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SEC Registration Number

B E N G U E T C O R P O R A T I O N

(Group's Full Name)

7 t h F l o o r , U n i V e r s a l R e - B u i l d i n g ,  
1 0 6 P a s e o d e R o x a s , M a k a t i C i t y

(Business Address: No. Street City/Town/Province)

Mr. Reynaldo P. Mendoza

(Contact Person)

812-1380

(Group Telephone Number)

1 2 3 1  
Month Day  
(Calendar Year)

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(Form Type)

Month Day  
(Annual Meeting)

Not Applicable

(Secondary License Type, If Applicable)

Dept. Requiring this Doc.

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

Total Amount of Borrowings  
Domestic Foreign

To be accomplished by SEC Personnel concerned

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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. February 2, 2017.....  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
- 2. SEC Identification Number 11341..... 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	370,246,461*
Common Class B	244,816,422*

(\* ) – Net of Treasury Shares

Total consolidated outstanding principal debt as of September 30, 2016 – P507 Million

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

In compliance with the disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange commission (SEC) and Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), please be informed of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, BenguetCorp Nickel Mines, Inc.'s press release which shall be published in the newspapers, to wit:

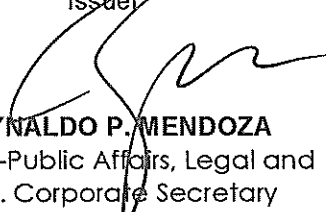
BENGUETCORP NICKEL MINES, INC. (BNMI) takes strong exception to the announcement by DENR Secretary Gina Lopez in a press conference held today on the result of the mine audit review, that a Closure Order will be issued against its nickel project in Sta. Cruz, Zambales. While it has not yet received copy of the Closure Order, it appears the basis of the Closure Order is the allegation that BNMI is operating in a watershed area. The Company dispute this. In fact, its nickel project is located within a declared mineral reservation (Zambales Chromite Mineral Reservation) and for which the company is paying 5% royalty fee to the government in addition to excise tax and others. Moreover, its MPSA prior to approval was given the requisite area clearance by the DENR. In its response to the mining audit report on October 24, 2016, BNMI maintained that its operation is fully compliant with environmental standards. The lifting of the suspension order last August 24, 2015 confirms that it has performed all the remediation conditions set by DENR. The latest suspension order issued on July 7, 2016 was not for environmental violations but for alleged filing of Kalikasan case, provincial moratorium on mining and complaints of anti-mining groups, which are premature and insufficient grounds for suspension. The Company will avail of various legal options available to it to nullify the baseless Closure Order upon its receipt.

### 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.

**BENGUET CORPORATION**

Issuer



**REYNALDO P. MENDOZA**  
SVP-Public Affairs, Legal and  
Asst. Corporate Secretary  
Signature and Title\*

Date: February 2, 2017

\* Print name and title of the signing officer under the signature.