

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-C

**CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER**

1.March 16, 2016.....
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number11341..... 3. BIR Tax Identification No. ...000-051-037.....
4.BENGUET CORPORATION.....
Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
5.Metro Manila, Philippines..... 6. (SEC Use Only)
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Industry Classification Code:
7. 7th Floor, Universal Re-Building, 106 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City..... 1226.....
Address of principal office Postal Code
8.812-1380 / 751-9137.....
Issuer's telephone number, including area code
9.N/A.....
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

| Title of Each Class | Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Convertible Preferred Class A | 217,061 |
| Common Class A | 117,428,790* |
| Common Class B | 77,614,394* |

(*) – Net of Treasury Shares

Total consolidated outstanding principal debt as of December 31, 2015 – P541.8 Million

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein:Item 9.....

Benguet Corporation today disclosed that its wholly owned subsidiary, Benguetcorp Nickel Mines, Inc. (BNMI), which operates the nickel project in Zambales, has been notified by TUV Rheinland®, an independent evaluation and certification service body, that it has been issued ISO 14001:2015 Certification on Environmental Management System (EMS). This comes following an eight months intensive audit/review of its mining operation. ISO 14001:2015 is an internationally accepted standard for environmental management system. With the issuance, BNMI becomes the first nickel mining operation in the Philippines to be certified under the 2015 version. The certification makes BNMI fully compliant with the requirement of DENR DAO No. 2015-07 which mandates existing mining companies to secure ISO certification on environmental management on or before May 2016.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2016

BENGUET CORPORATION

Issuer

REYNALDO P. MENDOZA

Asst. Corporate Secretary
Signature and Title*