

2013 Report

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Benguet Corporation is committed to the protection and enhancement of the environment by ensuring that its mining operations are compliant with the strict regulations of the DENR-MGB (Mines and Geosciences Bureau) and other government agencies. It continues to implement various activities based on approved Annual Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (AEPEP) in close coordination with the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) and regularly monitored by the Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) composed of representatives from DENR, MGB, EMB, the community, the Local Government Units (LGU) and representatives from the Company. It spent Php 45,410,287.80 in the progressive rehabilitation and maintenance of environmental structures such as the tailings disposal system, settling ponds, sabo dams, drainage tunnels and canals, mine waste dumps, silt dams and domestic waste disposal. Your Company spent Php 684,973.00 in the environmental parameters monitoring, Php 2,228,354.00 in the implementation of wastes management programs, Php 784,027.00 for Risk Management and Safety Programs, Php1,797,705.67 for Regulatory Agencies' monitoring activities and Php 149,258 for other environmental related activities.

Continuous nursery maintenance and rehabilitation are being carried out in AGP and BNMI to expand seedling production for its massive reforestation program and community-based agro-forestry program. In support to the National Greening Program (NGP) of the government, a total of 167,850 seedlings were planted in your Company's mining areas. Implementation of these environmental programs demonstrates the commitment to environmental protection, management and sustainable development.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

As a continuing commitment and manifestation of the Company's Corporate Social Responsibility and compliance to the successful implementation of its Social Development and Management Programs, the Company has extended the various needs of its host and neighboring communities in all its areas of operations by way of its sensitivity to delivering it services in the following areas of concern:

On Human Resource Development and Institutional Building, the Company provided assistance on capacity building on Good Governance and Leadership Skills Enhancement for Barangay LGU and Disaster Management Training for High School students. Initiated skills training on micro-enterprise programs such as Meat and Fish Processing and Preservation, Hand Knitting and Technological Training on Organic Fertilizer Production. Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team, Day Care Workers, Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars and Philippine National Police were given skills training and incentives to improve and strengthen the services they are providing to their respective communities.

On Enterprise Development and Networking, the Company continues to promote economic development by supporting various livelihood projects such as goat and pig raising and dispersal, community based organic fertilizer production, cattle raising, mushroom production, meat and fish processing and preservation and community-based nursery establishment.

On Assistance to Infrastructure Development and Support Services, the Company provided assistance in the rehabilitation and maintenance of structures and facilities such as water systems, foot bridges, basketball court, Day Care Centers, community centers, school buildings

and school grounds, Barangay Health Centers and Barangay Halls. Other projects include construction of farm-to-market road, construction of school pavement, installation of water tanks, and maintenance of eco-trails in support to the tourism program of the government.

On Access to Education and Educational Support Programs, the Company installed the Chamber of Mines' Adopt-A-School Program, covering seven (7) Elementary Schools in its areas of operations by providing assistance in the maintenance of school grounds, school buildings, and provision of various cleaning materials and instructional materials and equipments. It also supported the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System (ALS) benefiting 105 Out-of-School Youths. High School, Voc Tech and College Scholarship Programs continue to benefit 154 students from the various host communities.

On Access to Health Services, Health Facilities and Health Professionals, the Company has conducted several Medical Outreach Programs to various host communities providing free medical consultations, free medicines, free eyewear, blood sugar tests, blood typing, cholesterol tests, ECG, blood pressure tests, urinalysis, dental services, massage therapy and ophthalmology services. Senior Citizens and Pediatric Care were given priority. In support to various government health programs, your Company continues to implement the PhilHealth Private Sponsorship Program for indigent families. Continuing deworming and Supplemental Feeding is given to Day Care and Grades 1 & 2 pupils of 14 Day Care Centers and 18 Elementary Schools and also the provision of assistance on the Nutrition Month Celebration. "Task Force Dengue" provides regular IEC to its host and neighboring communities considering the prevalence of dengue cases. Incentives are provided for Barangay Health Workers to assist them in reaching out far flung areas in the performance of their duties.

On Protection and Respect to Socio-Cultural Values, the Company provided assistance in the host and neighboring communities' cultural awareness programs such as the conduct of festivals promoting traditional and ethnic practices.

On the Use of facilities/services within the mine camp or plant site, the Company clinics and ambulance continue to cater to the emergency medical needs of members of the host and neighboring communities. Multi-purpose Halls were also used during various seminars, workshops and other activities. The Company's heavy equipment were used in the repair and maintenance of roads, desilt water ways, canals and gullies. Dump Trucks were also used in the Operation Evacuation during the Typhoons Labuyo and Maring.

The Company also provided assistance and participated in various activities promoting public awareness and education on mining activities and technology such as attendance in the Annual Mining Summit and continuous print and radio campaigns of the Company's social program accomplishments, conduct of Poster Making and Essay Writing Contest and production of Company and Barangay newsletters and journals. Relief Operations were also extended to assist the communities affected by typhoons. On the development of Mining technology, the Company sponsored 13 scholars studying mining related courses.