

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2023**  
**MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Graymont (Philippines), Inc.**  
**[MPP-015-2014-IVB (first renewal)]**

MGB MIMAROPA Conference Room, Ermita, Manila

15 March 2023 | 1:00 pm

**ATTENDANCE:**

**MRFC Members:**

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| 1. Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble | Chairperson and Regional Director<br>MGB MIMAROPA Region   |
| 2. Ms. Bibiana Lyn T. Aguha     | Representing Dir. Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV<br>Co-Chairperson and Regional Exec. Director<br>DENR MIMAROPA Region |
| 3. Engr. Mark Angelo S. Rogel   | Representing Mr. Joe Amil M. Salino<br>Regional Director, EMB MIMAROPA Region  |
| 4. Ms. Rhoda B. Roque           | Representing Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta<br>Executive Director, PCSDS  |
| 5. Atty. Noel E. Aquino         | Representing Hon. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates<br>Provincial Governor, LGU – Palawan                                 |
| 6. For. Reynaldo C. Rivera      | Representing Hon. Abraham M. Ibba<br>Mayor, Municipality of Bataraza   |
| 7. Mr. Inocencio C. Magallanes  | NGO – Haribon Palawan  |
| 8. Fr. Jasper A. Tabanggay      | Social Action Director, Apostolic Vicariate<br>of Puerto Princesa City (AVPP)  |
| 9. Mr. Rommel A. Ibuna          | President, Graymont (Philippines), Inc. (GPI)  |

**Not Present**

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| 1. Ms. Marie Grace T. Pascua, PhD | Regional Director, NCIP MIMAROPA |
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**Guests and Participants:**

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| 1. Ms. Hilda M. Quillo      | Country Manager, GPI    |
| 2. Mr. Alvin M. Trazona     | Plant Manager, GPI      |
| 3. Mr. Christian P. Laberez | Safety Officer, GPI     |
| 4. Mr. Lito O. Ayyokad      | MEPE Officer, GPI       |
| 5. Ms. Kimberly T. Giron    | Compliance Officer, GPI |

**MMT Members:**

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| 1. Engr. Al Janry S. Tuazon      | Sr. Sci. Research Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA |
| 2. Engr. Hanna Lee B. Arriesgado | Supv. Sci. Res. Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA   |

**Secretariat (MGB MIMAROPA):**

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| 1. Engr. Alvin S. Requimin | Division Chief, MSESDD, MGB MIMAROPA            |
| 2. Engr. Venus V. Jesoro   | Sr. Environmental Mgt. Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA |

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52 **I. PRELIMINARIES**  
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54 Engr. Alvin S. Requimin, representing RD Glenn Marcelo C. Noble, called the  
55 meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. upon confirmation of a quorum (9 out of 10).  
56 *(Note: RD Noble joined the meeting a few minutes later. He was referred as*  
57 *the Chairperson in the succeeding paragraphs.)*  
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60 **II. MEETING PROPER**  
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62 **A. Approval of the Provisional Agenda**  
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64 The Chairperson requested the committee members to peruse the Provisional  
65 Agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 MRFC meeting, for any comments and/or  
66 additional issues/concerns/topics for inclusion in the agenda.  
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68 Atty. Noel E. Aquino (LGU Palawan) requested that an update regarding the  
69 Cross-visit be included in the "Other Matters" for discussion.  
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71 Without objections to the additional matter, Atty. Aquino moved for the  
72 approval and adoption of the provisional agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023  
73 MRFC meeting and was approved by the body.  
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75 **B. Review and approval of the Draft Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 MRFC**  
76 **Meeting held on 14 December 2022**  
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78 The Chairperson requested the members for comments on the draft minutes  
79 of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 MRFC meeting for GPI.  
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81 With a few minor corrections/clarifications, the minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
82 MRFC meeting for GPI was approved.  
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84 **C. Matrix of Issues and Concerns and Matters Arising from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter MRFC**  
85 **Minutes of the Meeting**  
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87 **1. Purchase of Sampling Equipment**  
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- 89 • The Chairperson requested for an update on the acquisition of Air  
90 Quality Monitoring equipment. The company responded that the  
91 purchase of sampling equipment is already for consideration.  
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93 **2. Unpaid Taxes due to the MLGU**  
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- 95 • Ms. Hilda M. Quillo (GPI) stated that the company is following-up on  
96 the matter. She said that the company also coordinated with the  
97 Office of the Governor and with the other companies (CBNC &  
98 RTNMC) to schedule a meeting. Atty. Aquino stated that he requested  
99 the Provincial Legal Office to fast track the issue as it is being discussed  
100 in the MRFC, and stated that the company may expect an action  
101 from the Provincial Government before the next MRFC meeting.

## **D. Technical Reports**

### **1. Presentation of Highlights of the 4Q2022 MMT Validation**

Engr. Hanna Lee B. Arriesgado (MGB MIMAROPA) presented the findings and recommendations for Graymont (Philippines) Inc. (GPI) during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 MMT monitoring.

- The Chairperson requested for the attendance pattern of NCIP to be presented on the next MRFC meeting.
- On GPI's water resources and quality and their onsite detention tank, the Chairperson raised to the body the question of including this activity in monitoring even though there is no expense or cost. The body agreed to include it for the purpose of monitoring the physical accomplishments in the next cycles.
- Engr. Arriesgado found that GPI's waste generation is high and that they exceeded the target production of solid and hazardous waste. She noted that the wastes accounted are leftovers from previous areas. She suggested to adjust the target accordingly based on the volume of waste generated by the company in the previous year/s; Ms. Rhoda B. Roque (PCSDS) agreed.

### **2. Presentation of highlights of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 Water, Air and Noise Monitoring and Sampling**

The MMT sampling group, represented by Engr. Mark Angelo S. Rogel (EMB MIMAROPA) presented the highlights of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 Water, Air and Noise Monitoring and Sampling. Monitoring results were all within the DENR standards.

- Engr. Rogel informed the body that the noise monitoring for GPI was not done as company personnel had to attend a training in Puerto Princesa City and was only able to rejoin the monitoring activities on the last day.

### **3. Presentation of compliance with the 4Q2022 MMT's field findings and recommendations and presentation of physical and financial accomplishments, including updating and established Funds.**

Mr. Lito O. Ayyokad (GPI) presented the company's AEPEP accomplishments and compliance with the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 MMT Findings.

- The Chairperson noticed a difference of the content of the photo documentations presented as compared to the recent monitoring. He instructed the company to use updated photos while Engr. Rogel suggested the use of geotagging and date stamp on the photos.

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154 **E. Presentation of recent drone shots/videos of rehabilitation areas**  
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156 Engr. Alvin M. Trazona (GPI) presented the drone video of the plant site.  
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- 158 • During the presentation on the construction of new fixtures in the plant  
159 site, the Chairperson expressed his concern that new conditionalities  
160 might be added to their ECC and suggested that GPI consult with the  
161 EMB. Engr. Rogel said that it only had to be listed as an additional  
162 component. Engr. Trazona stated that they will comply with the  
163 requirements.  
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165 **F. Other Matters**  
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167 **1. Presentation of the Social Development and Management Program 2022**  
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169 The Social Development and Management Programs (SDMP) of GPI in  
170 2022 was presented by Ms. Rosieda Abdurasid.  
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- 172 • The Chairperson asked if the Company Initiative is separate from the  
173 SDMP. He noted that the Company Initiative was allotted with a  
174 significant budget, particularly the IP's development and projects. In  
175 response, Ms. Quillo stated that it is indeed separate from the SDMP  
176 and that the said program/activity is part of their MOA with the IPs  
177 which has a fixed annual budget.  
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- 179 • Engr. Requimin inquired about other initiatives to consider for the  
180 DMTG in 2023. He noted that the current usage of the DMTG is  
181 primarily focused on providing financial assistance. Ms. Quillo stated  
182 that for CY 2023, the expensed for the cross-visit may be charged to  
183 their DMTG.  
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185 **2. Update regarding the cross-visit.**  
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187 The matter will be discussed during the MRFC meeting for Rio Tuba Nickel  
188 Mining Corporation (RTNMC) and the Coral Bay Nickel Corporation  
189 (CBNC) the following day.  
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191 **3. SDMP Monitoring for GPI, RTNMC, and CBNC**  
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193 For. Reynaldo C. Rivera (MLGU – Bataraza) asked about the next schedule  
194 of the SDMP Monitoring for the three (3) companies. Ms. Rocelyn F.  
195 Rebullante (MGB MIMAROPA) replied that the next monitoring will be in  
196 July.  
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199 **III. ADJOURNMENT**  
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201 All matters properly discussed and there being no other issue/concern for  
202 deliberation, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.  
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205 Attesting to the correctness of the foregoing:  
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208 **LADY MENDELYN J. CATALUÑA/AL JANRY S. TUAZON**  
209 Secretariat  
210 MRFC/MGB MIMAROPA  
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213 Approved by:  
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216 **GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE**  
217 Regional Director, and  
218 Chairperson, MRFC for Graymont  
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