



SEC FORM 17-C

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

1. March 22, 2013.....  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number ....11341..... 3. BIR Tax Identification No. ...000-051-037.....
4. BENGUET CORPORATION.....  
Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
5. Metro Manila, Philippines..... 6.  (SEC Use Only)  
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Industry Classification Code:
7. 7th Universal Re-Building, 106 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City..... 1226.....  
Address of principal office Postal Code
8. 812-1380 / 751-9137.....  
Issuer's telephone number, including area code
9. ....  
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of February 28, 2013)
Convertible Preferred Class A	217,061
Common Class A	110,238,907*
Common Class B	66,783,397*
(*) – Net of Treasury Shares	
 Total consolidated outstanding principal debt as September 30, 2012 – Php2.4 Billion	

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: .....Item 9.....

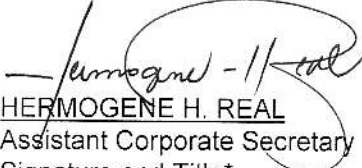
In compliance with the disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), the Company will issue the attached Press Release entitled "Benguet Growth Momentum Continues" to be published in the newspaper.

### SIGNATURE

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.

BENGUET CORPORATION

Issuer

  
HERMOGENE H. REAL  
Assistant Corporate Secretary  
Signature and Title\*

Date: March 22, 2013

\* Print name and title of the signing officer under the signature.

**BENGUET CORPORATION**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

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**BENGUET GROWTH MOMENTUM CONTINUES**

Benguet Corporation announced today a ₱637 million consolidated net income for 2012 from revenues of ₱1.82 billion, signaling sustained and dynamic growth.

The ramped-up Acupan gold mining output and the increased ore shipments of Benguetcorp Nickel Mines, Inc. (BNMI) provided the Company with steady and recurring income base amidst continued favorable metal prices.

Consolidated net earnings include non-recurring gains of ₱440 million, compared to ₱1.208 billion in 2011, while income generated from operations amounted to ₱253 million.

Revenues from gold had risen by 35% and will continue to grow as milling capacity increases to 300 metric tons per day by the second quarter of 2013. Nickel delivered ₱1.110 billion in revenues in 2012 or an increase of 209% from ₱533 million in 2011. With the demand for metals in the world market remaining strong, the Company expects the trend to further improve in 2013, premised on the projected increase in production capacity and stable market prices of gold and nickel.

Benguet is moving forward in the development of its pioneering gold tailings reprocessing project which is expected to be in commercial operation by first quarter of 2015, and in the expansion of its gold and nickel operations. Under its diversification strategy, new non-mining business units will provide additional income streams. It remains optimistic that the coming year will show robust net income performance, which will ultimately benefit all stakeholders.