

Circular From NORTH

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Philippines: Closure of Nickel Ore Mines

It is reported that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) intends to close 23 of the country's 41 nickel ore mines, these include:

Region	Name of Closed Mine
Benguet	1. Benguet Corporation
Bulacan	2. Ore Asia Mining and Development Corporation
Zambales	3. Benguet Corp Nickel Mines Incorporated
	4. Eramen Minerals Incorporated
	5. Zambales Diversified Metals Corporation
	6. LNL Archipelago Minerals Incorporated
Homonhon	7. Mt Sinai Mining Exploration and Development Corporation
	8. Emir Minerals Corporation
	9. TechIron Mineral Resources Incorporated
Dinagat Islands (Surigao area)	10. AAMPFIL Natural Resources Exploration
	11. Kromico, Incorporated
	12. SinoSteel Philippines HY Mining Corporation
	13. Oriental Synergy Mining Corporation
	14. Wellex Mining Corporation
	15. Libjo Mining Corporation
	16. Oriental Vision Mining Philippines Corporation
Surigao del Norte	17. ADNAMA Mining Resources Corporation
	18. Claver Mineral Development Corporation
	19. Platinum Group Metals Corp.
	20. CTP Construction and Mining Corporation
	21. Carrascal Nickel Corporation
	22. Marcventures Mining and Development
	23. Hinatuan Mining Corporation

The 5 mines where operations have been suspended by the DNER are: Berong Nickel Corp; Citinickel Mines and Development Corp; Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corp; OceanaGold Phils and Strong Built Mining Development Corporation.

Members with vessels loading nickel ore in the Philippines should first ensure they are not loading from any of the listed mines as they may face allegations of “mineral theft”, leading to complications and subsequent delays.

Members should ensure when fixing their vessel that charterparties include an express warranty from their Charterers that the cargo to be shipped is legal and a wide indemnity covering all eventualities in the case that the cargo is subsequently found to be or alleged to be a prohibited cargo.

We take this opportunity to remind Members when fixing their vessel to load nickel ore of their obligation to report this to the Club. We would also draw attention to our circular in relation to the safe carriage of nickel ore in the Philippines and our most recent Industry News article on this topic:

- [Mandatory Notification Circular](#)
- [Safe Carriage of Nickel Ore circular](#)
- [Wet Nickel Ore in the Philippines](#)

The full text of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) list of closed and suspended mines can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

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