THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

PHILIPPINES

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Agriculture was most important to the Philippine's economy; rice, fruit, and coconut were the major cash crops. The mining and quarrying sector of the minerals industry continued to decline in importance, contributing less than 1.5% to the country's gross domestic product in 1995. Although copper and gold remained the backbone of the country's mineral sector, production has been hampered for several years by the effects of natural disasters—including intense volcanic activity, cyclonic storms resulting in severe flooding, and periods of extensive drought—along with low international prices, and an inadequate mining law. Additionally, foreign investment was impeded by the requirement for 60% domestic equity control and high excise taxes (mineral royalties) on production.

The President of the Philippines on March 3, 1995, signed into law Republic Act 7942, an *Act Instituting a New System of Mineral Resources, Exploration, and Conservation.* This long-awaited landmark piece of legislation, more commonly referred to as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, had been sought by the Philippine mining industry through the Philippine Chamber of Mines for nearly a decade—since ratification of the Philippine Constitution in 1987. Along with the Excise Tax Act of 1994 that reduced excise tax (royalty) rates on metallic and industrial minerals and quarry resources, these measures were expected to enable the domestic mining industry to regain its competitiveness. Small-scale mining was not affected by the new mining act; this sector still was to be governed by Republic Act 7076, the Small-Scale Mining Act.

The new mining code allowed companies (contractors) to obtain an exploration permit granting them the right to explore for all minerals within a specified area for up to 4 years (initially 2 years, but renewable for another 2 years). Upon finding a viable deposit, the code provided four basic types of production agreements, with a duration of up to 50 years (initially 25 years, renewable for another 25 years):

1. Mineral production sharing agreement. The contractor would provide all of the necessary financing, technology, personnel, and management; and the Government would receive a share of the gross output as excise tax revenue.

2. Coproduction agreement. The Government would enter into a negotiated agreement with the contractor, providing input into the operation apart from the mineral resource itself (the Government already has ownership of the minerals) in exchange for a share percentage of the gross production; the Government also would receive excise taxes, the contractor's income tax, withholding tax, and any other taxes and fees required by law.

3. Joint-venture agreement. Both the Government and the contractor would hold equity shares in the project, with the Government entitled to its share of the gross production, as agreed, in addition to all taxes and fees relative to the mining output.

4. Financial or technical assistance agreement (FTAA). The FTAA was designed to encourage large-scale projects requiring an investment of at least US\$25 million. Unlike the other types of agreement that only allow for a 40% equity interest, the FTAA would allow an initial 100% foreign ownership; however, this would have to be divested to 40% 10 years after preoperating expenses had been recovered.

The new mining code also provided for several incentives to encourage mining, including a 4-year income tax holiday; tax- and duty-free capital equipment imports; value-added tax exemptions; income tax deductions where operations are posting losses; and accelerated depreciation. In addition, the Government also has guaranteed the right of repatriation of the entire proceeds of the investment as well as freedom from expropriation.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources was the primary Government agency responsible for conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's natural resources, including its minerals.

The minerals industry of the Philippines employed an estimated 400,000 people, or about 1.5% of the labor force, including an estimated 300,000 workers engaged in small-scale mining and panning activities, chiefly in artisanal gold workings. The metallic sector accounted for an estimated 75% of the industry's production value and nearly 100% of export earnings. Of the dozen or so major mining companies engaged in metal mining, six produced copper, gold, and silver from various operations; one of the six companies also produced refractory chrome ore; three additional companies operated mines for gold and silver; and three companies mined nickel ore. The industrial minerals sector was dominated by the production of limestone for cement manufacture, marble, and sand and gravel for construction uses.

Refined gold and copper continued to be the country's most

important mineral products, each representing more than 30% of total mineral value.

Japan remained the primary market for the country's mineral products in 1995. Almost all of the Philippine production of chromite and nickel and more than 60% of its copper concentrates were exported to Japan. The remaining copper concentrates were smelted by the Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining Corp. (PASAR) into copper cathodes at Isabel, Leyte Province, for export, again primarily to Japan.

The Philippines has had one of the oldest and most active mining industries of Southeast Asia, with a strong, established mining structure. The mining industry of the Philippines was dominated by a few large-scale private local companies mining chromite, copper, gold, nickel, and silver. Coal was mined by numerous private companies and three subsidiaries of the state-owned Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC). One of the large Government-owned companies, the Semirara Coal Corp., produced about 65% of the country's coal. Copper, ferroalloys, and phosphate fertilizer were produced by three joint-venture firms. Cement was produced by private companies; most were Filipino owned, with only minor foreign interests.

Chromite ore production was centered in the Province of Zambales in northern Luzon where Benguet Corp. mined the world's largest single refractory chromite deposit, the Coto Mine, at its Masinloc operations.

Ferrochrome Philippines Inc. restarted production of ferrochromium in March at the rate of 3,500 metric tons per month following the return of sufficient rainfall to produce enough power to operate the plant. Ferrochrome Philippines was planning furnace and kiln renovations and repairs in 1996. Although Integrated Chrome Corp. and Philippine Minerals and Alloy Corp., formerly Ferro-Chemicals Inc., also resumed operations with the return of an adequate power supply, production was restricted during the year because of limited ore supplies.

The Canadian companies Echo Bay Mines Ltd. and TVI Pacific Inc. entered into an option in midyear to acquire Benguet's Kingking copper-gold prospect on Mindanao Island. Echo Bay and TVI were to form a new company, Kingking Mines Inc.; Echo Bay, as operator, was to acquire a 75% interest in the \$18.5 million project, with TVI holding the remaining 25%. Benguet, however, retained the option to buy a 20% interest in Kingking Mines should development of the project proceed.

In December, Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corp. entered into a 50-year lease agreement with Astron Resources Ltd., a Malaysian-based Australian company, for the reopening of Atlas' Carmen open pitunderground and Lutopan underground copper-gold mines in the Toledo District of central Cebu Island. The companies were to share equally the net proceeds from the operation. With Astron as manager of the newly formed Toledo Copper Corp., production was expected to be 32,000 metric tons per day (t/d) within 9 months after startup and 42,000 t/d after 2 years, when the Lutopan Mine was expected to be reopened.

Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. Inc. embarked late in the year on a program to develop additional copper-gold mineralization south of its Mankayan Mine in Benguet Province, Luzon Island. Production from this area was expected gradually to replace the remnant ores currently being mined.

Maricalum Mining Corp. was planning to rehabilitate its Sipalay copper mine on Negros Island in the central Philippines. The revitalization was expected to be completed during 1997. Maricalum had a marketing contract with Marubeni Corp. covering 90% of its copper concentrate production; the remaining 10% was sold to the country's only copper smelter at Isabel, Leyte Island, operated by PASAR.

Manila Mining Corp. increased its milling capacity to at least 8,000 t/d of ore at its placer gold mine on Mindanao with the installation of another semiautogenous grinding mill. The increase in milling capacity was to offset decreasing gold grades.

The tonnage milled at Benguet's Antamok gold operation in Benguet Province, Luzon Island, increased about 14% because of the rehabilitation project that was implemented during the year. However, the gold grade was 15% lower, and gold production for the year was 4% less than that of 1994.

The Philippines does not have a fully integrated steel sector, although several rod and bar mills and galvanizing plants have been established, all since the end of World War II.

Steelmaking in the Philippines involved scrap-based electric furnace steel melting operations, of which there were 17 facilities in 1995--13 in the National Capital Region; 3 in Pampanga Province to the northwest of Manila, the capital; and the Government-owned National Steel Corp.'s (NSC) steelworks at Iligan, Mindanao. NSC was the single largest steel company in the country, producing about one-third of total production.

The Philippine Sinter Corp., owned by Kawasaki Steel Corp. of Japan, imported iron ore fines from various overseas sources, primarily Australia, and exported iron ore sinter and pellets to Japan. The plant was opened in 1977 and has a capacity of 5 million metric tons per year (t/yr).

Manganese output was centered on the islands of Bohol, Busuanga, Marinduque, Masbate, and Siquijor, as well as in the Provinces of Zamboanga del Sur and Agusan del Norte on Mindanao. Many of the deposits, however, were small and unsuitable for large-scale mining operations.

The mainstay of Philippine nickel production continued to be Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp.'s Rio Tuba Mine in the far south of Palawan Island, Palawan Province. Hinatuan Mining Corp. and Taganito Mining Corp. both operated smaller mines in Surigao del Norte Province on Mindanao. All three worked lateritic nickel deposits, exporting all ore production to Japan.

Pacific Nickel Holdings, a consortium consisting of two London-based investors, Wheelock NatWest (a Hong Kong affiliate of the United Kingdom's National Westminster Bank) and Australia's Minproc Engineering, reportedly reached agreement near yearend with the Government's Asset Privatization Trust (APT) for the purchase of the nickel mines and refinery, previously operated by Philnico Mining and Industrial Corp., on Nonoc Island, Surigao del Norte Province. The purchase price of US\$333 million, US\$8 million higher than the figure originally agreed to because of the inclusion of an ammonia tank farm, included a 24megawatt, on-site powerplant, extensive lateritic ore reserves containing nickel and cobalt, and the 35,000-metric-ton-peryear capacity refinery near Surigao City. The cost of rehabilitating the refinery was estimated to be US\$187.5 million. The negotiated agreement required seeking by Pacific Nickel settlement of ownership claims with Philnico's previous owner, a renowned Filipino business executive. Philnico finally ceased mining on Nonoc Island in March 1986, and the APT foreclosed on the properties because of low metal prices. The refinery previously was seized and mothballed in 1984 by the APT for unpaid debt owed to a state-owned bank.

Because of the extensive rehabilitation required following a decade of disuse, production probably would not begin for 2 to 3 years after the decision was made to proceed with renovation and development. Approximately 3,000 employees, about the same number of people employed in Philnico's operations before closure, were considered necessary to resume the operation. The Nonoc nickel mining-refining complex was the largest of all assets, including nonmining ones, to have been sold by the APT.

Coal in the Philippines generally is classified as lignite or subbituminous and is of poor quality for use in power generation. Thus, higher grade imported coal was blended with indigenous coals to improve its burning characteristics. Recently, the Philippines has imported about 900,000 t/yr of coal from Indonesia; 800,000 t/yr from Australia; and 400,000 t/yr from China. With domestic consumption of coals steadily increasing, the Government lowered in July the tariff rate to 20% on imported coals for a 3-year period. After the 3-year period, the tariff rate was to be reduced to 10% until 2004, when the final 5% rate was to take effect.

The Philippines has produced only about 2% of its crude petroleum requirements domestically, with about 95% of production coming from the West Linapacan Field in the Palawan Basin off the northwest coast of Palawan Island. Remaining domestic production was from the reopening of the Matinloc Field and the older Nido Field, both also in the Palawan Basin in the South China Sea.

The country's only gas producer was the onshore San Antonio Field on Luzon Island operated by the PNOC.

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TABLE 1 PHILIPPINES: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

METALS Arsenic: White (equivalent of arsenic acid) e/ Chromium: Chromite, gross weight: Metallurgical-grade Chemical-grade Refractory-grade Total Copper: Mine output, Cu content Metal: Smelter Refined Gold, mine output, Au content kilograms Iron and steel: Ferroalloys, electric-furnace:	<u>5,000</u> 89,208 19,756 82,520 191,484 148,347 167,462 115,471 25,916	5,000 30,925 r/ 9,988 39,596 r/ 80,509 r/ 123,523 168,831	2,000 7,272 r/ 1,600 49,564 58,436 r/ 136,257	2.000 10,881 r/ 64,075 r/ 74,956 r/	2,000 20,000 75,000
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Smelter Refined Gold, mine output, Au content kilograms Iron and steel: Ferroalloys, electric-furnace:	115,471	168 831		112,070 17	100,000 0/
Refined Gold, mine output, Au content kilograms Iron and steel: Ferroalloys, electric-furnace:	115,471		212,446 r/	200,300 r/	198.000 3/
Gold, mine output, Au content kilograms Iron and steel:		112,460 r/	165.954 r/	154,713 r/	192,400 3/
Iron and steel: Ferroalloys, electric-furnace:		25,609 r/	21.155 r/	27,059 r/	27,144 3/
Ferroalloys, electric-furnace:	- ,	- ,	,	.,	.,
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Ferrochromium	23,700 r/	27,400	11,908	16,186	50,450 3/
Ferromanganese e/	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ferrosilicon e/	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Steel, crude thousand tons	605	497	623	473 r/	500
Lead: Metal, secondary refined	16,100	19,100	24,300	17,200 r/	17,200
Manganese ore and concentrate, gross weight	4,064	13,798 r/	12,418	10,000 e/	10,000
Nickel, mine output, Ni content	13,658	13,000 r/	7,663 r/	9,895 r/	15,075 3/
Silver, mine output, Ag content kilograms	38,414	32,785 r/	28,043 r/	29,562 r/	26,870 3/
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS	50,111	52,700 1	20,010 1	27,002 1	20,010 0/
Barite e/	500	500	500	500	500
Cement, hydraulic thousand tons	6,913	6,667 r/	7,962	9.600 r/	9,800
Clays:	0,910	0,007 1	1,702	2,000 1	,,000
Bentonite	42,066	7,428 r/	5,050	25,000 e/	20,000
Red	552	500 e/	791	800 e/	800
White	51.528	45.000 e/	5,557	50.000 e/	50,000
Other	808,133	742,074	700,000 e/	800,000 e/	800,000
Feldspar	47,979	48,400 r/	44,600 r/	30,000 e/	30,000
Gypsum and anhydrite, natural	28,000	25,000	25,000 e/	25,000 e/	25,000
Lime e/	7,458 3/	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Magnesite e/	700	700	700	700	700
Perlite	2,894	2,800 e/	19,779	20,000 e/	20,000
Phosphate:	2,05	2,000 0	12,772	20,000 0	20,000
Guano	11,689	326 r/	859 r/	5,000 e/	5,000
Phosphate rock	20,633	4,834	91,779	20,000 e/	20,000
Pyrite and pyrrhotite (including cuprous), gross weight	359,607	350,000 e/	316,980	320,000 e/	320,000
Salt, marine	492,859	495,816	535,481	540,000 r/ e/	540,000
Sand and gravel:	.,	190,010	555,101	510,000 1. 6	210,000
Silica sand thousand tons	532	744 r/	828	800 e/	800
Other 4/ thousand cubic meters	15.677	15,787	15,913 r/	15,000 e/	15,000
Stone:	15,077	15,707	15,915 1/	15,000 6	15,000
Dolomite	608,779	470,293 r/	108,150 r/	675,000 e/	675,000
Limestone 5/ thousand tons	5,384	5,092	5,190	5,000 e/	5,000
Marble (dimension), unfinished cubic meters	24,178	263,799 r/	359,394	300,000 e/	300,000
Volcanic cinder e/ do.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tuff	51,756	50,000 e/	3,264	50,000 e/	50,000
Quartz e/	60,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Crushed, broken, other e/ 6/ thousand cubic meters	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sulfur: e/	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
S content of pyrite	155,000	64,000	114,000	100,000	100,000
Byproduct of metallurgy	119,000	111,000	147,000	125,000	125,000
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS	119,000	111,000	147,000	125,000	125,000
Coal, all grades thousand tons	1,267	1,655 r/	1,531	1,300 r/ e/	1,320 3/
Petroleum:	1,207	1,055 1/	1,551	1,500 1/ 6/	1,520 5/
Crude thousand 42-gallon barrels	1,091	2,945	3,321	1,825 r/	1,205 3/
Refinery products:	1,091	2,745	3,321	1,023 1/	1,205 5/
Liquefied petroleum gas do.	2,777	2,914	2,607	2,806	2,800
Gasoline do.	15,321	2,914 13,378	13,052		12,200
Jet fuel do.	3,400 e/	4,067	3,058	12,168 4,352	4,350

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 1--Continued PHILIPPINES: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity 2/	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995 e/	
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Petroleum: Refinery productsContinued:						
Kerosene	do.	3,299	4,280	4,270	3,916	3,900
Distillate fuel oil	do.	24,157	26,733	25,213	26,338	26,300
Residual fuel oil	do.	24,131	27,474	28,431	29,582	29,600
Other	do.	5,500 e/	3,922	5,886	5,230	5,250
Refinery fuel and losses	do.	2,839	3,300	3,300	3,262	3,250
Total	do.	81,424 e/	86,068	85,817	87,654	87,650

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised.

1/ Table includes data through May 28, 1996.

2/ In addition to the commodities listed, the Philippines produces platinum-group metals as byproducts of other metals, but output is not reported quantitatively, and no basis

is available to make reliable estimates.

3/ Reported figure.

4/ Includes "pebbles" and "soil" not further described.

5/ Excludes limestone for road construction.

6/ Includes materials described as rock, crushed or broken; stones, cobbles, and boulders; rock aggregates; and broken adobe.

TABLE 2

PHILIPPINES: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY FOR 1995

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

			Annual
Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	capacity e/
Cement	Alsons Cement Corp., 100%	Lugait plant, Mindanao Island	624
Do.	Bacnotan Consolidated Industries Inc., 100%	Bacnotan Plant, Luzon Island	1,200
Do.	Davao Union Cement Corp., 100%	Davao City plant, Mindanao Island	648
Do.	Iligan Cement Corp., 100%	Iligan City plant, Mindanao Island	634
Do.	Northern Cement Co. Inc., 100%	Sison plant, Luzon Island	640
Do.	Republic Cement Corp., 100%	Norzagaray plant, Luzon Island	950
Do.	Rizal Cement Co. Inc., 100%	Binangonan plant, Luzon Island	964
Chromite:			
Concentrate	Acoje Mining Co. Inc., operator. (Voest Alpine AG of Austria,	Santa Cruz Mine, Zambales Province,	100 1/
	75.6%; and Merlin Mining NL of Australia, 24.4%)	Luzon Island	
Do.	Alamag Processing Corp., operator. (Pacific Shore Mining Co.,	Llorente, Eastern Samar Province,	20 2/
	50%; and Rio Chico Mining Corp., 50%)	Samar Island	
Do.	Benguet Corp., 70%, operator; and Consolidated Mines Inc., 30%	Masinloc Chromite Operations, Zambales Province, Luzon Island	105 3/
Ferrochromium	Ferrochrome Philippines Inc., operator. (Voest Alpine AG of	Tagoloan plant, Misamis Oriental Province,	60
	Austria, 100%)	Mindanao Island	
Do.	Philippine Minerals and Alloy Corp., 100%	Manticao plant, Misamis Oriental Province, Mindanao Island	10
Do.	Integrated Chrome Corp., 100%	do.	28
Coal	Semirara Coal Corp. (Government), manager. Voest Alpine AG of Austria, 60%; National Development Corp., 36%; and Development Bank of the Philippines, 4%)	Unong Mine, Antique Province, Semirara Island	1,000
Copper, ore	Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corp., 100%	Cebu Copper Operations, Cebu Province, Cebu Island	24,250
Do.	Benguet Corp., 50%, operator; and Dizon Copper-Silver Mines Inc., 50%	Dizon Copper-Gold Operation, Zambales Province, Luzon Island	6,000
Do.	Far Southeast Resources Inc., manager. (Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. Inc., 60%; and CRA Ltd. of Australia, 40%)	Far South East Project, Benguet Province, Luzon Island	4,000 4/
Do.	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. Inc., 100%	Mankayan Mine, Benguet Province, Luzon Island	1,100
Do.	Marcopper Mining Corp., operator. Provident Tree Farms, 60%, and Placer Dome Inc. of Canada, 40%	Marcopper Mine, Marinduque Province, Marinduque Island	30,000
Do.	Maricalum Mining Corp., manager. [Asset Privatization Trust (Government), 100%]	Sipalay Mine, Negros Occidental Province, Negros Island	6,250
Do.	Philex Mining Corp., 100%	Sto. Tomas II (Padcal) Mine, Benguet Province, Luzon Island	10,200
Copper, metal, refined	Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining Corp., operator. [National Development Corp. (Government), 42%; Japanese consortium of companies led by Marubeni Corp., 32%; domestic copper producers led by Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corp., 21%; and International Finance Corp. (United Nations Agency), 5%]	Isabel, Leyte Province, Leyte Island	172

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(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

				Annual
Commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	capacity e/
Gold kild	ograms	Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corp., 100%	Masbate Gold Operations, Masbate Province, Masbate Island	2,500 5/
Do.	do.	Benguet Corp., 100%	Benguet Gold Operations, Benguet Province, Luzon Island	1,100 5/
Do.	do.	do.	Benguet Antamok Gold Operation, Benguet Province, Luzon Island	3,000
Do.	do.	Philex Mining Corp., 100%	ex Mining Corp., 100% Bulawan Mine, Negros Occidental Province, Negros Island	
Do.	do.	United Paragon Mining Corp., operator. (Paragon Resources of Australia, 12.5%; and public shares, 87.5%)	Longos Mine, Camarines Norte Province, Luzon Island	1,800
Iron ore, sinter		Philippine Sinter Corp., operator. (Kawasaki Steel Corp. of Japan, 100%)	Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental Province, Mindanao Island	5,000 6/
Nickel, ore		Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp., 60%; and Japanese interests, 40%	Rio Tuba Mine, Palawan Province, Palawan Island	500
Do.		Taganito Mining Corp., 100%	Taganito Mine, Palawan Province, Palawan Island	100
Petroleum thousand 42-gallon barrels p	er day	Caltex (Philippines) Inc., 100%	Caltex Batangas Refinery, Batangas Province, Luzon Island	68
Do.	do.	Petron Corp., operator. [Philippine National Oil Co. (Government), 100%	Petron Bataan Refinery, Bataan Province, Luzon Island	156
Do. thousand 42-gallon barrels p	er day	Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., 100%	Shell Batangas Refinery, Batangas Province, Luzon Island	70
Steel		National Steel Corp., operator. [National Development Corp. (Government), 100%]	Iligan, Lanao del Norte Province, Mindanao Island	350

e/ Estimated.

Definited:
 Metallurgical-grade concentrates.
 Chemical-grade concentrates.
 Refractory-grade concentrates.

4/ In planning stage during year.5/ On care and maintenance during year.

6/ Self-fluxing sinter.