

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. June 27, 2016
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	123,295,487*
Common Class B	81,525,474*

(*) – Net of Treasury Shares

Total consolidated outstanding principal debt as of March 31, 2016 – P555 Million

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

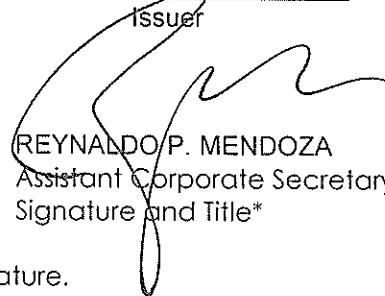
We furnish the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the attached Company's reply to the PSE's letter dated 24 June 2016 regarding clarification in the news article entitled "Deloso vows to suspend mining in Zambales" posted in Manila Bulletin (Internet Edition) on June 23, 2016.

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.

BENGUET CORPORATION

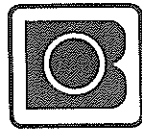
Issuer



REYNALDO P. MENDOZA
Assistant Corporate Secretary
Signature and Title*

Date: June 27, 2016

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



BenguetCorp

June 24, 2016

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza
Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue
Makati City

Attention: **Mr. JOSE VALERIANO B. ZUÑO III**
Head-Officer in Charge, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

We write in response to your request for clarification to the news article entitled “Deloso vows to suspend mining in Zambales” posted in Manila Bulletin (Internet Edition) on June 23, 2016. The article reported in part that:

“Iba, Zambales — ‘My first duty on July 1, 2016 is to suspend all mining operations in Zambales.’

With this declaration, incoming Governor Amor Deloso affirmed his certain adherence to the Supreme Court’s (SC’s) issuance of a Writ of Kalikasan against five mining companies, namely:

Benguet Corporation Nickel Mines Inc. (BNMI), Eramen Minerals Inc. (EMI), LNL Archipelago Minerals Inc. (LAMI), Zambales Diversified Metals Corporation (ZDMC), and Shangfil Mining and Trading Corporation (SMTC).

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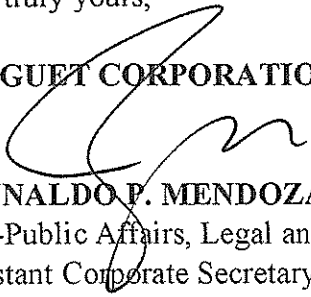
The Company’s subsidiary for nickel project, BenguetCorp Nickel Mines, Inc. (BNMI), has not received to date the Supreme Court resolution giving due course to the Petition for Writ of Kalikasan, but based on the Supreme Court’s press briefing, there was no Temporary Environmental Protection Order (TEPO) issued to restrain the mining activities of respondent mining companies. We respect the declaration of incoming Zambales Governor Amor Deloso to strictly enforce mining regulations in the province. BNMI fully adheres to the principles of responsible mining and is compliant with all environmental standards. Its full compliance with the environmental remediation conditions set by the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB)/ Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) is the basis for the lifting of the mining suspension order last August 24, 2015. BNMI has been issued ISO 14001:2015 Certification on Environmental Management System (EMS) on March 16, 2016 as required by DENR Administrative Order No. 2015-07. BNMI will be answering the allegations in the petition within the prescribed period and will seek opportunity to present to the Honorable Governor its record of good environmental management in Zambales.

We hope that we have clarified the above matters clearly.

Very truly yours,

BENGUET CORPORATION

By:


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