BenguetCorp

July 03, 2020

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Secretarial Building, PICC Complex
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Attention: Mr. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.
Director, Market & Securities Regulation Department

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE
6F Philippine Stock Exchange Tower
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Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

Attention: Ms. JANET A. ENCARNACION
Head, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the reportorial requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), we submit Benguet Corporation's First Quarter Report (SEC Form 17-Q) for the quarter ending March 31, 2020.

We trust that you will find everything in order.

Very truly yours,

BENGUET CORPORATION
By:

REYNALDO P. MENDOZA
Officer-In-Charge/Sr. Vice President
Legal & Assist. Corporate Secretary

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(Group's Full Name)

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SEC FORM 17-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17(2)(b) THEREUNDER

1. For the quarterly period ended: **MARCH 31, 2020**

2. Commission identification number: **11341** 3. BIR Tax Identification No.: **000-051-037-000**

BENGUET CORPORATION
4. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

PHILIPPINES
5. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization
6. Industry Classification Code: (SEC Use Only)

7F UNIVERSAL RE-BUILDING, 106 PASEO DE ROXAS, MAKATI CITY **1226**
7. Address of issuer's principal office Postal Code

(**632) 8812-1380 / 7751-9137**
8. Issuer's telephone number, including area code

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9. Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Code, or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA.

	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding
Convertible Preferred Class A	217,061 shares
Common Class A Stock	370,739,961 shares*
Common Class B Stock	245,031,222 shares*

*Net of Treasury Shares

Total consolidated outstanding principal loans payable as of March 31, 2020 - ₱270.06 Million

11. Are any or all of the securities listed on a Stock Exchange? Yes [**X**] No [ ]

If yes, state the name of such Stock Exchange and the class/es of securities listed therein:

The Issuer’s Convertible Preferred Class A share, Common Class A share and Common Class B share are listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant:

(a) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 17 of the Code and SRC Rule 17 thereunder or Sections 11 of the RSA and RSA Rule 11(a)-1 thereunder, and Sections 26 and 141 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines, during the preceding twelve (12) months (or for such shorter period the registrant was required to file such reports)

Yes [X] No [ ]

(b) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past ninety (90) days.
Yes [ ] No [X]

PART I--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

Financial Statements and, if applicable, Pro Forma Financial Statements meeting the requirements of SRC Rule 68, Form and Content of Financial Statements, shall be furnished as specified therein.

PLEASE REFER TO ANNEX "A" on pages 13 to 36 which are incorporated and form part of this report (SEC Form 17-Q), as follows:

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

A. <u>2020 FIRST QUARTER Vs. 2019 FIRST QUARTER</u>

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated net income for the first quarter of 2020 amounted to ₽56.7 million, a turnaround from the ₽60.6 million net loss for the same period in 2019. The increase/decrease in net income was the net effect of the following:

Revenues
The Company registered consolidated revenues of ₽408.5 million for the 1st quarter of 2020, higher than the ₽186.5 million reported for the same quarter in 2019. The positive variance was mainly attributable to the sale of three boatloads of nickel ore with an aggregate volume of 158,650 tons valued at ₽205.2 million compared to nil for the same period last year.

Operating and Other Expenses
Cost and operating expenses in the first quarter this year increased by 42% to ₽340.8 million from ₽240.7 million for the same quarter in 2019 mainly due to increase in cost of mine products sold by 89% or ₽93.3 million, plus taxes and fees on nickel shipments.

Other expense posted for the quarter amounted to ₽0.6 million compared to other expense of ₽3.6 million incurred for the same period last year.

Provision for income tax of ₽10.1 million for the first quarter this year pertains to the regular corporate income tax of BC (Parent company), Benguetcorp Nickel Mines, Inc. (BNMI) Arrow Freight Corporation (AFC) and Keystone Port Logistics and Management Services Corporation (Keystone).

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Assets
The Company ended the first quarter of 2020 with consolidated total assets of ₱6.98 billion, slightly higher than ₱6.92 billion assets in 2019. The slight increase/decrease is the net effect of the following:

Cash and cash equivalent increased by 94% or ₱72.7 million mainly from cash generated from operating activities.

Receivables increased to ₱305.1 million from ₱290.0 million, mainly from nickel ore sold this quarter.

Inventories decreased by 20% to ₱105.2 million from ₱132.2 million last year, mainly from stockpiled nickel ore sold this quarter.

Liabilities
Total consolidated liabilities as of March 31, 2020 slightly increased to ₱2,510.0 million from ₱2,509.9 million as of December 31, 2019. The increase/decrease was due to the following:

Trade and other payables decreased to ₱575.7 million from ₱576.9 million, due to payment made to various suppliers and contractors.

Increase in income tax payable to ₱2.3 million from ₱0.07 million in 2019 is partly due to the minimum corporate income tax of Benguet Corporation and Arrow Freight Corporation this year.

Equity
Stockholder Equity at end of first quarter amounted to ₱4,468.4 million slightly higher than the ₱4,411.7 million equity in 2019. The positive variance is attributable to the net income during the first quarter of this year.

Consolidated Cash Flow
The cash provided by operating activities for the first quarter this year amounted to ₱77.4 million compared with ₱184.5 million cash used for the same period last year. The increase mainly came from the sale of nickel ore.

During the quarter, the Company invested ₱2.6 million in other assets, ₱1.2 million for property, plant and equipment for the expansion of its Acupan Gold Project, and ₱0.9 million in the exploration of its Pantingan gold prospect in Bataan.

OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

Acupan Gold Project (AGP)
For the first quarter this year, AGP milled 10,114 tons of ore producing 1,979 ounces of gold, an improvement versus 8,685 tons of ore milled producing 1,921 ounces of gold for the same quarter last year. The average grade of ore milled at 6.09 grams of gold per ton during the quarter was lower than the 6.94 grams of gold per ton for the same quarter in 2019. Milling rate improved by 16% to 111 tons per day during the quarter compared to 96 tons per day in the same period last year

Gold sold this quarter of 2,126.69 ounces at an effective average price of US$1,585.91 per ounce is higher than 1,932.88 ounces of gold sold at an effective average price of US$1,302.72 per ounce for the same period last year. This resulted to pre-tax earnings of P28.8 million for the quarter this year, a turnaround from last year's P3.7 million loss.

AGP continues to mobilize its own miners team to further develop working areas at the underground that are not awarded to contractors to increase tonnage in addition to the existing production of 16 AGP contractors. The lockdown imposed toward the last month of the first quarter in response to the Pandemic (Covid-19) has caused disruption in production. Mine development works for areas assigned to contractors at L1700 and L1500 were curtailed. AGP implemented partial operations as approved by the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Itogon, Benguet. The missed production opportunities, however, will be recouped back in the succeeding quarters of 2020 after the lockdown is lifted.

Sta. Cruz Nickel Project (SCNP)
The Company's nickel business under its wholly owned subsidiary, Benguetcorp Nickel Mines, Inc. (BNMI), operating the SCNP, generated net earnings of ₱20.07 million this quarter, a turnaround from the loss of ₱54.9 for the same period last year. BNMI was able to sell its stockpiled nickel ores of 158,650 tons ranging from 1.3% to 1.5% Ni grade from 3 shiploads valued at ₱205.2 million, compared to nil shipment for the same period last year. The lockdown imposed due to Covid-19 last March 16, 2020 affected the 4th shipment when Local Government Unit (LGU) disallowed loading to waiting vessel of cargo ready stockpile at Candelaria port. When Region 3 movement restriction was downgraded from Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in May 2020, loading was of the 4th shipment resumed. The shipments also contributed revenues to the Company's logistics and port operation subsidiaries. Given favorable market price and lifting of lockdown, BNMI will continue to market its saleable stockpiled nickel ores.

The Suspension Order on mining operation of BNMI Is still under review by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). On February 19-20, 2020, a joint inspection of mining site was conducted by the validation team composed of Mines Geosciences Bureau (MGB)-Region 3, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)-Region 3, DENR-Region 3, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and the Community Environmental Natural Resources Office (CENRO). Based on the exit conference, the validation result is favorable to BNMI. A technical conference will be scheduled by MGB prior to preparation and submission of consolidated validation report and resolution by regulatory agencies of their recommendation for lifting of Suspension Order to DENR. Notwithstanding its suspended operations, BNMI continues to conduct infrastructure care and maintenance activities, environmental enhancement and rehabilitation programs including the National Greening Program (NGP), Temporary Revegetation Program (TRP), and Progressive Rehabilitation Program (PRP) of the DENR. BNMI also continued its corporate social responsibility by providing host and neighboring communities with assistance to affected farmers, provision of relief goods to indigent families, and frontliners under quarantine due to Covid-19 pandemic during the quarter.

Irisan Lime Project (ILP)
The Company's ILP generated pre-tax earnings of ₱3.3 million for the quarter, lower than the earnings of ₱ 8.8 million posted for the same period last year. This was due to lower sales volume of 1,647 tons for the quarter as compared to 3,035 tons for the same period in 2019.

Benguet Antamok Gold Operation (BAGO)
The revised Antamok Final Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan (FMRDP) was re-submitted by the MGB to the Contingent Liability and Rehabilitation Fund Steering Committee (CLRFSC) for approval due to new development, particularly on the actual rehabilitation needs considering current physical status of the area, which entails reduction of the total costs to be incurred over a 4-year period starting 2019 from ₱43 million to ₱30 million. The aim of the FMRDP is principally to mitigate environmental risks and provide a sustainable final land use of the property It includes long-term programs such as Solid Waste Management Project with Temporary Residual Containment Area (TRCA), and Waste to Energy (WtE) facilities; the Eco-tourism Project; and Minahang Bayan.

On the Minahang Bayan, the operators have yet to comply with the requirements under the law and other pertinent regulations, particularly on their Work Programs, SDMP-EPEP, Mineral Processing License and ECC, among others.

EXPLORATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Exploration, research and development are currently being undertaken by the Company's in-house team, with or assisted by consultants and other service providers, such as engineering and/or drilling contractors.

For the Balatoc Tailings Project, the Company completed the updated Information Memorandum and negotiation with potential financial consultant on marketing engagement terms is ongoing. On the Surigao Coal Project, the Company submitted to Department of Energy (DOE) on February 27, 2020 its request for reconsideration of disapproval of third 3-year work program and COC renewal/extension.

For the Pantingan Gold Prospect, on March 5, 2020, the Company submitted a request for extension of the Exploration Period to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB). The Pantingan property is a viable prospect for epithermal gold mineralization and aggregates. The Company contracted JCP Geo-Ex to undertake exploration drilling activities to assess and probe the behavior of the mineralization exposed on the surface of Pantingan Gold Prospect. Four-(4) drill holes were completed during the quarter for the Phase 1 drilling program, out of the contracted 5 holes with total aggregate depth of 850 meters. The final drill hole designated as PDH-005 is ongoing drilling.

The exploration geological works conducted by the Company's geologists in the prospect identified 2 blocks hosting good sources of mountain rock deposit for high-quality rock aggregate materials. Results of the initial geological evaluation and physical laboratory tests of samples indicated that the identified andesite and andesitic clasts of volcanic agglomerate rocks are good sources of rock aggregate materials that can be used in all types of construction. The aggregates resources are located within and outside the MPSA. Exploration Permit Application covering 1,200 hectares for the aggregate resource outside the MPSA (north of the MPSA), was submitted and formally accepted by MGB. The Company plans to subject the two-(2) identified potential blocks for a more thorough geological evaluation. Road alignment and topographic survey is also ongoing for the aggregates prospect.

The Company conducted information, education and communication campaign in the host and neighboring barangays of the Pantingan Gold Prospect for the purpose of introducing the benefits of the project. The Company has implemented community development programs in the area which supplemented the general welfare services provided by the local government through the provisions of (a.) scholarship program which benefited 8 college students and 38 high school students; (b.) construction materials for the barangay chapel, (c.)Material Recovery Facility (MRF), (d) basketball projects; (e.) financial assistance for medical equipment/supplies and medicines, (f) support for socio-cultural activities such as State of the Barangay Address (SOBA) and sportsfest; (g) livelihood projects for the Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association (TODA), and (h) provision of 2 carabaos for use of farmers. In the ongoing implementation of community development programs, the Company spent ₱218 thousand in 2019, bringing its expenditures to-date, to ₱879 thousand.

SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES

i. Logistics
   - Arrow Freight Corporation (AFC), the logistics provider of the Company, reported net earnings of ₱4.5 million this quarter, a turnaround from the net loss of ₱1.0 million for the same period last year. The positive variance is on account of: (a.) management fee of ₱8.4 million for handling/supervising the transfer of 110,000 tons of BNMI nickel ore from area 1 to area 3 and hauling of 199,101 tons of ore from area 3 to Candelaria port; as well as (b.) revenue amounting to P2.4 million from hauling using its own dump trucks. AFC plans to expand its logistic services in Zambales and freight services in Region 3 and National Capital Region (NCR).

   - Keystone Port Logistics and Management Services Corporation (KPLMSC), the port and barging services provider of the Company, reported net earnings of ₱5.9 million this quarter, a turnaround from the net loss of ₱1.5 million for the same period last year mainly due to revenues of port usage on account of the 158,650 tons nickel ore handled this quarter.

ii. Real Estate
   - BMC Forestry Corporation (BFC), the real estate arm of the Company continues to develop and sell subdivision lots in its real estate project in Rosario, La Union, Woodspark Subdivision reported net loss of ₱ 72 thousand this quarter, as compared to the net earnings of ₱2.3 million for the same period last year. BFC continues to collect monthly, lot sales amortizations and market the remaining 5 lots with an aggregate area of 1,763 square meters valued at ₱8.89 million.

iii. Healthcare
   - BenguetCorp Laboratories, Inc. (BCLI), the healthcare and diagnostic services provider of the Company continued to serve its core customers and Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in its clinics in Baguio City. Total revenues this quarter driven by this segment plus corporate accounts and other clientele reached ₱ 8.0 million, lower than the revenues of ₱15.7 million for the same period last year due to challenges in sales operations. San Fernando and Taytay clinics were

closed last year. As a result, BCLI incurred net loss of ₱ 1.2 million, lower as compared to net loss of ₱2.3 million for the same period last year. BCLI performance is expected to improve this year as it completes the required medical team for the 3-year contract of clinic management and medical services with Texas Instrument in Baguio City and in Clark, Pampanga which commenced on January 1, 2020.

iv. BenguetCorp International Limited (BIL), the Company's Hongkong-based and 100% owned subsidiary for international operations, remains largely inactive. BIL's wholly owned subsidiary, BenguetCorp USA Limited (BUSA) in Nevada, U.S.A. continue to hold interests in mining properties in Royston Hills, Nevada, which are currently being offered for sale to interested parties.

B. 2019 FIRST QUARTER Vs. 2018 FIRST QUARTER

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated net loss for the first quarter of 2019 amounted to ₱60.6 million, higher than the ₱36.5 million net loss for the same period in 2018. The increase/decrease in net loss was the net effect of the following:

Revenues
The Company registered consolidated revenues of ₱186.5 million for the 1st quarter of 2019, 45% lower than the ₱336.4 million reported for the same quarter in 2018. The negative variance is attributable to the Acupan Gold Project (AGP) lower volume of milling tonnage and no shipment of nickel ore this quarter. For the quarter, AGP milled 8,658 tons versus 14,470 tons for the same period last year. This resulted to lower production of 1,932 ounces versus 2,660 ounces of gold last year. BNMI, on the other hand, was not able to shipped-out nickel ore this quarter due to lower price of low-grade nickel ore as compared to the two boatloads of nickel ore with an aggregate volume of 108,635 tons at an average price of $20/ton sold for the same period in 2018.

Operating and Other Expenses
Cost and operating expenses in the first quarter 2019 decreased by 33% to ₱240.7 million from ₱357.2 million for the same quarter in 2018 mainly due to decrease in cost of mine products sold by 52% or ₱111.8 million.

Other expense for the first quarter 2019 amounted to ₱3.6 million slightly lower than the ₱10.9 million for the same quarter in 2018 due to forex gain of ₱0,39 million in first quarter 2019 versus forex loss of P9.9 million for the same period in 2018.

Provision for income tax of ₱2.4 million for the first quarter 2019 pertains to the minimum corporate income tax of BC (Parent company), Benguetcorp Nickel Mines, Inc. (BNMI) Arrow Freight Corporation (AFC) and Keystone Port Logistics and Management Services Corporation (Keystone).

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Assets
The Company ended the first quarter 2019 with consolidated total assets of ₱6.48 billion, slightly lower than ₱6.63 billion in 2018. The slight increase/decrease is the net effect of the following:

Cash and cash equivalent in the first quarter 2019 decreased by 65% or ₱196.3 million mainly from cash used in operation and payment of loan and trade payables.

Receivables in the first quarter 2019 slightly increased to ₱267.8 million from ₱210.9 million, mainly from gold and lime sold during the quarter.

Liabilities
Total consolidated liabilities as of March 31, 2019 decreased to ₱2,600.0 million from ₱2,689.4 million as of December 31, 2018. The increased/decreased was due to the following:

Trade and other payables, mainly payables to suppliers and contractors, decreased to ₱765.1. million from ₱858.6 million due to payment made to various suppliers and contractors.

Loans payable slightly decreased to ₱507.9 million from ₱530.7 million on account of the full settlement of Malayan Savings Bank loans.

Increased in income tax payable to ₱1.1. million from ₱0.03 million in 2018 is partly due to the minimum corporate income tax of Benguet Corporation and Arrow Freight Corporation.

Other noncurrent liabilities slightly increased to ₱455.7 million from ₱430.0 million on account of advances from nickel customer.

Equity
Stockholders Equity at year-end amounted to ₱3,877.7 million slightly lower than ₱3,938.1 million in 2018. The variance is attributed to the net loss incurred during the first quarter of this year.

Consolidated Cash Flow
The cash used by operating activities for the first quarter this year amounted to ₱184.5 million compared with ₱39.7 million cash used for the same period last year. The decreased was used to pay the trade payables.

OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

Benguet Gold Operation (BGO)
The Acupan Gold Project (AGP) in BGO implemented an increase in milling cost of its mining contractors for the first time since 2012 from ₱2,925/ton to ₱3,332/ton to reflect the effects of the increase in excise tax from 2% to 4% under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act, as well as increases in costs of raw materials. For this quarter, AGP generated revenues of ₱131.3 million, significantly lower than the revenues of ₱181.3 million generated for the same period last year due to lower volume of milling tonnage resulting to lower production of gold. As a result, AGP incurred net loss of ₱4.6 million, a reversal of the reported net earnings of ₱1.08 million for the same period in 2018. AGP milled a combine 8,658 tons of ore, a 40% decrease from 14,470 tons of ore milled for the same period last year. Gold production for the quarter totaled 1,932 ounces, lower than the 2,660 ounces of gold produced last year. The average grade of ore milled of 6.94 grams of gold per ton during the quarter was higher compared to 5.72 grams of gold per ton for the same period last year. Average milling rate for to-date March 2019 totaled 96 tons per day (tpd), lower compared to 161 tpd for the same period last year. Gold was sold at an effective average price of US$1,302.72 per ounce this quarter versus effective average price of US$1,330.28 per ounce for the same period last year.

The Company continued mine development works and clearing activities to access better grade at L1500 and L1700 to improve the viability of AGP. During the quarter, a subsequent surveillance ISO audits conducted by TUVR saw BGO passing with zero (0) non-conformities or non-compliances. The DENR Cancellation Order dated February 8, 2017 cancelling the Company's authority to undertake mining operation under the Patent Claim PC-ACMP-002-CAR has been appealed to the Office of the President (OP) on February 22, 2017 and implementation of the appealed order is stayed pending decision of the OP.

Sta. Cruz Nickel Project (SCNP)
The Company's nickel business under its wholly owned subsidiary, Benguetcorp Nickel Mines, Inc. (BNMI), operating the SCNP, has remained suspended pending the results of the audit conducted by the Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC). BNMI continued to implement environmental rehabilitation programs including the Temporary Revegetation Program (TRP) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) under its Department Administrative Order (DAO) 2018-19. Since 2009, BNMI planted 1.818 million seedlings of various plant species all over its tenement at 95% survival rate.

The regulatory agencies have allowed BNMI to haul and ship its remaining ore inventory to avoid environmental risks which the stockpiles may pose during the rainy season. On July 31, 2018, BNMI has been issued ISO 14001:2015 Certification on Environmental Management System with scope of Stockpile

Nickel Ore Transport and Port Loading which allowed it to remove and sell the existing stockpiles at mine site. Given favorable market price, BNMI will continue to market its saleable stockpiled nickel ores. Shipment is nil for the quarter as compared to last year's shipment of 2 boatloads nickel with an aggregate volume of 108,635 tons ore grading 1.38% Ni at average price of US$20.00 per ton. BNMI incurred a net loss of ₱54.9 million this quarter, higher compared to ₱33.9 million net loss for the same period in 2018.

The DENR Cancellation Order dated February 8, 2017 cancelling BNMI's Mineral Production Sharing Agreement No. 226-2005-111 has been appealed to the Office of the President (OP) on February 22, 2017 and implementation of the appealed order is stayed pending decision of the OP.

Irisan Lime Project (ILP)
The Company's ILP generated net earnings of ₱6.2 million for the quarter, higher than the net earnings of ₱4.31 million posted for the same period last year. This was due to higher sales volume of 3,134 tons for the quarter as compared to 2,408 tons for the same period in 2018.

Benguet Antamok Gold Operation (BAGO)
The Company has formally submitted for approval of the MGB the Antamok Final Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan (FMRDP). BAGO's operations were suspended in 1998 after several attempts to re-start mining did not prove viable due to low price of gold. The aim of the FMRDP is principally to mitigate environmental risks, rehabilitate disturbed areas, regulate the activities of small scale miners which has proliferated in the area, and provide a sustainable final land use for the community. In 2018, the Company has spent a total of ₱6.8 million for the rehabilitation of some of the major infrastructure in Antamok based on the submitted plans in the FMRDP proposal. Aside from revegetation, repair, and stabilization of the infrastructures, the FMRDP also includes long-term programs such as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Project with Temporary Residual Containment Area (TRCA), Waste to Energy (WtE) facilities; the Eco-tourism Water Park Project; and the Minahang Bayan (MB). Last December 27, 2018, the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) declared the Company's proposed area as Minahang Bayan after getting clearance from the DENR. This now allows the organizations of small-scale miners to apply for small-mining contracts in the Minahan Bayan area. Once approved, small-scale mining in the area will now be subject to the compliance measures implemented by the regulatory agencies.

EXPLORATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Company continues exploration and geological evaluation of potential mountain rock deposits for rock aggregates inside Pantingan's MPSA No. 154-2000-III mineral tenement and outside the watershed area located in Bataan Province. Thus far, results of the geological evaluation and physical laboratory tests of samples indicated that the rock units identified hosting Block 1 and Block 3 indicated good and potential sources for coarse rock aggregate materials that can be used in all types of construction.

SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES

i. Logistics
- Arrow Freight Corporation (AFC), the logistics provider of the Company, reported net loss of ₱1.0 million this quarter, as compared to the net earnings of ₱0.29 million for the same period last year due to suspension of mining activities of its major client, BNMI. AFC was able to firm up its expanded services outside of nickel through aggregates and vibro-sand truck delivery. It is currently undertaking lahar sand hauling activity in Pampanga with G24 Construction.

- Keystone Port Logistics and Management Services Corporation (KPLMSC), the port and barging services provider of the Company, reported net loss of ₱1.5 million this quarter, as compared to the net earnings of ₱3.2 million for the same period last year. Tonnage handled is nil for this quarter as compared to 108,635 wmt total volume shipped out for the same period in 2018.

ii. Real Estate
- BMC Forestry Corporation (BFC), the real estate arm of the Company continues to develop and sell subdivision lots in its real estate project in Rosario, La Union, Woodspark Subdivision which reported a net earnings of ₱2.3 million this quarter, higher compared to the net earnings of ₱95.5 thousand for the same period last year. To-date lot sold and dacioned totaled to 290 lots with an aggregate

area of 42,446 square meters valued at ₱86.73 million. BFC continues to collect monthly amortizations and sell the remaining 5 lots with an aggregate area of 1,763 square meters valued at ₱8.89 million.

iii. Healthcare

- BenguetCorp Laboratories, Inc. (BCLI), the healthcare and diagnostics services provider of the Company reported net loss of ₱2.3 million this quarter of operations, lower as compared to the net loss of ₱6.3 million for the same period last year due to higher revenues of ₱15.7 million this quarter, versus ₱14.9 million for the same period last year. BCLI continued to serve its core customers and the HMOs (Health Maintenance Organization) in all of its clinics in Baguio, Taytay, and San Fernando-Pampanga.

iv. BenguetCorp International Limited (BIL), the Company's Hongkong-based and 100% owned subsidiary for international operations, remains largely inactive. BIL's wholly-owned subsidiary, BenguetCorp USA Limited (BUSA) in Nevada, U.S.A. continue to hold interests in mining properties in Royston Hills, Nevada, which are currently being offered for sale to interested parties.

C. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Company's management intends to analyze future results of operations through the following

1. Working Capital
Working capital (current assets less current liabilities) and current ratio (current assets over current liabilities) measures the liquidity or debt paying ability of the Company. As of this quarter ending March 31, 2020, the Company current ratio is 0.79:1 versus 0.89:1 in 1st quarter 2019 and 0.92:1 in 1st quarter 2018. The Company's AGP continues to look for opportunities to improve gold production through expansion of BC mining areas that are not awarded to contractors. The Company's wholly owned subsidiary, BNMI, is optimistic that after the lifting of the Suspension Order and easing of enhanced community quarantine due to Covid-19, it can resume mining operation and continue shipment of stockpiled nickel ores.

2. Metal Price
The Company's revenue is largely dependent on the world market prices for gold and nickel. The favorable metal prices will also have a favorable impact on the Company's revenues. The market price of gold used by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas is based from world spot market prices provided by the London Metal Exchange. The price of gold is the key indicator in determining the Company's revenue level. The average market prices for gold sold were at US$1,585.91 per ounce this quarter, as compared to average price US$1,302.72 per ounce and US$1,330.00 per ounce for the same respective periods in 2019 and 2018. Nickel sold at average price of US$24.87/ton this quarter and nil for the same period last year and US$20.00/ton for the same period in 2018.

3. Tons Mill and Ore Grade
Tons milled and ore grade are key determinant of sales volume. The higher tons milled and ore grade are directly proportional to revenue level. For this quarter, tons milled were 10,114 tons of shared ore with average grade of 6.09 grams per ton gold, as compared to 8,658 tons of shared ore with average grade of 6.94 grams per ton gold and 14,471 tons of shared ore with average grade of 5.72 grams per ton gold for the same respective periods in 2019 and 2018. Gold sold were 2,126.69 ounces this quarter versus 1,932.88 ounces and 2,660 ounces for the same respective periods in 2019 and 2018. Nickel ores produced depend on customer specification or market demand which price is also dependent on the nickel content classified as high grade and low grade nickel ore. Nickel ore sold this quarter were 158,650 tons nickel ore ranging from 1.3% to 1.5% Ni grade versus nil in the same period last year and 108,635 tons nickel ore grading 1.38% Ni for the same period in 2018.

4. Foreign Exchange Rate
The Company's sales proceeds are mainly in U.S. dollars. A higher Philippine peso to U.S. dollar exchange rate means higher peso sales but would also reflect a foreign exchange loss on the restatement of the Company's dollar obligations. Conversely, a lower exchange rate reduces the Company's revenue in pesos but brings foreign exchange income on the loans. As of March 31, 2020,

the peso to dollar exchange rate was at ₱50.84, as compared to ₱52.50 and ₱52.16 for the same respective periods in 2019 and 2018. The volatility of the foreign currency exchange rates will continue to affect the Company's operations in the foreseeable future.

5. Earnings Per Share
   The Company's earnings per share ultimately reflects the Company's financial and operational growth as a result of its performance in cost management, productivity and will provide investors comparable benchmarks relative to similar companies. The reported Company earnings per share this quarter is ₱0.09 compared with the loss per share of ₱0.10 in 2019 and ₱0.06 in 2018.

6, The key performance indicator used for the Company's subsidiaries is Net Income, which are discussed in the Subsidiaries and Affiliate portion of the Operational Review of this report.

D. KNOWN TRENDS, EVENTS OR UNCERTAINTIES

The Company will continue to be affected by the government's imposed lockdown due to Covid-19 infection which caused disruption of operations. In compliance with government proclamations, memorandums and guidelines, and in order to mitigate the risk of spreading Covid-19 in the workplace, the Company implemented precautionary strategies and protocols to address the Covid-19 risk in order to protect its employees. It provided alternative work options such as skeletal manpower to ensure continued business operations. The Company was also in close communication with its employees, industry regulators/agencies and suppliers during the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in global slowdown of the economy.

Notwithstanding the lockdown and the current covid-19 situation in the Philippines, there are no known events that will trigger direct or contingent financial obligation that are materials to the Company, including any default or acceleration of an obligation that have not been booked, although the Company may be contingently liable for lawsuits and claims arising in the ordinary course of business which are not presently determinable.

The Company does not foresee any cash flow or liquidity problems over the next twelve (12) months. Under the Omnibus Guidelines issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MIED) dated 29, 2020 and Mines and Geosciences Bureau's (MGB) Memorandum Order No. 2020-004 dated 8 May 2020, mining operations are allowed during the General Community Quarantine (GCO) or "New Normal". With the downgrading from ECQ to GCQ of National Capital Region (NCR), Zambales and Benguet Provinces, the resumption of gold production from AGP, steady market of ILP's quicklime, disposal of non-performing assets, tax refunds from the Bureau of Internal Revenue and borrowing under the available credit facilities will generate cash flow sufficient for the Company to meet its foreseeable requirements. Given favorable nickel price, the Company is confident that its wholly owned subsidiary, BNMI will continue to market its saleable stockpiled nickel ores.

There are no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationship of the Company with unconsolidated entities of other persons created during the reporting period.

As of March 31, 2020, except for what has been discussed and noted above, there are no material events or uncertainties known to management that had material impact on past performance, or that would have a material impact on future operations, in respect of the following:

- Material commitments for capital expenditures that are reasonably expected to have a material impact on the Company's short-term or long-term liquidity;
- Known trends, events or uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably expected to have a material favorable or unfavorable impact on net sales/revenues/income from continuing operations;
- Significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the Company's continuing operations;
- Material changes in the financial statements of the Company and
- Seasonal aspects that had a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

PART II--OTHER INFORMATION

The issuer may, at its option, report under this item any information not previously reported in a report on SEC Form 17-C. If disclosure of such information is made under this Part II, it need not be repeated in a report on Form 17-C which would otherwise be required to be filed with respect to such information or in a subsequent report on Form 17-Q.

There are no other information for this interim period not previously reported in a report on SEC Form 17-C.

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 thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Makati on July 3, 2020.

Issuer........................**BENGUET CORPORATION**..
By:

Signature and Title: **MAX D. ARCEÑO**
Vice President- Finance & Treasurer

Signature and Title: **REYNALDO P. MENDOZA**
Officer-In-Charge / Senior Vice President-
Legal & Asst. Corporate Secretary

ANNEX "A"

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF MARCH 31, 2020 AND DECEMBER 31, 2019
(Amounts in Thousands)

	March 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2019 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	**₱149,904**	₱77,172
Trade and other receivables	**305,089**	289,955
Inventories	**105,214**	132,157
Other current assets	**318,976**	314,147
Total Current Assets	**879,183**	813,431
Noncurrent Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	**2,624,993**	2,637,152
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	**13,212**	13,168
Deferred mine exploration costs	**450,048**	449,181
Investment property	**2,478,862**	2,478,862
Deferred tax assets - net	**47,732**	47,732
Other noncurrent assets	**484,590**	482,014
Total Noncurrent Assets	**6,099,437**	6,108,109
TOTAL ASSETS	**₱6,978,620**	₱6,921,540

	March 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2019 (Audited)
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Loans payable	**₱507,893**	₱507,893
Trade and other payables	**575,748**	576,856
Current portion of liability for mine rehabilitation	**25,007**	25,007
Current portion of lease liability	**2,307**	2,476
Income tax payable	**2,333**	721
Total Current Liabilities	**1,113,288**	1,112,953
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Deferred income tax liabilities - net	**848,016**	848,016
Liability for mine rehabilitation	**66,575**	66,575
Pension liability	**62,562**	62,562
Noncurrent portion of lease liability	**5,337**	5,583
Other noncurrent liabilities	**414,394**	414,201
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	**1,396,884**	1,396,937
Total Liabilities	**2,510,172**	2,509,890
Equity		
Capital stock	**616,863**	616,863
Capital surplus	**380,382**	380,382
Other components of equity	**1,205,115**	1,205,018
Retained earnings	**2,274,104**	2,217,403
	4,476,464	4,419,666
Cost of 116,023 shares held in treasury, ₱69 per share	**(8,016)**	(8,016)
Total Equity	**4,468,448**	4,411,650
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**₱6,978,620**	₱ 6,921,540

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020
(With Comparative Figures for the three months ended March 31, 2019)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	
	2020	2019
REVENUES	**₱408,463**	₱186,524
COSTS AND OPERATING EXPENSES		
Costs of mine products sold	**198,481**	105,148
Costs of merchandise sold and services	**10,709**	6,871
Selling and general	**105,482**	123,309
Taxes on revenue	**26,081**	5,353
	340,753	240,681
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	**67,710**	(54,157)
INTEREST EXPENSE	**287**	406
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Interest income	**205**	1,003
Foreign exchange gains (losses) – net	**(373)**	386
Miscellaneous - net	**(409)**	(5,016)
	(577)	(3,627)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX	**66,846**	(58,190)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX	**10,145**	2,367
NET INCOME (LOSS)	**₱56,701**	(₱60,557)
BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE	**₱0.09**	(₱0.10)

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

(With Comparative Figures for the three months ended March 31, 2019)

(Amounts in Thousands)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	
	2020	2019
NET LOSS	**₱56,701**	(₱60,557)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)		
Items to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Translation adjustment on foreign subsidiaries	**53**	6
Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Unrealized gain on equity instruments designated at FVOCI	**44**	140
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	**97**	146
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	**₱56,798**	(₱60,411)

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020
(With Comparative Figures for the three months ended March 31, 2019)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	March 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2019 (Audited)
CAPITAL STOCK	**₱616,863**	₱616,863	₱616,863
CAPITAL SURPLUS	**380,382**	376,964	376,964
REVALUATION INCREMENT	**1,127,236**	839,669	1,127,236
CUMULATIVE TRANSLATION ADJUSTMENT			
Balance at beginning of period	**33,592**	32,721	32,721
Translation adjustment	**53**	6	871
Balance at end of period	**33,645**	32,727	33,592
COST OF SHARE-BASED PAYMENT			
Balance at beginning of period	**21,671**	25,089	25,089
Cancellation of stock options	–	–	(3,418)
Balance at end of period	**21,671**	25,089	21,671
UNREALIZED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVOCI			
Balance at beginning of period	**871**	1,013	1,013
Other comprehensive income (loss)	**44**	140	(125)
Balance at end of period	**915**	1,153	871
REMEASUREMENT LOSS ON PENSION LIABILITY	**21,413**	24,201	21,413
RETAINED EARNINGS			
Balance at beginning of period	**2,217,403**	2,029,559	2,029,559
Realization of revaluation increment on sale of investment property	–	–	71,982
Transfer of fair value reserve on disposed financial assets at FVOCI	–	–	125
Net income (loss) for the period	**56,701**	(60,557)	115,737
Balance at end of period	**2,274,104**	1,969,002	2,217,403
TREASURY SHARES	**(8,016)**	(8,016)	(8,016)
TOTAL EQUITY	**₱4,468,448**	₱3,877,652	₱4,411,650

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020
(With Comparative Figures for the three months ended March 31, 2019)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	
	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income (loss)	**₱56,701**	(₱60,557)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	**13,353**	20,964
Unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) - net	**(193)**	229
Decrease (increase) in:		
Trade and other receivables	**(15,134)**	(56,940)
Inventories	**26,943**	2,278
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	**(3,217)**	2,949
Decrease in trade and other payables	**(1,108)**	(93,453)
Net cash used in operating activities	**77,398**	(184,530)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in:		
Property, plant and equipment	**(1,194)**	(11,079)
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	**–**	(560)
Deferred exploration costs	**(867)**	(230)
Other assets	**(2,576)**	(2,663)
Net cash used in investing activities	**(4,637)**	(14,532)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of loans payable	**–**	(23,000)
Payment of lease liability	**(415)**	–
Increase in other noncurrent liabilities	**386**	25,707
Net cash from financing activities	**(29)**	2,707
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**72,732**	(196,355)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	**77,172**	302,118
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	**₱149,904**	₱105,763

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

EARNINGS PER SHARE COMPUTATION

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020 AND 2019

(Amounts in Thousands, Except for the Number of Shares)

	March 31	
	2020	2019
Net income (loss)	**₱56,701**	(₱60,557)

Number of shares for computation of:

	March 31	
	2020	2019
Basic earnings per share		
Weighted average common shares issued	**616,119,252**	616,119,252
Less treasury stock	**348,069**	348,069
Weighted average common shares outstanding	**615,771,183**	615,771,183
Diluted earnings per share		
Weighted average common shares issued	**616,119,252**	616,119,252
Less treasury stock	**348,069**	348,069
	615,771,183	615,771,183
Conversion of preferred stock	**2,059,366**	2,059,366
	617,830,549	617,830,549
Basic earnings (loss) per share	**₱0.09**	(₱0.10)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	**₱0.09**	(₱0.10)

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS INDICATORS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020 AND 2019

	March 31	
	2020	2019
Profitability Ratio		
Return on asset	**0.01:1**	(0.01):1
Return on equity	**0.01:1**	(0.02):1
Gross profit margin	**0.49:1**	0.40:1
Operating profit margin	**0.17:1**	(0.29):1
Net profit margin	**0.14:1**	(0.32):1
Liquidity and Solvency Ratio		
Current ratio	**0.79:1**	0.89:1
Quick ratio	**0.41:1**	0.29:1
Solvency ratio	**2.78:1**	2.49:1
Financial Leverage Ratio		
Asset to equity ratio	**1.56:1**	1.67:1
Debt ratio	**0.36:1**	0.40:1
Debt to equity ratio	**0.56:1**	0.67:1
Interest coverage ratio	**233.91:1**	142.33:1

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

AGING OF RECEIVABLES

AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

(Amounts in Thousands)

TYPE OF RECEIVABLES	LESS THAN 30 DAYS	30 TO 60 DAYS	LESS THAN ONE YEAR	ONE TO TWO YEARS	THREE TO FIVE YEARS	MORE THAN FIVE YEARS	TOTAL
Trade receivables	₱1,429	₱2,424	₱9,816	₱–	₱31,621	₱49,229	₱94,519
Allowance for doubtful accounts	–	–	–	–	–	(27,882)	(27,882)
Trade receivables – net	1,429	2,424	9,816	–	31,621	21,347	66,637
Nontrade receivables:							
Officers and employees	592	8,470	2,750	10,118	9,077	35,892	66,899
Others	1,789	432	12,007	10,589	105,894	166,380	297,091
Total	2,381	8,902	14,757	20,707	114,971	202,272	363,990
Allowance for doubtful accounts	–	–	–	–	–	(125,538)	(125,538)
Nontrade receivables - net	2,381	8,902	14,757	20,707	114,971	76,734	238,452
Trade and other receivables - net	₱3,810	₱11,326	₱24,573	₱ 20,707	₱146,592	₱98,081	₱305,089

BENGUET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020 AND 2019

1. **Corporate Information**

Benguet Corporation (BC; the Parent Company) was incorporated in the Philippines on August 12, 1903.

On June 18, 1956 and June 19, 2006, the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the extension of its corporate life for another fifty (50) years. BC is engaged in chromite, gold, and other metallic and nonmetallic mineral production, exploration, research and development and natural resource projects.

2. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Basis of Preparation

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for land at revalued amounts and AFS investments and investment property, which are measured at fair value. The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Philippine peso, the Company's functional currency under Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS) and as adopted by the Philippine SEC. All amounts are rounded to the nearest thousands (₱000), except when otherwise indicated.

Statement of Compliance

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Accounting Standard (PAS) 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*. Accordingly, the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Benguet Corporation (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group) do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual consolidated financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2019.

Changes in Accounting Standards and Interpretation

Effective beginning on or after January 1, 2020

- Amendments to PFRS 3, *Definition of a Business*
- Amendments to PAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, and PAS 8, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, Definition of Material*

Adoption of these pronouncements did not have any significant impact on the Group's financial position or performance.

Financial assets

Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortized cost, fair value through OCI (FVOCI) and FVTPL.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient, the Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under PFRS 15, *Revenue from contracts with customers*.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortized cost or FVOCI, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are solely payment of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level. Financial assets with cash flows that are not SPPI are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model.

The Group's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. Financial assets classified and measured at amortized cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows while financial assets classified and measured at FVOCI are held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace (regular way trades) are recognized on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Subsequent Measurement
The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

- *Financial assets at amortized cost (debt instruments)*
  Financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured using the EIR method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized, modified or impaired.

  The Group's financial assets at amortized cost include cash in banks and short-term deposits under "cash and cash equivalents", trade receivables, receivables from lessees of bunkhouses, loans receivable under "trade and other receivables", advances to contractors and nontrade under "other current assets" and "other noncurrent assets", respectively.

- *Financial assets designated at FVOCI (equity instruments)*
  Upon initial recognition, the Group can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at FVOCI when they meet the definition of equity under PAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

  Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to consolidated statement of income. Dividends are recognized as other income in the consolidated statement of income when the right of payment has been established, except when the Group benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in consolidated statement of comprehensive income. Equity instruments designated at FVOCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

  The Group elected to classify irrevocably its UITF and quoted shares under this category.

Derecognition
A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of financial assets) is primarily derecognized (i.e., removed from the Group's statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or

- The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognize the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognizes an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset in measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

Impairment
The Group recognizes an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at FVTPL. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral on the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognized in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, the Group applies the low credit risk simplification. The probability of default and loss given defaults are publicly available and are considered to be low credit risk investments. It is the Group's policy to measure ECLs on such instruments on a 12-month basis. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL. The Group uses publicly available ratings from (i.e. Standard and Poor's (S&P), Moody's and Fitch) to determine whether the debt instrument has significantly increased in credit risk and to estimate ECLs.

For trade receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognized a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL at each reporting date. The Group has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group.
A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

Financial liabilities

Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at FVTPL, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade payables and accrued expenses under "trade and other payables", lease liabilities, and equity of claim owners on contract operations under "other noncurrent liabilities".

Subsequent measurement - Financial liabilities at amortised cost (loans and borrowings)

After initial measurement, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are measured at amortized cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process.

Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on the issue and fees that are integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortization is included as finance costs in the consolidated statement of income.

This category generally applies to the Group's loans payable.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the consolidated statement of income.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle the liability simultaneously, or to realize the asset and the liability simultaneously. The Group assesses that it has a currently enforceable right of offset if the right is not contingent on a future event and is legally enforceable in the normal course of business, event of default, and event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Group and all of the counterparties.

Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to the Group. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participant would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best economic interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use. The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 - Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the consolidated financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with PFRS requires the Group to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and contingent liabilities. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

<u>Judgments</u>
In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made following judgments, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Determining Functional Currency
The Parent Company, based on the relevant economic substance of the underlying circumstances, has determined the functional currency of each entity, except for foreign subsidiaries, under the Group to be the Philippine peso. It is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group primarily operates.

Determining the Group's Business Model
The Group's business model is determined at a level that reflects how groups of financial assets are managed together to achieve a particular business objective. The Group's business model does not depend on management's intentions for an individual instrument.

The Group's business model refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The Group's business model determines whether cash flows from collecting contractual cash flows, selling financial assets or both. Relevant factors considered by the Group in determining the business model for a group of financial assets include how the performance of the business model and the financial assets held within that business model are evaluated and reported to the Group's key management personnel, the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how these risks are managed and how managers of the business are compensated.

Assessing Provisions and Contingencies
The Group is currently involved in various legal proceedings. The estimate of the probable costs for the resolution of these claims has been developed in consultation with outside counsel handling the Group's defense in these matters and is based upon an analysis of potential results. The Group assessed that these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position. It is possible, however, that future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in the estimates or in the effectiveness of the strategies relating to these proceedings.

Distinction between Investment Property and Owner-Occupied Property
The Group determines whether a property qualifies as investment property. In making its judgment, the Group considers whether the property is not occupied substantially for use by, or in operations of the Group, not for sale in the ordinary course of business, but is held primarily to earn rental income or capital appreciation. Owner-occupied properties generate cash flows that are attributable not only to the property but also to the other assets used in the production or supply process. Management concluded that some of its parcels of land at Irisan, Baguio City and Itogon, Benguet are investment properties.

Principal versus agent considerations
The Group enters into contracts with customers wherein the Group charges the customers for the services rendered. The Group determined that it does not control the goods or services before they are transferred to customers, and it does not have the ability to direct the use of the services or obtain benefits from the services. The following factors indicate that the Group does not control the services before they are being transferred to customers. Therefore, the Group determined that it is an agent in these contracts.

- The Group is not primarily responsible for fulfilling the promise to provide the professional services.
- The Group has no discretion in establishing the price for the services provided. The Group's consideration in these contracts is only based on the difference between the Group and the customer.

The Group determined that it is an agent with respect to the professional fees of its tenant doctors. Meanwhile, the Group concluded that it is the principal in all its other revenue streams.

<u>Estimates and Assumptions</u>
The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at reporting date, which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets within the next financial year, are discussed below. The Group based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the interim condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising that are beyond the control of the Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when these occur.

Provision for expected credit losses on Trade and Other Receivables
The Group uses the general approach model as new impairment requirement of PFRS 9 about ECL, which replaced the PAS 39 incurred loss model. An assessment of the ECL relating to trade and other receivables is undertaken upon initial recognition and each financial year. The simplified general approach of the ECL impairment model involves exercise of significant judgment. Key areas of judgment include: defining default, determining assumptions to be used such as timing and amounts of expected net recoveries from defaulted accounts, determining debtor's capacity to pay, and incorporating forward looking information.

The carrying amount of trade and other receivables amounted to ₱305,089 and ₱289,955 as at

March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

Estimating Ore Reserves
Ore reserves estimates are, to a large extent, based on the interpretation of geological data obtained from drill holes and other sampling techniques and feasibility studies. The Group estimates its ore reserves based on information compiled by appropriately qualified persons relating to the geological data on the size, depth and shape of the ore body, and requires complex geological judgments to interpret the data. The Group also makes estimates and assumptions regarding a number of economic and technical factors affecting ore reserves estimates, such as production rates, grades, foreign exchange rates, production and transport costs, and commodity prices.

These geological, economic and technical estimates and assumptions may change in the future in ways, which can affect the quality and quantity of the ore reserves. The Group reviews and updates estimates as required to reflect actual production, new exploration data or developments and changes in other assumptions or parameters. These estimates will change from time to time to reflect mining activities, analyses of new engineering and geological data, changes in ore reserve and mineral resource holdings, modifications of mining plans or methods, changes in nickel or gold prices or production costs, and other factors.

Changes in the ore reserves estimates may impact the carrying values of property, plant and equipment, provision for mine rehabilitation and decommissioning and depletion charges.

Assessing Recoverability of Deferred Mine Exploration Costs
The Group reviews the recoverability of deferred mine exploration costs when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of deferred mine exploration costs may exceed its estimated recoverable amount. The Group considers the following factors, among others, in its assessment:

- Status of each mine exploration project and plans on exploration and evaluation activities
- Validity of the licenses, permits and correspondences related to each mine exploration project
- Plans to abandon existing mine areas and plans to discontinue exploration activities
- Availability of information suggesting that the recovery of expenditure is unlikely

As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, deferred mine exploration costs amounted to ₱450,048 and ₱449,181, respectively.

Estimating Recoverability of Property, Plant and Equipment
The Group assesses impairment on property, plant and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment may not be recoverable.

The factors that the Group considers important which could trigger an impairment review include the following:

- Significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results
- Significant changes in the manner of use of the acquired assets or the strategy for overall business, and
- Significant negative industry or economic trends

In determining the present value of estimated future cash flows expected to be generated from the continued use of the property, plant and equipment, the Group is required to make estimates and assumptions such as commodity prices, discount rates and foreign currency exchange rates, which can materially affect the consolidated financial statements. Commodity prices and foreign exchange rates are based on forecasts of various financial institutions while the discount rate is based on industry weighted average cost of capital.

An impairment loss would be recognized whenever evidence exists that the carrying value is not recoverable. For purposes of assessing impairment, property, plant and equipment are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows. An impairment loss is recognized and charged to earnings if the discounted expected future cash flows are less than the carrying amount. Fair value is estimated by discounting the expected future cash flows using a discount factor that reflects the market rate for a term consistent with the period of expected cash flows.

As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, property, plant and equipment (at revalued amount and at cost) amounted to ₱2,624,993 and ₱2,637,152, respectively

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Estimating Allowance for Inventory Obsolescence
The Group maintains allowance for inventory losses at a level considered adequate to reflect the excess of cost of inventories over their NRV. NRV of inventories are assessed regularly based on prevailing estimated selling prices of inventories and the corresponding cost of disposal. Increase in the NRV of inventories will increase cost of inventories but only to the extent of their original acquisition costs. As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the carrying value of inventories amounted to ₱105,214 and ₱132,157, respectively.

Assessing Impairment of Other Current and Noncurrent Assets
The Group provides allowance for impairment losses on other current and noncurrent assets when these can no longer be realized. The amounts and timing of recorded expenses for any period would differ if the Group made different judgments or utilized different estimates. An increase in allowance for probable loss would increase recorded expenses and decrease other current and noncurrent assets.

The total carrying value of other current assets and other noncurrent assets amounted to ₱803,566 and ₱796,161 as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

Revaluation of property, plant and equipment and investment properties
The Group carries its investment properties at fair value, with changes in fair value being recognized in the consolidated statement of income. In addition, it measures the land and artworks at revalued amounts, with changes in fair value being recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. The land, artworks and investment properties were valued using the sales comparison approach. The determination of the fair values of these properties involves significant management judgment and estimations. The valuation also requires the assistance of external appraisers whose calculations also depend on certain assumptions, such as sales and listing of comparable properties registered within the vicinity and adjustments to sales price based on internal and external factors. As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the appraised value of land and artworks, and investment properties amounted to ₱4,152,150.

Estimating Liability for Mine Rehabilitation
The Group estimates the costs of mine rehabilitation based on previous experience in rehabilitating fully mined areas in sections of the mine site. These costs are adjusted for inflation factor based on the average annual inflation rate as of adoption date or re-evaluation of the asset dismantlement, removal or restoration costs. Such adjusted costs are then measured at present value using the market interest rate for a comparable instrument adjusted for the Group's credit standing. While management believes that its assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, significant differences in actual experience or significant changes in the assumptions may materially affect the Group's liability for mine rehabilitation. Liability for mine rehabilitation amounted to ₱91,582 as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

Estimating Cost of Share-Based Payment
The Parent Company's Nonqualified Stock Option Plan grants qualified participants the right to purchase common shares of the Parent Company at a grant price. The ESOIP recognizes the services received from the eligible employees and an equivalent adjustment to the equity account over the vesting period. The

Parent Company measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. Estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions requires determining the most appropriate valuation model, which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This estimate also requires determining the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including the expected life of the share option, volatility and dividend yield and making assumptions about them. The assumptions and models used for estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions are disclosed in the annual consolidated financial statements. While management believes that the estimates and assumptions used are reasonable and appropriate, significant differences in actual experience or significant changes in the estimates and assumptions may materially affect the stock compensation costs charged to operations. Cost of share-based payment amounted to ₱21,671 as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

Estimating Pension Benefits
The cost of defined benefit pension and other post-employment benefits as well as the present value of the pension obligation are determined using actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions. These include the determination of the discount rates, future salary increases, mortality rates and future pension increases. Due to the complexity of the valuation, the underlying assumptions and its long-term nature, defined benefit obligations are highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period. Net pension liability of the Parent Company amounted to ₱60,411 as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019. Net pension liability of AFC amounted to ₱2,151 as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, management considers the interest rates of government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, with extrapolated maturities corresponding to the expected duration of the defined benefit obligation.

The mortality rate is based on publicly available mortality tables for the Philippines and is modified accordingly with estimates of mortality improvements. Future salary increases and pension increases are based on expected future inflation rates for the Philippines.

Assessing Realizability of Deferred Tax Assets
The Group reviews the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets at each end of the reporting period and reduces deferred tax assets to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient future taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax assets to be utilized. The Group recognized net deferred tax assets amounting to ₱52,383 as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019. The Group has unused NOLCO, MCIT and deductible temporary differences for which deferred tax assets were not recognized as it is not probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available against which the benefit of the deferred tax assets can be utilized.

4. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Group's principal financial instruments pertain to unsecured and secured bank loans. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to fund the Group's operations. The Group has other financial instruments such as cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, receivable from lessees of bunkhouses, loans receivable under trade and other receivables, advances under other noncurrent assets trade and accrued expenses under trade and other payables and obligations under finance lease, which arise directly from its operations. Other financial assets include FVOCI assets.

The significant risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are liquidity risk, credit risk and interest rate risk. The BOD reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and these are summarized below.

<u>Liquidity Risk</u>
Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Group may encounter difficulties in meeting the

obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

The Group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of bank loans and availment of suppliers' credit. The long-term relationship of the Group to its suppliers gives it the advantage to negotiate the payment terms.

As part of its liquidity risk management, the Group has access to sufficient external funding (bank credit lines) and loans payable maturing within 12 months can be rolled over with existing lenders. It also continuously assesses conditions in the financial markets for opportunities to avail bank loans and capital market issues. Accordingly, its loan maturity profile is regularly reviewed to ensure availability of funding through an adequate amount of credit facilities with financial institutions.

As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, cash and cash equivalents may be withdrawn anytime while quoted FVOCI may be converted to cash by selling them during the normal trading hours in any business day.

The tables below summarize the aging analysis of the Group's financial assets and the maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

March 31, 2020	On demand	0-90 days	More than 90 days	More than one year	Total
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash in banks	₱146,906	₱–	₱–	₱–	₱ 146,906
Short-term deposits	2,404	–	–	–	2,404
Trade and other receivables					
Trade	1,429	2,424	9,816	52,968	66,637
Receivables from lessees of bunkhouses	741	–	–	–	741
Advances under other current assets	–	–	–	63,356	63,356
Nontrade under other noncurrent assets	–	–	–	202,917	202,917
FVOCI					
UITF	–	–	–	12,768	12,768
Quoted shares	–	–	–	444	444
Total	₱151,480	₱2,424	₱9,816	₱332,453	₱496,173
Loans payable	₱507,893	₱–	₱–	₱–	₱507,893
Trade and other payables					
Trade	254,628	–	37,896	75,895	368,419
Nontrade	24,840	–	–	–	24,840
Accrued expenses	29,547	–	–	–	29,547
Lease liability	1,083	–	1,393	8,198	10,674
Other noncurrent liabilities					
Equity of claimowner in contract operations	–	–	–	49,136	49,136
Total	₱817,991	₱–	₱39,289	₱133,229	₱990,509

**Excluding statutory payables*

December 31, 2019	On demand	0-90 days	More than 90 days	More than one year	Total
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash in banks	₱69,298	₱–	₱–	₱–	₱69,298
Short-term deposits	7,874	–	–	–	7,874
Trade and other receivables					
Trade	53,645	9,139	–	–	62,784
Receivables from lessees of bunkhouses	1,344	–	–	–	1,344
Advances under other noncurrent assets	–	–	63,356	–	63,356
Nontrade under other noncurrent assets	–	–	–	202,917	202,917
FVOCI					
UITF	–	–	–	12,724	12,724
Quoted shares	–	–	–	444	444
Total	₱132,161	₱9,139	₱63,356	₱216,085	₱420,741

December 31, 2019	On demand	0-90 days	More than 90 days	More than one year	Total
Loans payable	₱507,893	₱–	₱–	₱–	₱507.893
Trade and other payables					
Trade	292,619	–	74,039	–	366,658
Nontrade*	30,443	–	–	–	30,443
Accrued expenses	6,958	–	34,202	–	41,160
Lease liability	1,083	–	1,393	7,978	11,721
Other noncurrent liabilities					
Equity of claimowner in contract operations	–	–	–	49,136	49,136
Total	₱838,996	₱–	₱109,634	₱57,114	₱1,006,561

Credit Risk

Credit risk refers to the potential loss arising from any failure by counterparties to fulfill their obligations as these falls due. It is inherent to the business that potential losses may arise due to the failure of its customers and counterparties to fulfill their obligations on maturity dates or due to adverse market conditions.

The Group trades only with recognized, creditworthy third parties. It is the Group’s policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures.

With respect to credit risk arising from other financial assets of the Group, which comprise of cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, receivables from lessees of bunkhouses and loans receivable under trade and other receivables, advances under other noncurrent assets and FVOCI, the Group’s exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments.

Since the Group trades only with recognized third parties, there is no requirement for collateral. The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the consolidated statements of financial position. The maximum exposure is shown at each instrument's carrying amount, before the effect of mitigation through the use of master netting and collateral agreements.

	March 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in banks	**₱146,906**	₱68,621
Short-term deposits	**2,404**	7,874
Trade and other receivables		
Trade	**66,637**	62,784
Receivables from lessees of bunkhouses	**741**	1,344
Advances under other current assets	**63,356**	63,356
Nontrade under other noncurrent assets	**202,917**	202,917
	₱482,961	₱406,896

The table below shows the credit quality by class of financial assets based on the Group's rating:

	Neither past due nor impaired				
March 31, 2020	**High-grade**	**Standard-grade**	**Past due but not impaired**	**Impaired**	**Total**
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash in banks	**₱146,906**	**₱–**	**₱–**	**₱–**	**₱146,906**
Short-term deposits	**2,404**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2,404**
Trade and other receivables					
Trade	**–**	**66,637**	**–**	**27,882**	**94,519**
Receivables from lessees of bunkhouses	**–**	**–**	**741**	**3,644**	**4,385**
Loan receivable	**–**	**–**	**–**	**49,763**	**49,763**
Advances under other current assets	**–**	**–**	**63,356**	**2,411**	**65,767**
Nontrade under other noncurrent assets	**–**	**–**	**202,917**	**151,892**	**354,809**
Total credit risk exposure	**₱149,310**	**₱66,637**	**₱267,014**	**₱235,592**	**₱718,553**

	Neither past due nor impaired				
December 31, 2019	High-grade	Standard-grade	Past due but not impaired	Impaired	Total
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash in banks	₱68,621	₱–	₱–	₱–	₱68,621
Short-term deposits	7,874	–	–	–	7,874
Trade and other receivables					
Trade	–	62,784	–	27,882	90,666
Receivables from lessees of bunkhouses	–	–	1,344	3,644	4,988
Loan receivable	–	–	–	49,763	49,763
Advances under other current assets	–	–	63,356	2,411	65,767
Nontrade under other noncurrent assets	–	–	202,917	151,892	354,809
Total credit risk exposure	₱76,495	₱62,784	₱267,617	₱235,592	₱642,488

The Group has assessed the credit quality of the following financial assets:

a. Cash and cash equivalents are assessed as high-grade since these are deposited in reputable banks, which have a low probability of default..
b. Trade receivables, which pertain mainly to receivables from sale of nickel ore, were assessed asstandard-grade. These were assessed based on past collection experience and the debtors' ability to pay.

c. UITF and quoted financial assets at FVOCI were assessed as high-grade since these are instruments from companies with good financial condition and are operating in an industry which has potential growth.
d. Other financial assets such as receivables from lessees of bunkhouses, loans receivables, advances to contractors under other current assets and nontrade under other noncurrent assets were assessed as standard-grade, based on past collection experience and debtors' ability to pay.

Impairment of Financial Assets
The Group has financial assets consisting of cash and cash equivalent, trade receivables, UITF and quoted financial asset at FVOCI, receivables from lessees of bunkhouses, loan receivable, advances to contractors under "other current assets" and nontrade under "other noncurrent assets". While cash and cash equivalent are also subject to the impairment requirements of PFRS 9, the identified impairment loss were immaterial.

The Group applies the PFRS 9 simplified approach in measuring ECL which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. On the other hand, the general approach was used in measuring ECL for receivables from lessees of bunkhouses, loan receivable, advances to contractors under "other current assets" and nontrade under "other noncurrent assets".

Market Risks
Interest Rate Risk
Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group's exposure to interest rate risk relates primarily to the Group's long-term debt obligations with floating interest rates.

As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Group's exposure to the risk for changes in market interest rate relates primarily to its secured bank loans and unsecured bank loans with floating interest rates. The Group regularly monitors its interest due to exposure from interest rates movements.

The Group's secured and unsecured loans payable are both payable on demand while other loans payable are payable within 3 years. Nominal interest rates vary from floating rate of 91-day Philippine PhP T-bill rate for peso loans and 3-month LIBOR foreign loans, plus a margin of 2.5% for unsecured loans and 3.5% for secured loans.

Foreign Currency Risk
Foreign currency risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group takes on exposure to effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial performance and cash flows. The Group has transactional currency exposures. Such exposure arises from the sale of gold and nickel ore and the purchase of certain goods and services denominated in US$. All sales of gold and nickel ore are denominated in US$. Dollar conversion of metal sales to Philippine peso is based on the prevailing exchange rate at the time of sale.

The Group's policy is to maintain foreign currency exposure within acceptable limits. The Group believes that its profile of foreign currency exposure on its assets and liabilities is within conservative limits for an institution engaged in the type of business in which the Group is involved. The Group did not seek to hedge the exposure on the change in foreign exchange rates between the US$ and the Philippine peso. The Group believes that active currency hedging would not provide long-term benefits to stockholders.

The Group's foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 follow:

	March 31, 2020		December 31, 2019	
	US$	**Peso equivalent**	US$	Peso equivalent
Financial Assets				
Cash in banks	**$4**	**₱203**	$8	₱405
Trade receivables under "trade and other receivables"	**527**	**26,708**	527	26,685
Total monetary assets	**$535**	**₱26,911**	$535	₱27,090

As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the exchange rates of the Philippine peso to the US$ based on the Philippine Dealing System are ₱50.68 and ₱50.64, respectively.

The sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in the US$ exchange rate, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's income before income tax as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 is as follows:

March 31, 2020	**Change in foreign exchange rate**	**Income before income tax effect**
	Strengthens by 1.25%	**₱338**
	Weakens by 2.33%	**(632)**

December 31, 2019	Change in foreign exchange rate	Income before income tax effect
	Strengthens by 1.25%	₱338
	Weakens by 2.33%	(632)

Equity Price Risk
Equity price risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from changes in stock exchange indices relating to its quoted equity securities. The Group's exposure to equity price risk relates primarily to its financial assets at FVOCI.

The Group's policy is to maintain its risk to an acceptable level. Movement of share prices is monitored regularly to determine impact on the consolidated statement of financial position.

Management believes that its exposure to equity price risk is not material to the consolidated financial statements as a whole; thus, disclosure of equity price risk analysis was deemed unnecessary.

Capital Management
The Group maintains a capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to optimize the use and earnings potential of the Group's resources, ensuring that the Group complies with externally imposed capital requirements, if any, and considering changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the Group's activities.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may obtain additional advances from stockholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes in 2020, and 2019. The Group monitors capital using the parent company financial statements. As at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Group has met its capital management objectives.

The following table summarizes the total capital considered by the Group:

	March 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Capital stock	**₱616,863**	₱616,863
Capital surplus	**380,382**	380,382
Retained earnings	**2,274,104**	2,217,403
Other components of equity	**1,205,115**	1,205,018
Treasury shares	**(8,016)**	(8,016)
	₱4,468,448	₱4,411,650

Further, the Group monitors capital using debt to equity ratio, which is total liabilities divided by total equity. Debt to equity ratios of the Group as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 are as follows:

	March 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Total liabilities (a)	**₱2,510,172**	₱2,509,890
Total equity (b)	**4,468,448**	4,411,650
Debt-to-equity ratio (a/b)	**0.56:1**	0.57:1

5. Seasonality and Cyclicality of Interim Operation

There are no significant seasonality or cyclicality in its business operation that would have material effect on the Groups's financial condition or results of operations.

6. Events After End of Reporting Period

COVID-19 Outbreak
In early January 2020, an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by the COVID-19 coronavirus was identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. In a move to contain this outbreak in the Philippines, on March 13, 2020, the Office of the President issued a Memorandum directive to impose stringent social distancing measures and partial lockdown in the National Capital Region (NCR) effective March 15, 2020. During this partial lockdown, land, domestic air, and domestic sea travel to and from Metro Manila were suspended until April 14, 2020, while international departures were permitted. Mass transportation within Metro Manila was also suspended and only limited utility services were continued to operate with social distancing guidelines.

On March 17, 2020, the Office of the President announced the placement of the entire island of Luzon on enhanced community quarantine (ECQ). On April 7, 2020, the ECQ was extended until April 30, 2020. On April 24, it was further extended until May 15, 2020. On May 12, 2020, the ECQ was still in force and was further modified, as Metro Manila was placed under modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) until May 31, 2020. Effective June 1, 2020, NCR was placed under general community quarantine (GCQ).

The outbreak's impact on the mining and related logistics activities of the Group is minimal, compared to the manufacturing, food, entertainment, tourism, and other sectors where risks of transmission are high.

Thus, this event has no significant impact on the Group in 2020, aside from additional costs for the rapid testing kits, protective devices, facemasks, alcohol and sanitizers, hand soap, and thermal scanner provided to and for the use of Group personnel.

The Group considered the measures taken by the government as a non-adjusting subsequent event, which did not impact its financial position and performance as at March 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019. The measures taken to manage the risks include subjecting the Group personnel who travelled to other region to rapid testing and quarantine, disinfection of equipment and working areas, provision of facemask, alcohol or sanitizers, hand soap, designation of a safety officer and requiring employees to always observe physical distancing and wear face mask, wash and sanitize hands frequently, undergo temperature checks, hold videoconferencing or online meetings and receive medical assistance (in compliance with protocols issued by the government).

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMPANY
(FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2020)

i.) The disclosure on significant accounting principles, policies, and practices are substantially the same with the disclosure made in 2019 financial statements. Additional disclosures on the significant changes of accounts and subsequent events are presented in the Management Discussion and Analysis.

ii.) During the First Quarter of 2020, there were no seasonal or cyclical aspects that materially affect the operation of the Company, no substantial nature and amount of changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year or changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years, and no unusual items that materially affect the Company's assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows.

iii.) Issuances, Repurchases, Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities – During the First Quarter of 2020, there were no securities sold by the Company which were not registered under the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) including the sales of reacquired securities, new issues, securities issued in exchange of property, services or other securities and new securities resulting from the modification of outstanding securities.

iv.) Dividends – Pursuant to the restrictions provided for in the Company's loan agreement with creditor banks, no cash dividends were declared during the First Quarter 2020.

v.) Segment Information - The Company is principally engaged in mining industry. Its operating revenues as of March 31, 2020 mainly consist sales of gold to Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas amounting to ₱169.9 million and nickel ores amounting to ₱205.2 million.

vi.) Subsequent Material Events - There were no material events subsequent to the end of the quarter that have been reflected in the financial statements for the period.

vii.) There were no changes in the composition of the Company, business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long-term investments and no substantial changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets from 2019.