

MINUTES OF THE 2ND QUARTER 2022
MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
Coral Bay Nickel Corporation
Hybrid Meeting
12 July 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

MRFC Members:

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| 1. Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble | Chairperson and Regional Director
MGB MIMAROPA Region |
| 2. Engr. Nunilon R. Tanguilig | Representing Dir. Joe Amil M. Salino
Regional Director, EMB MIMAROPA Region |
| 3. Mr. Niño Rey C. Estoya | Representing Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta
Executive Director, PCSDS |
| 4. Atty. Noel E. Aquino | Representing Hon. Victorino Dennis
M. Socrates
Provincial Governor, LGU – Palawan |
| 5. Mr. Reynaldo C. Rivera | Representing Hon. Abraham M. Ibba
Mayor, Bataraza, Palawan |
| 6. Fr. Jasper A. Tabangay | Apostolic Vicariate of Puerto Princesa City |
| 7. Mr. Inocencio C. Magallanes | NGO – Haribon – Palawan |
| 8. Engr. Benjamin Armand A. Tansingco | Vice-President for Environmental
Management, Coral Bay Nickel Corp. (CBNC) |

Guest and Other Participants:

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| 1. Ms. Maria May Anne O. Baribar | Community and Public Relations Manager, CBNC |
| 2. Mr. Laurence P. Amores | Comrel General Supervisor, CBNC |
| 3. Engr. Jeb B. Badlon | EMQCS Supervisor, CBNC |
| 4. Engr. Briccio T. Abela | Consultant, CBNC |
| 5. Engr. Antonio O. Sanone | MEPEO, CBNC |

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| 1. Engr. Al Janry S. Tuazon | MGB MIMAROPA |
| 2. Ms. Dominik C. Echano | MGB MIMAROPA |

Secretariat (MGB MIMAROPA):

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| 1. Engr. Alvin S. Requimin | Head Secretariat |
| 2. Engr. Hanna Lee B. Arriesgado | Secretariat |
| 3. Engr. Venus V. Jesoro | Secretariat |

I. Preliminaries

Dir. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble (Chairperson), called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. upon confirmation of a quorum (8 out of 10 members) by the Secretariat.

II. Meeting Proper

A. Provisional Agenda

Mr. Inocencio C. Magallanes (Haribon – Palawan) requested to include in "Other Matters" for discussion the nonfunctional SDMP Projects, the Palawan Rehabilitation Commission, the MMT Capacity Building and the restoration of the EMB's membership to the MMT pursuant to DAO No. 2022-12.

Without any other additional matter for inclusion, Mr. Magallanes moved for the approval of the Provisional Agenda for the 2nd Quarter 2022 MRFC meeting, duly seconded by Atty. Noel E. Aquino (LGU Palawan).

B. Draft minutes of the 1st Quarter 2022 MRFC Meeting

With minor corrections, Atty. Aquino moved for the approval of the draft minutes of the 1st Quarter 2022 MRFC meeting, duly seconded by Mr. Magallanes.

C. Matters arising from the minutes of the 1st Quarter 2021 MRFC Meeting

1. Relocation of informal settlers in the coastal *Sitios* of Marabajay and Tagdalungon

- For discussion of the relocation plan with the municipal planning officer, Atty. Aquino suggested for the MRFC members to attend the said meeting.
- The Chairperson instructed the secretariat to prepare a letter inquiring on the actions taken by the LGU regarding the matter as well as the tentative schedule of the meeting.

2. Presentation of the CMVR

- To be presented in the next MRFC meeting covering the first semester of 2022.

3. PCAF Request to join the MMT

- The Chairperson asked for the position of the members on this request.
- Engr. Abela informed the body that CBNC has developed an integrated coastal resource management program in coordination with the Municipal and Provincial LGUs, and the Provincial Agriculturist, as the consultant. He said that the latter is very well-versed in coastal resources management.
- Atty. Aquino opined that the MMT membership is limited by the DAO No. 2010-21. He said that the Palawan MMTs for mining companies are already expanded and can no longer accommodate requests of this nature as this may become a precedent for similar requests in the future. Mr. Estoya concurred with the statement of Atty. Aquino.

- Mr. Magallanes, based on the foregoing discussion, made a motion for the body to deny the PCAF request, duly seconded by Mr. Estoya.

4. Insurance for MMT Members

- Mr. Estoya stated that providing insurance to MMT members who are in government service may be taken as having conflict of interest.
- The Chairperson asked if it is possible for the insurance coverage to be only applicable during the monitoring activities.
- Engr. Abela informed the body that MMT members traveling to and from Manila are already covered by an insurance for the duration of the travel.
- Engr. Tansingco responded that they can research if there are available policies with short duration.
- Mr. Estoya suggested that the insurance coverage for members who are not in government service be already resolved.
- The Chairperson concurred and voiced his expectation that the said members be already covered during the next MMT activities.

D. Technical Reports

1. Presentation of highlights of the 1st Quarter 2022 MMT validation

- Ms. Dominik C. Echano (MGB MIMAROPA) presented the physical and financial accomplishments and field findings during the 1st Quarter 2022 MMT monitoring for CBNC.
- The Chairperson suggested that details/explanations should be included in the remarks for better appreciation of the members.
- The general comment of the body is to improve/standardize the overall format of the report as well as the indicators used.

2. Presentation of highlights of the 2nd Quarter 2022 Air and Water Monitoring and Sampling

- Engr. Tuazon presented the results of 2nd Quarter 2022 ambient air and water quality sampling, which were all within the DENR prescribed standards.

3. Presentation of compliance with the 1st Quarter 2022 MMT's field findings and recommendations and presentation of physical and financial accomplishments, including updating of established funds

- Included in the presentation of Engr. Badlon were the status of MRF and FMRDF, 2022 AEPEP accomplishments as of the 2nd Quarter, and compliance with the 1st Quarter 2022 MMT monitoring field findings and recommendations.
- The Chairperson instructed the company to include in the report the results of the internal and/or third-party analysis of samples.

4. Presentation of ASDMP 2022 Semi-annual Report

- Mr. Amores presented the physical and financial accomplishments for the first semester of CY 2022.
- The Chairperson asked the company to ensure the full implementation of the targets as the reported accomplishments are low, especially for DMTG.

E. Presentation of recent drone shots/videos of rehabilitation areas

- Drone shots of TSFs 1 (Rehabilitated), 2 (Operational) and 3 (Ongoing construction), HPP complex, and pier site ancillary facilities were already incorporated in Engr. Badlon's presentation.

F. Other Matters

1. DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2022-12

- Updates on restoring the membership of EMB MIMAROPA to the MMTs.
- RD Salino requested/asked if they may be covered by the MTF in the conduct of monitoring activities independent of the MMT, pursuant to DAO No. 2022-12 as the EMB's funds for the year are already allocated for their regular activities.
- Atty. Aquino responded that he has no problem with the request just that to take into consideration the independence of the separate monitoring that will be conducted by the EMB.
- Engr. Abela said that the monitoring for the first half of the year was already conducted. He further stated that for the next year, the EMB only has to inform them in advance (by November of the current year) the details (no. of personnel and days, etc.) of the travel so that it will be included in the budget proposal. RD Salino clarified that the EMB's request is for the current year only.

2. Palawan Rehabilitation Commission

- Mr. Magallanes gave an update on the planned creation of Palawan Rehabilitation Commission which will target areas affected

by typhoons. He said that the mining companies' assistance will be needed in this endeavor.

3. Nonfunctional SDMP Project

- Mr. Magallanes gave an update on nonfunctional SDMP Projects as observed during monitoring activities.
- The Chairperson, as discussed also in the MRFC meeting for RTNMC, recommended for the continuous discussion with the DILG and the possibility of involving the Municipal Government in the implementation of SDMP projects.

4. MMT Capacity Building

- Mr. Magallanes, as discussed also in the MRFC meeting for RTNMC, provided details on the planned MMT capacity building which will be in the form of a cross visit to mine sites in Surigao.
- The agreement made was to have a travel plan prepared and for it to be discussed in a special MRFC meeting.

5. Commendation for CBNC

- Mr. Magallanes moved for the formulation of a resolution commending CBNC for its efforts in giving assistance to areas affected by the typhoon.

III. Adjournment

All matters properly discussed and there being no other business for deliberation, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Magallanes.

Attesting to the correctness of the foregoing:


AL JANRY S. TUAZON
Secretariat
MGB MIMAROPA

Approved by:


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director and
Chairperson, MRFC for CBNC