#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### SEC FORM 17-C

# CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1.	March 27, 2024 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)				
2.	SEC Identification Number	CS200811530	3.	BIR Tax Identification N	o. <b>007-085-191</b>
4.	NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter				
5.	Philippines 6. SEC Use Only) Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation  6. Industry Classification Code:				
7.	28 <sup>th</sup> Floor NAC Tower, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City Address of principal office 1634 Postal Code				
8.	(632) 7777-7622 Issuer's telephone number, including area code				
9.	Not Applicable Former name or former address, if changed since last report				
10.	0. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 $\scriptstyle  ext{c}$				
	Title of Each Class  COMMON		Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding		
				13,931,125,094	
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11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein:

#### Item 9. Other Events

Nickel Asia Corporation ("NAC") hereby submits the following certifications of Annual Verification by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau of NAC's Affiliates' Mining Claims:

- 1. MPSA No. 078-97-XIII in favor of East Coast Mineral Resources Company, Inc. (ECMRCI), with whom the affiliate of Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC), Cagdianao Mining Corporation, has an existing Operating Agreement with ECMRCI in relation to said MPSA;
- 2. MPSA No. 258-2007-II in favor of NAC's affiliate, Dinapigue Mining Corporation;
- 3. MPSA No. 012-092-VIII, located in Manicani Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar, in favor of NAC's affiliate, Hinatuan Mining Corporation (HMC);
- 4. MPSA No. 246-2007-XIII in favor of NAC's affiliate, HMC;
- 5. MPSA No. 266-2008-XIII in favor of NAC's affiliate, Taganito Mining Corporation (TMC);
- 6. MPSA No. 284-2009-XIII in favor of Kepha Mining Exploration Limited Company (KMELC), with

whom TMC has an existing Operating Agreement with KMELC in relation to said MPSA; and 7. MPSA No. 114-98-IV and MPSA No. 213-2005-IVB in favor of NAC's affiliate, Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corporation.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION

March 27, 2024 Date

Issuer

By:

GEORGINA CAROLINA Y. MARTINEZ

Senior Vice President - Compliance and Corporate Support Services, Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Governance Officer, and Assistant Corporate Secretary



MMD-MTES-IC24-02-12-01412

## CERTIFICATION

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that EAST COAST MINERAL RESOURCES COMPANY, INC. (ECMRCI) is a holder of a valid and existing mining right under Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 078-97-XIII-SMR, which was approved on 19 November 1997 covering an area of Six Hundred Ninety-seven and 481/10,000 (697.0481) hectares located in the Municipality of Cagdianao, Province of Dinagat Islands. The MPSA is valid for twenty-five (25) years from the date of approval thereof and renewable for like period subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract. The rights to explore, develop and utilize the mineral deposits in the said MPSA contract area of ECMRCI was transferred to CAGDIANAO MINING CORPORATION (CMC) by virtue of an approved Memorandum of Agreement executed on 14 July 2000.

This is to certify further that MPSA No. 078-97-XIII-SMR is covered by an approved Declaration of Mining Project Feasibility covering the entire MPSA contract area issued on 21 June 2000 and is being developed and utilized by virtue of an approved Three-Year Development/Utilization Work Program (3YD/UWP) covering Calendar Years (CYs) 2020 to 2022. On 2 November 2022, CMC submitted to this Office a 3YD/UWP for CYs 2023-2025, which was endorsed to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Central Office (CO) on 12 January 2023, for final evaluation and approval. Consequently, on 25 April 2023, the 3YD/UWP was returned by MGB CO, for revision.

Moreover, ECMRCI, through CMC, has complied with the terms and conditions of the MPSA and the pertinent provisions of the Republic Act No. 7942 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, particularly the required submission of reports, payment of taxes and other obligations as prescribed under MPSA No. 078-97-XIII-SMR.

This Certification is issued upon the request of Engr. Christian Jae R. Gascon, Resident Manager of CMC, in compliance with the requirements under Section 17.14 of the Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Issued this 14th day of February, 2024 in Surigao City, Philippines.

By Authority of the Regional Director:





VERLIN MARY M. BALDAPAN
Chief, Mine Management Division
Officer-In-Charge

Certification fee: Php 50.00 Official Receipt No.: 2294636-M Date: 13 February 2024



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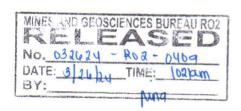
## CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement Contract of Dinapigue Mining Corporation (DMC) denominated as MPSA No. 258-2007-II located at Dinapigue, Isabela is valid and subsisting and that said properties are being developed in accordance with its approved work programs.

This is to certify further, that the listed mining company's claims/leases are still valid at the time this certification, with a disclosure of all liens and encumbrances.

That this Certification is issued this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 upon the request of Engr. Edwin R. Casiano, AVP-Mining Business & Resident Mine Manager in compliance with the requirements of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

The Certification Fee of PhP50.00 was paid under OR No. 12781874 on even date pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2005-08 re: "Providing for New Fees and Charges for Various Services of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau."









## Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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March 26, 2024

Ref. No. MGB-MMD-R2024-321

Mr. Gerald H. Brimo
President
Hinatuan Mining Corporation
29th Floor NAC Tower
32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City
Taguig City, Metro Manila.

Dear Mr. Brimo:

Attention: Mr. Philipp D. Ines

Resident Mine Manager

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This refers to the letter dated March 22, 2024 of Mr. Philipp D. Ines which was received by this Office on even date, requesting, among others, for a Certification of compliance of Hinatuan Mining Corporation's reportorial requirements of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

Relative thereto, this Office certifies that based on our records, **HMC** is a holder of valid and existing Mineral Production Sharing Agreement denominated as MPSA No. 012-92-VIII with an area of 1,164.5500 hectares located at Manicani Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

Further, this Office certifies that the status of the said MPSA has transitioned from care and maintenance to mining operation on March 12, 2024, in accordance with its approved Declaration of Mining Project Feasibility.

This serves as your requested Certification.

Very truly yours,

GLENN MANGELO C. NOBLE

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## CERTIFICATION

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that **HINATUAN MINING CORPORATION (HMC)** is a holder of a valid and existing mining right under the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 246-2007-XIII-SMR, which was approved on 25 July 2007 covering an area of Seven Hundred Seventy-Three and 77/100 (773.77) hectares located in the Municipality of Tagana-an, Province of Surigao del Norte. The MPSA is valid for twenty-five (25) years from the date of approval thereof and renewable for like period subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

This is to certify further that under Section 5.1 of MPSA No. 246-2007-XIII-SMR, HMC is allowed to commence development and commercial utilization activity immediately upon the approval and registration of the contract. Moreover, MPSA No. 246-2007-XIII-SMR is being developed and utilized by virtue of an approved Three-Year Development/Utilization Work Program (3YD/UWP) for Calendar Years (CY) 2020 to 2022. HMC submitted an updated 3YD/UWP for CYs 2023-2025 on 2 May 2023, which was endorsed to MGB CO on 22 May 2023, for final evaluation and approval. On 16 February 2024, the 3YD/UWP was approved by this Office on an interim basis.

This is to certify furthermore that HMC has complied with the terms and conditions of the MPSA and the pertinent provisions of the Republic Act No. 7942 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, particularly the required submission of reports, payment of taxes and other obligations as prescribed under MPSA No. 246-2007-XIII-SMR.

This certification is issued upon the request of Engr. Francisco J. Arañes, Jr., Vice President and Resident Mine Manager of HMC, in compliance with the requirements under Section 17.14 of the Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Issued this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024 in Surigao City, Philippines.





Regional Director

Certification fee: Php 50.00 Official Receipt No.: 2294677-M Date: 16 February 2024 MMD-MTES-IC24-01-22-00784

## CERTIFICATION

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that **TAGANITO MINING CORPORATION (TMC)** is a holder of a **valid and existing** mining right under the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 266-2008-XIII-SMR (Amended), which was approved on 18 June 2009 covering an area of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-two and 71/100 (4,862.71) hectares located in the Municipality of Claver, Province of Surigao del Norte. The MPSA is valid for twenty-five (25) years from the date of approval thereof and renewable for like period subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

This is to certify further that MPSA No. 266-2008-XIII-SMR (Amended) is being developed and utilized by virtue of an approved Three-Year Development/Utilization Work Program (3YD/UWP) dated 3 March 2021, duly amended on 6 April 2021, covering the Calendar Years (CY) from 2020 to 2022. On 2 December 2022, TMC submitted a 3YD/UWP for CYs 2023-2025, which was endorsed to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Central Office (CO) on 3 February 2023, for final evaluation and approval. Consequently, on 19 April 2023, the 3YD/UWP was returned by MGB CO, for revision, which the company complied through a Letter dated 1 June 2023.

Moreover, TMC has complied with the terms and conditions of the MPSA and the pertinent provisions of the Republic Act No. 7942 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, particularly the required submission of reports, payment of taxes and other obligations as prescribed under MPSA No. 266-2008-XIII-SMR (Amended).

This certification is issued upon the request of Engr. Artemio E. Valeroso, Vice President - Resident Mine Manager of TMC, in compliance with the requirements under Section 17.14 of the Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Issued this 29th day of January, 2024 in Surigao City, Philippines.





Regional Director

Certification fee: Php 50.00 Official Receipt No.: 2294530-M Date: 25 January 2024 MMD-MTES-IC24-01-22-00788

## CERTIFICATION

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **KEPHA MINING. EXPLORATION COMPANY (KMEC)** is a holder of a valid and existing mining right under the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 284-2009-XIII-SMR, which was approved on 19 June 2009 covering an area of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and 75/100 (6,980.75) hectares located in the Municipalities of Claver and Gigaquit, Province of Surigao del Norte. The MPSA is valid for twenty-five (25) years from the date of approval thereof and renewable for like period subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract. On 8 November 2021, this Office received a Letter from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Central Office informing that KMEC changed its company name from Kepha Mining Exploration Company to **KEPHA MINING EXPLORATION LIMITED COMPANY (KMELC).** Consequently, on our records, MPSA No. 284-2009-XIII-SMR is now registered and/or listed under the new corporate name upon submission of the Amended Articles of Incorporation, duly approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This is to certify further that the rights to explore, develop and utilize the mineral deposits in the said MPSA contract area of KMELC was transferred to Taganito Mining Corporation (TMC) by virtue of an Operating Agreement executed on 14 February 2007.

Moreover, the same area is being explored by virtue of an approved Exploration and Environmental Work Programs under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Renewal of the Exploration Period of MPSA No. 284-2009-XIII-SMR dated 19 March 2021.

This certification is issued upon the request of Engr. Artemio E. Valeroso, Vice President - Resident Mine Manager of TMC, in compliance with the requirements under Section 17.14 of the Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Issued this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024 in Surigao City, Philippines.





Regional Director

Certification fee: Php 50.00 Official Receipt No.: 2294531-M Date: 29 January 2024



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## CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the requirements of the Philippine Stock Exchange, this is to certify that:

- a. RIO TUBA NICKEL MINING CORPORATION's (the "Corporation") mining properties covered by Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) Nos. 114-98-IV and 213-2005-IVB granted on 04 June 1998 and 28 April 2005 covering an area of 4,538.4346 hectares and 85.0000 hectares, respectively, located in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan, are still valid and subsisting and that said MPSA contract areas are being developed according to the approved work programs; and
- b. The Corporation's rights covered by the above MPSAs are still valid at the time of the execution of this Certification.

This Certification is issued upon the request of the Corporation, in compliance with the annual documentary requirements of the Philippine Stock Exchange for Corporate Disclosures.

Issued this 08th day of February 2024 at Malate, Manila, Philippines.



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FELIZARDO A. GACAD, JR.

Regional Director

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