MENRO Bataraza accompanied by BLGU Rio Tuba as MMT-MSG's representative, and is scheduled along with RTNMC's in-house sampling. Complainant to witness the sampling activities, while testing fees shall be charged to the MTF;
 2. To refer this matter to the MRFC along with the proposal;
 3. To include in the MOO the provision that only notarized complaint letters will be acted by the MMT.

- 152 • During the Q3 2020 MMT validation, the MMT received another
153 complaint letter from the complainant saying that he is not
154 satisfied with the responses in his initial complaint.
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156 RED Ferrer, on the repeated complaints of Mr. Elefane and not
157 accepting the response/action taken by the MMT, instructed the
158 MMT to write a response letter, stating with finality the
159 findings/recommendations of the group.
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161 b. MMT Proposed Work and Financial Plan (WFP) for 2021

- 162 • Engr. Abela discussed the components and respective allotted
163 budget comprising the proposed WFP for 2021 amounting to
164 PhP4,120,000. The MMT participation of individuals without
165 issued Special Order (MGB MIMAROPA and DENR-CENRO
166 Brooke's Point personnel) was also raised.
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168 RD De Jesus stated that attendance of individuals not included
169 in the Special Order should be justified, like in the case of
170 CENRO Corpuz where he has to bring personnel since the task
171 of accomplishing modules 1-6 of the CMVR was assigned to his
172 office.
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174 c. Submission of CMVR Modules 1-6

- 175 • Engr. Abela inquired about the process of obtaining a received
176 copy of the CMVR Modules 1-6 submitted to EMB Regional and
177 Central Offices. The MMT intends to seek the assistance of the
178 EMB MIMAROPA Region regarding the submission of the
179 reportorial requirement.
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181 RD De Jesus instructed the MMT to submit CMVR modules 1-6
182 (original copies) directly to the EMB MIMAROPA Region and
183 for the EMB MIMAROPA Region to forward to the companies a
184 copy of the received documents, and module 7 directly to the
185 the MGB MIMAROPA Region.
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187 d. Minutes of Entry and Exit Meetings

- 188 • For discussion in the MRFC on who will be responsible for the
189 preparation of the minutes of the entry and exit meetings.
190 CENRO Brooke's Point accepted the temporary workload, with
191 the assistance of Engr. Venus Jesoro (MGB MIMAROPA).
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193 RD De Jesus said that this is just a matter of division of labor
194 and has to be facilitated by the team leader.
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196 e. Proposed Rehabilitation Plan of Rio Tuba Marine Protected Area

- 197 • Mr. Magallanes presented the proposed rehabilitation plan,
198 stressing that the quarterly progress monitoring be conducted
199 by the MMT in the subject area. However, Ms. Janice Tupas
200 (RTNMC) requested that the recommended quarterly
201 monitoring in the MPA not be a major activity during the

validation considering that the MMT is not the primary body responsible for the compliance monitoring on the agrounding incident.

RED Ferrer concurred with Ms. Tupas to treat the issue separately and not be a major activity during MMT monitoring. She added that the MMT may monitor the progress of the issue.

f. Proposed Change in Monitoring Schedule

- Ms. Tupas requested for modification in the MMT schedule. The body unanimously agreed for a change in the monitoring schedule starting on a Sunday, instead of a Monday-to-Monday scheme.

The MMT Team Leader then proceeded with the MMT findings/observations and recommendations on the validation of the companies' ASHP, AEPEP, MFP-NGP, and ASDMP.

Mr. Tanguilig commented that the management of solid and hazardous wastes was not tackled.

RD De Jesus instructed the MMT to include a report on the management of solid and hazardous wastes in the next MRFC meeting.

2. Report on the 4th Quarter 2020 Air Monitoring and Sampling by Ms. Perlita Quiling.

RD De Jesus asked the body to skip this report as this was the same report presented during the RTNMC-CBNC MRFC meeting with the same members.

3. Compliance to the 4th Quarter 2020 MMT's field findings and recommendations and presentation of the company's accomplishments.

Mr. Christian Laberez, Mr. Bob Camo and Mr. Kenneth Lozano presented the ASHP, AEPEP and ASDMP compliance and accomplishments of Graymont for the 1st Quarter 2021, respectively, including the action plan in response to the MMT field findings.

Mr. Magallanes, in response to the video presentation of the mangrove area showing a large number of fruit bats, requested the CENRO to conduct an assessment of the same.

252 **III. ADJOURNMENT**

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254 All matters properly discussed and no other matters/issues for deliberation,
255 the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

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258 Attesting to the correctness of the foregoing:
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262 **AL JANRY S. TUAZON**
263 Secretariat
264 MRFC/MGB MIMAROPA
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271 **ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESO V**
272 Assistant Director
273 Regional Director in concurrent capacity, and
274 Chairperson, MRFC for Graymont