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**Subject: FMRDP Accomplishment Report**

Dear Regional Director Gacad:

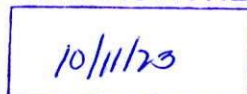

We are pleased to submit to your good office the Quarterly Final Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan (FMRDP) – Accomplishment Report of Berong Nickel Corporation (BNC) covering the months of July to September Year 2023.

We hope that you find the document in order.

Sincerely,

  
**RAMON MANUEL R. BRIONES**  
Vice President - Operations

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**1. Contingent Liability and Rehabilitation Fund (as of September 30, 2023).**

TYPE	BANK ACCOUNT NAME AND NUMBER	COMMITTED AMOUNT AS PER MOA	REMAINING BALANCE IN THE GOV'T DEPOSITORY BANK	REMARKS
REHABILITATION CASH FUND (RCF)	Land Bank of the Philippines <b>1792-1027-40</b>	5, 027, 708.85	<b>5,032,646.92</b>	Complied
MONITORING TRUST FUND (MTF)	Land Bank of the Philippines <b>1792-1026-85</b>	150,000.00	<b>151,690.79</b>	Complied
ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND (ETF)	Land Bank of the Philippines <b>1792-1026-93</b>	50,000.00	<b>210,078.21</b>	Complied
FINAL MINE REHABILITATION AND DECOMMISSIONING FUND (FMRDF)	Land Bank of the Philippines <b>1792-1037-38</b>	110,909,970.00	<b>75,372,806.88</b>	Complied



## Final Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan Quarter 1 of Year two FMRDP Implementation Accomplishment Report (July-September 2023)

FMRDP activities	Annual Budget, Php.	Variance	Expenses (as of August 2023)
1. Land Preparation	35,665,120	26,167,810.00	9,497,310.00
2. Mine-Wide Rehabilitation	14,091,239.22	8,700,234.22	5,391,005.00
3. Safety and Health Program	2,651,925.00	2,481,544.02	170,380.98
4. Monitoring and Inspections	2,312,900.00	1,659,080.00	653,820
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,721,184.22</b>	<b>39,008,668.24</b>	<b>15,712,515.98</b>

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**BANK CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT BALANCE**

Control No. : 179-2023-1004-211      Date: October 4, 2023

This is to certify that **BERONG NICKEL CORPORATION – REHABILITATION CASH FUND** of 3F 0903 Hermes, Corporate Center, 1321 Ayala Street, Barangay Bonifacio, Makati City, is a depositor of LBP Makati Business Center-Ayala Branch with the following account details and balance as of September 30, 2023:

Account Number	Type of Account	Currency	Term/ Maturity Date (if applicable)	Outstanding Balance
1792 1027-80	Current Account	PHP	N/A	Php 5,032,646.92

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Account Number	Type of Account	Currency	Term/ Maturity Date (if applicable)	Outstanding Balance
1792 3026-85	Current Account	PHP	N/A	Php 151,690.79

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Account Number	Type of Account	Currency	Term/ Maturity Date (if applicable)	Outstanding Balance
1792 1076-91	Current Account	PHP	N/A	Php 210,079.21

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Account Number	Type of Account	Currency	Term/ Maturity Date (if applicable)	Outstanding Balance
1792 3037-38	Current Account	PHP	N/A	Php 75,172,805.86

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Bank certificate as of September 30, 2023

## 2. Mining Forest Project

For the Quarter 1 of the Year two FMRDP Implementation (July-September), BNC conducted series of tree planting activities together with the Local Government Unit (LGU) Barangay Berong and one of BNC's Manpower agencies within the Mine Rehabilitation area of the company. A total of 26, 580 various species of seedlings such as Agoho, Anagdong, Aripa, Bagtik, Balite, Baslayan, Batino, Binunga, Bonsikag, Borais, Camansi, Coffee, Daligan, Dinggan, Duhat, Korompi, Magbahing, Malada, Mountain Agoho, Palomaria, Palyan red, Palyan white, Peresian Baguio, Salong, Tamesan and Tongkat Ali were planted for this period.

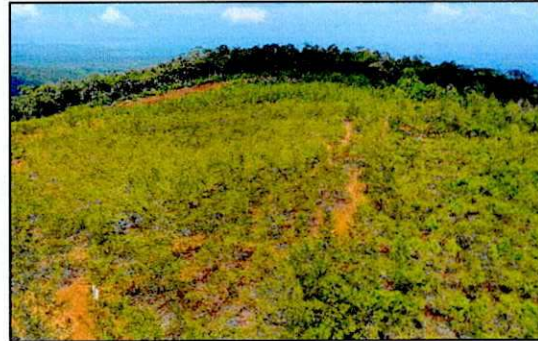


Installation of Coco-coir net in Mine Rehabilitation areas



Land preparation (Slope Stabilization–bench correction works)





BNC's Mine Progressive Rehabilitation



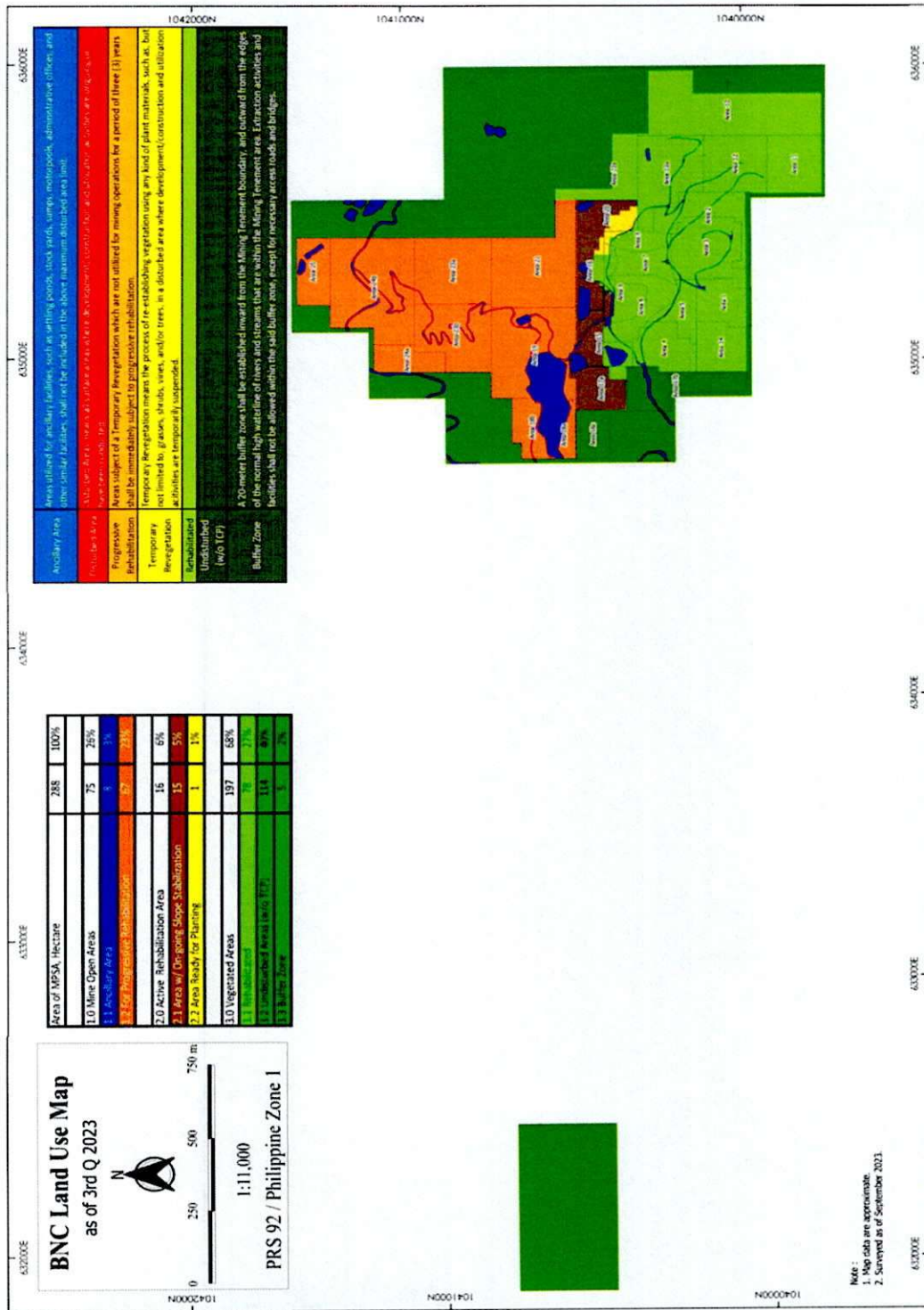


Bore Holing and Lay-outting works



Tree Planting activities





**BNC Land Use Map (As of September 2023)**

### 2.3. Nursery Operation

For the quarter 1 of the Year 2 FMRDP implementation, BNC nursery was able to produce a total of 23,915 various species of seedlings such as Agoho, Bakhaw Babae/Lalaki & Tangal, Daligan, Gmelina/Paper tree, Kandis, Korompi, Mahogany, Maraapog, Narra, Palyan Red/Udling, Palyan White, among others all hardened and ready for out-planting for BNC's Mining Forest Program, Final Mine Rehabilitation. For wildlings collection, a total of 25, 683 various species of wildlings such as Agoho, Aripa, Batino, Dingin, Malabayabas, Malada, Mt. Agoho, Palawan Agoho, among others were collected in areas within Barangay Berong. Further, BNC was able to collect a total of 5, 257 seeds this quarter. To date, BNC's nursery has a total balance in stock of 82, 458 diverse species of seedlings.

HARDENED		
MONTH	QTY	SPECIES
July	5,318	Agoho, Atis, Bagtik, Balite, Baslayan, Batino, Bayabas, Binunga, Bonsikag, Golden Shower, Korompi, Mahogany, Mt. Agoho, Nickel Tree, Palawan Agoho, Palyan Red, Palyan White, Petag, Taarangan, Tongkat Ali
August	12,470	
September	6,127	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,915</b>	

WILDLINGS COLLECTION		
MONTH	QTY	SPECIES
July	9,853	Agoho, Aripa, Batino, Daligan, Dinggin, Korompi, Malabayabas, Malada, Maupas, Mt. Agoho, Palawan Agoho, Palyan Red, Palyan White, Peresian Baguio, Salong, Saramputi, Taarangan
August	10,710	
September	5,120	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,683</b>	

Seed Collection		
MONTH	QTY	SPECIES
July	0	Langka, Marang, Romarao
August	3,292	
September	1,965	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,257</b>	



SOIL MEDIA PRODUCTION			
MONTH	Carbonated Rice Hull, sack	Vermi Cast Produce, sack	Potting Soil
July	46	-	4,554
August	26	1	7,980
September	44	1	4,678
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17,212</b>

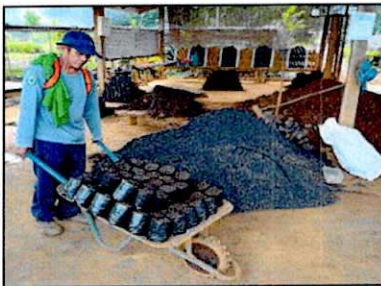
No. of Seedlings				No. of Seedlings Out-Planted			No. of seedlings donated	Balance in Stocks
				Planted for the Year*	Replanted for the Year	Mortality		
Previous Stocks	Produced	Acquired	Total					
103,075	23,915	0	126,990	21,616	4,800		4,162	82,458

Aspect	Old	Plantation Category						Grand Total
	(<JJ20)	Recent				Latest	Sub-total	
		JD20-JJ21	JD21-JJ22	JD22-JJ23	Sub-Total	JD23-JJ24	(Recent + Latest)	
No. of Seedlings Planted	1,254,050	209,357	1,25,314	146,524	481,195	41,398	522,593	1,776,643
No. of Seedlings Replanted	500	58,142	62,750	66,700	187,592	4,800	192,392	192,892
No. of Surviving Plants	1,254,000	203,543	124,687	139,854	462,436	40,918	503,354	1,757,354
Survival	<b>99.9</b>	<b>97.22</b>	<b>99.49</b>	<b>95.44</b>	<b>96.10</b>	<b>98.84</b>	<b>96.31</b>	<b>98.91</b>





BNC Central Nursery



Soil media preparation



Transferring collected wildlings on polybags



Carbonized Rice Hull Production



Seeds collected



Vermi-cast production



Gulayan sa Minahan Project



### 3. Rehabilitation site preparation (installation of coco coir nets and geotextile clothing)

For this period (July-September), the BNC thru its Mine Environmental Protection and Enhancement Office (MEPEO) was able to install a total of 146 pieces of coco-coir net within the mine rehabilitation area, while 2,193 cubic meters of silt were properly collected/dredged in BNC's haul road kilometer 13.

Table 4. Siltation/Erosion Control

Period	Volume of Silt Collected (cu.m)	Consumables Utilized		
		Geotextile (m)	Coconet (pcs) 2x50 m	Cocologs (pcs.)
July-September	2,193	0	146	0

### 4. Other Activities



Attended and presented the accomplishments of BNC during 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023 Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) meeting last July 6, 2023 in Hue Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.







Provided logistics and technical assistance during the Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) second quarter validation and third quarter air, noise and water sampling on August 22-25, 2023.



Accommodated officials from the Local Government Unit (LGU)-Aboraln on their Lakbay Aral visit in BNC's on-going FMRDP implementation last September 5, 2023.



Accommodated officials from the Local Government Unit (LGU)-Barangay Berong on their Lakbay Aral visit in BNC's on-going FMRDP implementation on September 8, 2023.





Attended and presented the accomplishments of BNC during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) meeting last September 21, 2023 in Hue Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.



Presented the proposed Final Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan (FMRDP) fund for year 2 FMRDP implementation to the Contingent Liability and Rehabilitation Fund and Steering Committee (CLRFSC) on September 29, 2023.

Prepared by:

  
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MEPEO/PCO