DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU
MINERALS INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

Philippine Total Land Area
30 Million has.
High Mineral Potential
9 Million has.
727,372,1818 has.
or ONLY 2.42% of the Philippine total land area is covered by mining tenements as of May 31, 2020

OPERATING MINES AND QUARRIES 2020
50 metallic mines
57 non-metallic mines
5 processing plants
3,389 LGU Issued Permits

This is #MineResponsibility
ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION
CY 2019

MINERAL PRODUCTION
PhP 130.73 Billion

MINERAL EXPORT
US$4.3 Billion

GROSS VALUE ADDED
PhP 107.4 Billion

TAXES, FEES AND ROYALTIES
PhP 15.47 Billion

EMPLOYMENT
190,000

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/REHABILITATION
As of May 31, 2020

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PhP25.48 Billion

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
PhP358.22 Billion

MINING FOREST PROGRAM
36.87 Million seedlings in 28,777.37 hectares

FINAL MINE REHABILITATION AND/OR DECOMMISSIONING PLAN
PhP3.99 Billion

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Mineral Exports
US$ 4.38 Billion in 2019
Exports of metallic, non-metallic minerals and mineral products in 2019. Copper, gold and nickel are the country’s top mineral exports. Japan, Australia, Canada and China are the major countries of destination.

Employment
190,000 in 2019
Workers currently employed in the minerals industry. While estimates vary, it is conservatively assumed that for every job in the industry, about four indirect jobs may be generated in the upstream and downstream sectors.

Taxes Paid
PhP15.47 Billion in 2019
Amount of national and local taxes, fees and royalties that the minerals industry generated and contributed to the Philippine economy in 2019.

Mineral Statistics
PhP 130.73 Billion
In 2019, the total estimated production value for metallic minerals is PhP130.73 Billion, up by 7.03% or PhP8.59 billion vis-à-vis 2018’s PhP122.14 Billion.

PhP 107.4 Billion
Estimated Gross Value Added (GVA, excluding crude oil) in mining at current prices in 2019.

Primary Mineral Commodities
Gold
PhP 47.36 Billion
Estimated value of gold produced in 2019.

Nickel & Nickel Products
PhP63.71 Billion
Estimated value of nickel and nickel products produced in 2019.

Copper
PhP18.46 Billion
Estimated value of copper produced in 2019.

Economic Growth
The Philippine government commits that a proposed mining operation will only be allowed if technically feasible, environmentally compliant, socially acceptable & financially viable. Any of these imperatives absent, it is not time to mine.

Mineral Resources Development Projects
Operating Mines and Quarries 2020
- 50 metallic mines (11 gold mines, 3 copper mines, 29 nickel mines, 4 chromite mines and 3 iron mine)
- 57 non-metallic mines (28 limestone/shale quarries, 4 marble/marbleized limestone, 1 silica quarries, 17 aggregate quarries, 1 dolomite quarry and 3 clay quarries, 1 sand & gravel, 1 volcanic tuff, 1 greywacke/porzolgan)
- 5 processing plants (2 gold processing plants, 2 nickel processing plants and 1 copper smelter plant)
- 3,389 small quarries and sand & gravel operations covered by permits issued by LGUs

Land Area and Mineral Potential
30 Million
Total land area of the Philippines in hectares.

2.2 Million
The Philippines’ Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in square kilometers with a total shoreline of 35,286 kilometers, making it the 3rd longest shoreline in the world.

9 million
Number of hectares identified as having high mineral potential.

2.42% or 727,372.1818 hectares
as of 31 May 2020
Percentage of the Philippines’ total land area covered by mining tenements. However, it should be emphasized that said area is still subject to the mandatory relinquishment by contractors provided by law.

Social Development and Management
PhP25.48 Billion as of 31 May 2020
Amount committed by mining companies for the Development of the Host and Neighboring Communities (DHNC), Information, Education and Communication and Development of Mining Technology and Geosciences, the 3 components of the Social Development and Management Program. An amount of PhP19.11 Billion for the DHNC stands to benefit 881 barangays from various identified programs/projects/activities.

Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation
PhP358.22 Billion and PhP3.99 Billion
as of 31 May 2020
Amount committed by mining companies for the implementation of approved plans/programs/projects/activities under their Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program and Final Mine Rehabilitation and/or Decommissioning Plan, respectively.

Mining Forest Program
36.87 Million
as of 31 May 2020
Number of seedlings planted in about 28,717.37 hectares of mined-out and other areas as of 31 May 2020. Of these, 33.76 million trees have survived, or a survival rate of 91.58%.

Social Equity and Development
The Philippine government recognizes the rights and participation of the communities and indigenous peoples and ensures the fair and equitable sharing of benefits among the company, the government and host communities.

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