

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. Decembr 21, 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 Industry Classification Code:
incorporation
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.....

Benguet Corporation (BC) disclose that it has received today a show cause letter from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regarding the tailings spill incident last October 27, 2016 in BC's Antamok mine. The Company is given seven (7) days from receipt of the letter to explain why its operations should not be suspended and its mining contract with the Government cancelled. Management will respond accordingly and show that there was no negligence on the part of the Company, that the incident is due to force majeure and it was immediately remediated.

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

Date: December 21, 2016


REYNALDO P. MENDOZA
SVP, Public Affairs, Legal &
Assistant Corporate Secretary

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