

**MINING PHILIPPINES 2023** 

## Towards a Transformative and Sustainable Mineral Resources Development for Climate Action

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## Mining and its Environmental and Climate Change Impacts



Mining operations can influence local and national biodiversity and ecosystem services



Different Types of Impacts that Mining Can Have on Biodiversity

Source: Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF). (2021). IGF Guidance for Governments: Environmental management and mining governance. Winnipeg: IISD.

# Mining activities can have adverse effects on the environment



**Geomechanical:** rock shattering by explosions, topographical changes, deforestation, and disfigurement of surface terrain.



**Hydrological:** changes in groundwater reserves, movement, quality and levels, release of harmful substances from the surface and subsoil into water

Noise pollution and soil vibration



**Chemical:** changes in atmosphere and hydrosphere composition and properties (acidification, salinization, water and air pollution).



**Physical and mechanical:** environmental pollution by dust, changes in soil properties



Source: Environmental and Climate Change Impacts of Extractive Industries and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Research (2020)

## **Mining and Climate Change**

Insights from the **Global Resources Outlook 2019** by UNEP:

- In 2011, metals were responsible for 18% of resource-related climate change impacts and 39% of PM health impacts
- Iron and steel industry is responsible for the greatest share of climate change impact, as it is the most power consuming
- Significant contributions arise from aluminium production, due to considerable production amounts and high-energy requirements for the smelting of aluminium via electrolysis

#### Metal production amounts and environmental impacts of metal mining and processing from 2000 to 2015



*Data sources:* BGS, USGS, ecoinvent 3.4, World Steel. Note that secondary aluminum was not included for the ecotoxicity score due to a mistake in ecoinvent 3.4.

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Insights from the **Global Resources Outlook 2019** by UNEP:

- Mining and processing of copper and precious metals cause high toxicity impacts compared to their production amounts, attributed to sulfidic mining tailings
- Gold and precious metals are mined at much lower concentrations than bulk metals such as iron or aluminium
- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining is considered to be the largest anthropogenic source of Hg emissions, accounting for about 37% of annual emissions in 2010

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## **Mining and Climate Change**

Insights from the **Global Resources Outlook 2019** by UNEP:

- For Non-metallic mineral resources, majority of impacts come from their processing, not extraction
- The production of clinker, the main ingredient of cement, is responsible for the greatest share of climate change impact and a substantial share of the other impacts
- Sand mining may have local impacts on ecosystems

#### Climate change and PM health impacts of Non-metallic minerals extraction



Calculations based on data from IRP MFA database, WBSCD, FAOSTAT, ecoinvent 3.4 (processing impacts include cement, fertilizer and brick production; glass and ceramics production were disregarded).

Changing climatic conditions will have both direct (operational and performance-based) and indirect (securing of supplies and rising energy costs) impacts on the mining sector

(Sharma et al. 2013)

## Key climate risks to mining

- Increased demand for water conservation during droughts
- Increased demand for emergency services during flood events
- Reduced asset operating life
- Health and Safety risks for workforce
- Inability to meet performance targets resulting in impacts on share prices
- Increased demand for changing infrastructure design standards
- Increase in costs of water
- Disrupted access routes
- Conflicts with other water users
- Force Majeure
- Supply chain breakdowns

Source: Climate Change and Mining: A Foreign Policy Perspective (2016) by Lukas Rüttinger (adelphi)Vigya Sharma (University of Queensland)



## Mining and Low-Carbon and Green Technology Development



## **Responsible mining is critical to realize a low-carbon future**

- 1. Green energy technologies required for a low-carbon future will lead to a growth in demand for a wide range of minerals and metals
- 2. The shift to a low-carbon future will result in significant opportunities for resource-rich countries
- Increase in metals demand depends on both intertechnology choices, such as the balance between wind and solar power, and intra-technology choices, such as the type of wind technology used (onshore or offshore)



### **Critical Minerals Market Review 2023**

Solar PV Wind **Electric Cars** ≷ <sup>150</sup> 400 Million 15 МÖ 30% 70% 320 120 12 30% 60% 135% 240 90 q **4** 20% 160 60 80 30 3 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023e 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023e 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023e

Annual capacity additions for solar PV and wind and electric car sales

Clean energy technology deployment continued its upward march in 2022, with momentum expected to continue through 2023 and beyond

Source: International Energy Agency

Why will lowcarbon future be more mineral intensive?



Sources: Data primarily from the World Bank (2017), Levin Sources (2017), USGS (2017), Bloomberg New Energy Finance (2018), and the American Exploration & Mining Association (2013).

### What critical minerals do we have?



In 2022, out of the total mineral production value, 74.89% belongs to metallic minerals and 25.11% belongs to non-metallic minerals



### **Efforts on critical minerals development**

- The DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau, through its National Mineral Reservation Program, is currently undertaking advanced exploration of proposed Mineral Reservation areas in the Philippines to look for possible local sources of rare earth elements (REEs) and other critical minerals.
- Critical minerals policy objectives:
  - 1. Provide a **sustainable supply of critical minerals** for both local and global markets and
  - 2. Establish value-adding downstream mineral processing industries for critical minerals



### **Efforts on critical minerals development**

- Continuous updating of mineral resource and reserve inventory
- Expand collection of offshore and onshore mineral resource information through **Government-led exploration**
- Prioritize sustainable development of critical minerals within existing mineral reservations and fast-track the assessment, endorsement and declaration of proposed mineral reservations with identified critical minerals sources
- Streamlining of mining permit and contracts applications process and enhancement of environmental, social and governance standards
- Research and development activities for critical minerals



## Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies for Mining





#### Decarbonization

Cleaning up electricity supply; adopting transport innovations (electrification and automation); installation of clean, renewable energy sources, such as solar panels



#### **Resource Efficiency**

Sustainable development principles throughout the life cycle of minerals and metals; improve operational efficiency; international practices for water control in mine design; invest in technologies that result in more effective recycling operations and waste reduction



#### **Resilient Mining** Infrastructure

Regional/site-level modeling to identify and quantify physical risks and opportunities; build local infrastructure that considers climate change risks; ensure integrity of mining installations, the slopes of open pits, and tailings

storage facilities





#### **Digital Transformation**

Internet of Things (IoT) devices to generate the vast amounts of data needed for advanced analytics for asset management; use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for stockpile assessments, site surveying, and operations planning for blasting and rehabilitation; realtime monitoring of tailings facilities

#### **Promoting Local Sustainability**

Consider current and anticipated climate conditions when exploring regenerative agricultural practices, revegetation, water availability, and exposure to extreme events; initiate nature-based projects; develop biodiversity conservation programs, including marine and coastal resources protection



#### Advancing Gender Equality

Concretize SDG 5 Gender Equality Targets in mining projects; implement gender-responsive projects in the Social Development Management Programs (SDMPs); prioritize and capacitate women in sustainable, more responsive socio-civic

engagements



## **Opportunities in ESG**

#### What is the key risk for mining & metals?



Source: White & Case 2022 Mining & Metals market sentiment survey

#### 24% of respondents

viewed ESG issues as the biggest threat to mining and metals, rising to approximately 40% when climate-related activism and regulation is included.



## **Opportunities in ESG**

What area of mining & metals will face the most scrutiny from investors and regulators related to ESG and sustainability issues?



- Local community impact, including human rights issues
- Emissions from use of materials by customers
- Mine sites emissions
- Tailings management
- Water usage
- Other

Companies have the opportunity to correct decisions in every element of the ongoing battle to reduce their carbon footprint.

If this is achieved, it is possible to envision an energy transition that is aligned with the **ESG** objectives that are now so fundamental to the operations of a modern mining company



Source: White & Case 2022 Mining & Metals market sentiment survey

## Mining and Green Growth

#### **PUBLIC SECTOR**

- Facilitate investment in high-valueadding target sectors, whether through incentives, pricing based on the true cost of competing technologies, or setting of targets
- Form policy clusters reinforcing measures that offer transparent and predictable guidance to investors
- Continued setting and aligning with minimum climate standards, thereby projecting policy stability and encouraging investments

#### **PRIVATE SECTOR**

- Organizationally align central office/HQ sustainability and government affairs units with sitelevel operations
- Shift climate-related resources away from CSR teams and toward sitelevel resource planning and investment teams
- Continue to focus on "good neighbor zone" activities. Expand metrics tracking to include economic outcomes of green investments
- Aim for scale, and negotiate with governments for such scale

## **Mining Industry in Sustainable Future**

- Diversity of geographies and commodities produced by the industry
- Mining companies as catalysts for adaptation, not only within their own operations, but in their host communities and among regional businesses. Investment in the resilience of such partners is likely to b as important as ensuring the physical stability and resilience of the corporate value chain
- Sustainable production and consumption
- Transformative an active driver for change for a sustainable, inclusive and climate-resilient future



## Thank you for listening.

