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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE
3rd Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza
Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue
Makati City

Attention: **MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION**
Head, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

Benguet Corporation (BC) today disclosed that its 100% owned subsidiary, BEREC Land Resources Inc. (BLRI) has signed a 5-year credit facility of up to P150 million with Philippine Export-Import Credit Agency (PhilEXIM) for the Acupan mine expansion project located in Itogon, Benguet Province. The loan will be used by BLRI to upgrade production of the Acupan mine from 110 tons per day to 300 tons per day. BLRI has a management contract with its parent company, BC, to manage and operate the Acupan mine as previously disclosed to SEC and PSE. The Acupan mine expansion project will enable management to take advantage of the high price of gold which continues to remain at the level of US\$1,350 per ounce.

Attached is a Press Release relative to the signing which shall be published in the news paper.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

BENGUET CORPORATION

By:



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BENGUET CORPORATION
PRESS RELEASE
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PhilEXIM CREDIT FACILITY FOR BENGUET GOLD PROJECT SIGNED

Benguet Corporation (BC) is pleased to announce that the Philippine Export-Import Credit Agency (PhilEXIM) has formalized its approval of a 5-year loan facility of up to P150 Million for its fully owned subsidiary, BEREC Land Resources Inc. (BLRI). At the signing ceremony held today at the BC head office, BLRI Chairman and President, Bienvenido M. Araw II, said that the loan will be used to finance the expansion of the production capacity of the Acupan Contract Mine Project (ACMP) from the present 110 tons per day of ore to 300 tons per day. The mine, located in Itogon, Benguet, is being managed and operated by BLRI for BC under a management agreement.

With the price of gold at about US\$1,350/oz, the Company expects to upgrade production of gold to 10,800 oz./ year within a two-year time frame.

This Acupan mine operation is significantly important to Benguet, considering that this mine was where modern gold mining in the Philippines was started over 100 years ago by then Benguet Consolidated Inc.