

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. ... **January 18, 2024**.....
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.**02-8812-1380 / 7751-9137**.....
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	375,120,008*
Common Class B	248,064,121*

(*) Net of Treasury Shares

Total consolidated outstanding principal loans as of September 30, 2023 – P85.06 Million

11. Indicate the item numbers report herein: Item 9


We furnished the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of the Company's disclosure regarding the annual verification and certification of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) which is a reportorial requirement of the PSE under its Revised Disclosure Rules, Section 17.14. The disclosure stated below as follows:

- A. List of valid and subsisting mining properties:
1. Benguet Gold Operation, Antamok Gold Operation and Ampucao Copper-Gold Project – The Company is the applicant for Exploration Permit Application (EXPA) No. 0122-CAR (former APSA No. 009-CAR). The APSA was converted to EXPA pursuant to Section 9 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2021-25. The MGB-Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) endorsed the application to MGB-Central on April 20, 2022. The EXPA is under evaluation by MGB-Central.
 2. The Company's FTAA application in the Province of Ilocos Norte denominated as AFTA-000003-I is under evaluation by MGB-Central.
- B. List of valid mining claims, including a disclosure of all items/encumbrances:
1. Pantingan Copper-Gold Project (MPSA No. 154-2000-III). The Company holds an operating agreement with MPSA holder Balanga Bataan Minerals Corporation (BBMC). The project is under exploration period.
 2. Zamboanga Gold Project – The Company was granted Exploration Permit No. EP-012-2023-IX (formerly EXPA No. 156-IX/APSA No. 000015-IX) by MGB-Central. The exploration permit was issued to the Company on December 05, 2023.

Attached is a copy of the Certification issued by the MGB.

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.


REYNALDO P. MENDOZA
Executive Vice President
and Assistant Corporate Secretary
Signature and Title*

Date: January 18, 2024



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CERTIFICATION

To Whom This May Concern:

This is to certify that Benguet Corporation (BC) is the operator/applicant of valid and subsisting mining tenements as of this date, as follows:

Project	Mining Contract/ Application	Status/Remarks
Pantangan Copper Gold Project	Mineral Production Sharing Agreement No. 154-2000-III granted to Balanga Bataan Minerals Corporation (BBMC)	1. BC holds an Operating Agreement with BBMC. 2. Under Exploration Period.
Benguet Gold Operation; Antamok Gold Operation; Ampucao Copper- Gold Project	Exploration Permit Application (EXPA) No. 0122-CAR (formerly APSA No. 009-CAR)	1. BC is the applicant. 2. APSA No. 009-CAR was converted to EXPA No. 0122-CAR pursuant to Section 9 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2021-25 ¹ . 3. Endorsed to this Office by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Cordillera Administrative Region on April 20, 2022, which is under evaluation by this Office.



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Mines & Geosciences Bureau
Office of the Director



¹ Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 130 Entitled: Amending Section 4 of Executive Order No. 79, S. 2012, Institutionalizing and Implementing Reforms in the Philippine Mining Sector, Providing Policies and Guidelines to Ensure Environmental Protection and Responsible Mining in the Utilization of Mineral Resources.

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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

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Zamboanga Gold Prospect	Exploration Permit No. EP-012-2023-IX (formerly EXPA No. 156-IX/ APSA No. 000015-IX)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APSA No. 000015-IX was converted to EXPA No. 156-IX pursuant to Section 9 of DAO No. 2021-25. 2. EP-012-2023-IX was issued to BC on December 05, 2023.
Ilocos Norte Prospect	Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement application denominated as AFTA-000003-I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BC is the applicant; undergoing evaluation by this Office.

This Certification is issued upon the request of Mr. Reynaldo P. Mendoza, Executive Vice President of BC, per its Letter dated January 04, 2024.

Issued this JAN 16 2024 at Quezon City, Philippines.



[Signature]
ATTY. DANILO U. UYKIENG
 OIC, Director



Certification fee paid
 per Official Receipt No. 40909280
 dated JAN 16 2024