

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 3rd QUARTER 2022
MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
Graymont (Philippines), Inc.
(MPP No. 015-2014-IVB)
Hybrid Meeting
05 October 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. Dir. Lormelyn E. Claudio (via Zoom) | Co-chairperson and Regional Exec. Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region |
| 3. Engr. Nunilon R. Tanguilig | Representing Mr. Joe Amil M. Salino
Regional Director, EMB MIMAROPA Region |
| 4. Atty. Noel E. Aquino | Representing Hon. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates
Provincial Governor, LGU – Palawan |
| 5. For. Reynaldo C. Rivera | Representing Hon. Abraham M. Ibba
Mayor, LGU – Bataraza |
| 6. Ms. Levita A. Lagrada | Representing Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta
Executive Director, PCSD |
| 7. Mr. Joemer M. Samong | Representing Ms. Marie Grace T. Pascua, PhD
Regional Director, NCIP MIMAROPA Region |
| 8. Fr. Jasper A. Tabangay | Social Action Director, AVPP – Palawan |
| 9. Mr. Inocencio C. Magallanes | Chairperson, NGO – Haribon Palawan |
| 10. Mr. Rommel A. Ibuna | President, Graymont (Philippines), Inc. |

Guests and Participants:

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| 1. Ms. Hilda M. Quillo | Country Manager, GPI |
| 2. Engr. Alvin M. Trazona | Plant Manager, GPI |
| 3. Engr. Christian P. Labarez | Safety Engineer, GPI |
| 4. Mr. Lito O. Ayyokad | Pollution Control Officer, GPI |
| 5. Ms. Nelly Bee S. Aquino | Community Relations Officer, GPI |

MMT Members:

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| 1. Engr. Al Janry S. Tuazon | Sr. Science Research Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA |
| 2. Ms. Dominik C. Echano | Science Research Specialist II, MGB MIMAROPA |
| 3. Ms. Swin R. Tanduyan | Project Monitoring & Evaluation Officer,
EMB MIMAROPA |
| 4. Engr. Mark Angelo S. Rogel | Engineer II, EMB MIMAROPA |

Secretariat (MGB MIMAROPA):

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| 1. Engr. Alvin S. Requimin | Division Chief, MSESDD, MGB MIMAROPA |
| 2. Engr. Hanna Lee B. Arriessgado | Sr. Science Research Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA |
| 3. Engr. Venus V. Jesoro | Sr. Envi. Mngt. Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA |

52 **I. Preliminaries**

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54 Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble, Chairperson and MGB MIMAROPA Regional
55 Director, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. upon confirmation of a
56 quorum (7 out of 10) by the Secretariat.
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59 **II. Meeting Proper**

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61 **A. Provisional Agenda**

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63 As raised by members of the committee, the following items were included
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- 65 • Brgy. Sarong as Critical Habitat, Update on the Palawan Rehabilitation
66 Commission/Landscape Restoration Network and 2023 MMT Work and
67 Financial Plan (WFP) for GPI, CBNC and RTNMC as proposed by Mr.
68 Inocencio C. Magallanes (Haribon Palawan);
- 69 • Provision of MPP Documents to MRFC Members as requested by Fr.
70 Jasper A. Tabangay (AVPP); and
- 71 • Participation of MRFC and MMT members to the 68th Annual National
72 Mine Safety and Environment Conference (ANMSEC) in Baguio City.
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74 With no further comments, the Chairperson approved the Provisional
75 Agenda including the additional items for discussion in "Other Matters" upon
76 motion of Atty Noel E. Aquino (Palawan LGU), seconded by Mr. Magallanes.
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78 **B. Draft Minutes of the 2nd Quarter 2022 MRFC Meeting**

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80 With minor corrections such as inclusion of designation of GPI employees,
81 the minutes of the 2nd quarter 2022 MRFC meeting for GPI was approved
82 upon motion of Mr. Magallanes, seconded by Atty. Aquino.
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84 **C. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2nd Quarter 2022 MRFC Meeting**

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86 **1. MMT Capacity Building**

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88 As agreed during the MRFCs for RTNMC and CBNC, instead of a mine
89 cross visit in Surigao, MMT and MRFC members will participate in the 68th
90 ANMSEC that will be held in Baguio City in November 2022. The
91 Chairperson asked to submit the names of the MMT and MRFC members
92 by next week (October 10 – 14, 2022) to finalize the list of attendees and
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95 **D. Technical Reports**

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97 **1. Presentation of Highlights of the 2nd Quarter 2022 MMT validation**

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99 Engr. Al Janry S. Tuazon (MGB MIMAROPA) reported the MMT findings
100 and recommendations. Discussion that ensued during and after the
101 presentation are as follows:
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- Regarding the construction of nursery, Ms. Hilda M. Quillo (GPI) explained that there was a delay in finalizing the design of the nursery, which is needed for the Bill of Materials. The construction is close to completion, which will be discussed during the presentation of the company's accomplishment.
- Noting that the unit of work measure for the AEPEP activities needs improvement, the Chairperson commented that the Office will help GPI in determining the appropriate unit of work measure.
- Regarding the scrap materials, Ms. Quillo explained that haulers must be accredited by PEZA. Mr. Magallanes commented that the company should have a back-up plan or move the scrap in a more appropriate area. The Chairperson supported Mr. Magallanes' suggestion.

2. Presentation of Highlights of the 3rd Quarter 2022 Air, Water, and Noise Monitoring and Sampling

Engr. Mark Angelo S. Rogel (EMB MIMAROPA) reported the air quality monitoring result along Bulanjao golf course, which was within the DENR standards. He explained that GPI's operation is a closed loop system (no discharge) hence no need for effluent sampling/water quality monitoring.

- Among Engr. Rogel's recommendations is to secure a permit to operate for the Pet coke yard and apply for renewal of the discharge permit (DP). He explained that the latter recommendation may be disregarded as the company already applied for one.
- A long discussion ensued regarding the DP, Mr. Rommel A. Ibuna (GPI) suggested to have a separate discussion on this as it is highly technical, and the Chairperson agreed to his suggestion. The latter said that in one of the MRFC meeting, the company will be asked to discuss their operations for the MRFC members to understand its intricacies.
- Engr. Tanguilig asked Engr. Rogel to arrange a technical conference with GPI to fast track the processing of its application for discharge permit.

3. Presentation of Compliance with the 2nd Quarter 2022 MMT's Field Findings and Recommendations and Presentation of Physical and Financial Accomplishments, including Updating of Established Funds

Mr. Lito O. Ayyokad (GPI) reported GPI's physical and financial accomplishment for the 3rd quarter and compliance with the MMT findings and recommendations.

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- When the MMT recommendations were being discussed, the members agreed to strike-out the sampling team's recommendation to procure a movable waiting shed (that will be used during sampling) as umbrellas will suffice. On the need to purchase a sampling equipment to monitor NOx and SOx, the Chairperson asked GPI to evaluate whether there is really a need to procure one.

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Upon request of the committee, the SDMP accomplishments were presented by Ms. Quillo.

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- For. Reynaldo C. Rivera (Bataraza LGU) commented that the LGU does not have access on any information or at a lost how to monitor the company's SDMP accomplishments. The Chairperson commented that they may join MGB MIMAROPA during the semi-annual SDMP monitoring. He asked Engr. Alvin S. Requimin to ask SDS to coordinate with the LGU during the conduct of said monitoring.

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E. Presentation of Recent Drone Shots/Videos of Rehabilitation Areas

Included in the company's presentation.

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F. Other Matters

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1. Brgy. Sarong as Critical Habitat

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Mr. Magallanes informed the body regarding the endorsement of Brgy. Sarong as critical habitat for Palawan fruit bats through a letter dated 01 October 2022 addressed to PCSDS. He asked for an update from PCSDS to which Ms. Levita A. Lagrada (PCSDS) said that the next step would be site assessment and community consultation.

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2. Provision of MPP Documents to MRFC Members

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The Chairperson directed the company to provide the MRFC members with a copy of GPI's Mineral Processing Permit, Environmental Compliance Certificate, and other pertinent documents for reference.

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He likewise instructed the Secretariat to provide the body a copy of the MMT report after being deliberated in the MRFC meeting. As for copies provided prior the MRFC meeting, it must be indicated that it is a draft document.

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3. Update on the Palawan Rehabilitation Commission/Landscape Restoration Network

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Atty. Noel apprised the committee that the Provincial LGU is in the process of drafting an ordinance to centralize the forest restoration efforts in Palawan as the province suffered greatly from typhoon Odette.

The company may help in restoring denuded areas outside the MPSA by donating seedlings, he added.

The Chairperson encouraged the company to participate in the said activity in any way they can.

4. Participation of MRFC and MMT members to the 68th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference (ANMSEC) in Baguio City

Discussed in Section C.1.

5. 2023 MMT WFP for GPI, CBNC and RTNMC


The Chairperson asked the company for comments on the 2023 MMT WFP that was presented by CBNC where GPI's share amounted to more or less PHP900,000.00. Mr. Ibuna supported the proposed WFP.

III. Adjournment

Prior adjournment of the meeting, Fr. Tabangay inquired on the MMT Manual of Operations. Atty. Aquino suggested having a 2-3 hr meeting in Baguio during the ANMSEC to review the said document. The Chairperson responded that it will be reviewed by the Office and forwarded to MRFC members for comments.

All matters properly discussed and there being no other issue for deliberation, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m. upon motion of Mr. Magallanes, seconded by seconded by Atty. Aquino.

Attesting to the correctness of the foregoing:


HANNA LEE B. ARRIESGADO
Secretariat
MGB MIMAROPA

Approved by:


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