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PT NEWMONT MINAHASA RAYA MEETS ALL MINING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AT BUYAT

(Manado, 9 June 2006). The criminal case trial against PT Newmont Minahasa Raya (PTNMR) continued today by presenting three expert witnesses, two of whom were from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (DESDM), previously known as the Department of Mining and Energy). They were Mr. Washington Tambunan (former head of North Sulawesi's Mining and Energy Office, currently head of North Sumatra Mining and Energy Office) and Mr. Ngadja Ginting Soeka (Coordinator of Mining Inspector, Technical Directorate of Mineral and Coal Technique, Directorate General of Geology and Mineral Resources). The other witness was L.T.X Lalamentik, a corral reef ecology researcher from the Fishery Faculty of the University of Sam Ratulangi.

Those witnesses revealed several facts:

Permits and Compliances

- PTNMR has all permits required to carry out mining activities in North Sulawesi.
- During its operation, PT NMR complied with Indonesia's prevailing mining regulations. The Government via Chief Executive of Regional Mining Inspection carried out mining inspection activities, including investigation of K-3 procedures and environmental problems. The Indonesian Government has never issued any warning to PTNMR when the Company was still operating.

Environmental Impact Assessment AMDAL and Compliance

- PTNMR prepared its documents on Environmental Impact Assessment (AMDAL) when it was still in the feasibility study stage. Amdal documents consist of Environmental Impact Analyses (ANDAL), Environmental Management Plan (RKL), and Environmental Monitoring Plan (RPL). The Indonesian Government via the Central AMDAL Commission of the Ministry of Mining and Energy has approved the Company's AMDAL documents. Members of the Commission of Central Amdal which consists of representatives of the Ministry of Environment (MoH), Bapedal, Ministry of Mining and Energy and the Ministry of Home Affairs, and experts from departmental and non-departmental institutions.
- Those comprehensive studies as documented in ANDAL Documents recommended that PT NMR places its tailings on the seabed at the depth of 82 m.

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Such procedure is deemed to have low level of risk, compared to tailing placement on the ground. The document also stated that the tailings would first go through detoxification process.

- Directorate General of General Mining of the Regional Mining and Energy Office, along with other related institutions including the provincial government and Ministry of Environment, monitored the implementation of AMDAL.

No Pollution at Buyat Pante and Tailing not B3

- In complying with the prevailing mining regulations in Indonesia, during its operation, PT NMR also provided its annual work plans and its quarterly RKL and RPL reports. Evaluation of the Company's RKL and RPL and 8-year field observation to the Company's operation by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources concluded that the submarine tailing placement at Buyat bay did not result in environmental destruction the area near the mine.
- In March 2000, the provincial government of North Sulawesi formed an Integrated Team consisting of representatives of DESDM; MoH; provincial government of North Sulawesi; Regional Legislative Councils; and NGOs, including Walhi and LBH, to conduct studies and tests including laboratory analyses to investigate heavy metal content in the tailings. The results concluded that the Company's tailings were not categorized as toxic and hazardous wastes.
- The Minister of Energy and Mineral disagreed with the conclusions contained in reports of the Technical Team on pollution at the Buyat bay. The conclusions were different from conclusions resulted from researches of reputable institutions such as WHO, CSIRO, and Minamata Institute. Researches conducted by the Technical Team showed that heavy metal content at Buyat bay did not reach the dangerous level.

Corral Reef and Fish Population are in Stable Condition

- Based on evaluation of corral reef condition at Buyat bay which has been conducted since 1992 (the year when the original data of AMDAL was obtained), corral reefs and fish populations at the bay remain stable during the operation and the closing of the mine.
- Besides, the fact that tailings have never come to the surface of water at the Buyat bay emphasizes that the submarine tailing placement has been a right waste disposal.



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Concerning the expert witnesses' testimonies, Richard B. Ness, President Director of PT NMR said, "Testimonies from the Government confirm that PT NHM has met all requirements and had all permits to carry out mining operation. Their testimonies strengthen the fact that PT NMR always complies with all mining and environmental regulations prevailing in Indonesia, one of the world's strictest mining regulations. And there is no pollution at Buyat bay."

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