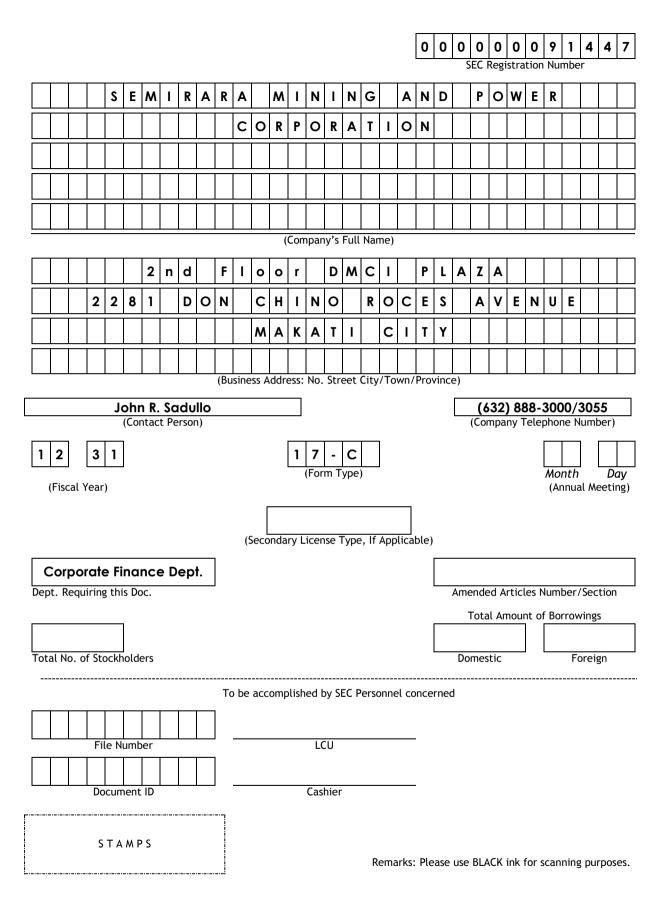
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## SEC FORM 17-C CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. July 22, 2015

Date of Report

2. SEC Identification No.: <u>91447</u> 3. BIR Tax Identification No.: <u>000-190-324-000</u>

# 4. SEMIRARA MINING AND POWER CORPORATION

Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

5. <u>Philippines</u> Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation 6. (SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code:

> (Outstanding) 1,068,750,000

7. <u>2/F, DMCI Plaza, 2281 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City</u> Address of principal office <u>1231</u> Postal Code

- 8. <u>(632) 888-3000/3055 Fax No. (632) 888-3955</u> Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 9. <u>Semirara Mining Corporation</u> 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

   <u>Title of Each Class</u>

   Number of Shares of Common Stock

# **Common Shares**

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

This has reference to the news article entitled "ECC of Semirara firm suspended" posted in Inquirer.net on July 22, 2015, which the Philippine Stock Exchange has requested Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (the "Company") to make a clarification and/or confirmation. The article reported in part that:

"The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will suspend indefinitely the environmental compliance certificate (ECC) given to Semirara Mining and Power Corp. (SMPC) for its operations on Semirara Island in Antique province following the collapse of its open-pit wall, killing eight workers.

'The central office will issue a cease-and-desist order (CDO) suspending the ECC to ensure that these things will not happen again,' said Environment Undersecretary Jonas Leones, who is also director of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB). The order may be issued within the day, he said.

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the DENR office in Western Visayas have issued separate CDOs against the Semirara operations.

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Leones said the EMB order would be in effect 'until the company implements approved mitigation measures to prevent any future incidents.' Suspending the company's ECC will have a bigger impact since Semirara cannot resume its mining operations even if the DOE and the DENR Region 6 lift their CDOs, he said.

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We wish to confirm that we have received this morning a copy of the DENR's cease and desist order dated July 21, 2015 directing the Company from undertaking any activity in the Panian Mine except for search and rescue and rehabilitation efforts in the area until the Company have implemented the approved mitigation measures to prevent future incidents from taking place. We attached hereto a copy of said order for your reference.

The company shall abide with said order and fully cooperate with the DENR in this regard.

Further by way of update, 8 out of 9 of the victims have been recovered as of date. Search and retrieval operations at the site have continued 24/7.

# **SIGNATURES**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Issuer	:	Semirara Mining and Power Corporation
Signature and Title	:	JOHN R. SADULLO VP-Legal & Corporate Secretary
Date	:	July 22, 2015



Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

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In re: Collapse of the portion of north edge of the Panian Pit of Semirara Mining and Power Corporation

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DENR Case No. 0615-ANT-2210-089

FOR: Violation of PD 1586 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations

### ORDER

This Office takes cognizance of the incident in Semirara Mining and Power Corporation where the portion of the north edge of Panian Pit gave way at 3:45 in the morning of July 17, 2015 resulting to casualties and possible irreversible adverse effects it may have on the environment. This incident is in violation of the respondent's commitment in its Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) to **"comply with the strict implementation of stabilization and erosion control measures of the affected side slopes of the roads x x x".** 

In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order to prevent further grave irreparable damage is warranted. Section 16, Paragraph 2, of the DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-30 in no ambiguous terms provides that "The EMB Director or the EMB-RD may issue a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) based on violations under the Philippine EIS System to prevent grave or irreparable damage to the environment."

**WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, the undersigned hereby directs Respondent to cease and desist from undertaking any activity in the Panian Mine except for search and rescue and rehabilitation efforts in the area until the Respondent shall implement approved mitigation measures to prevent any future incidents from taking place.

In addition, the Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division (EMED) and the Certification and Permitting Division (CPD) of this Office are hereby directed to IMMEDIATELY SERVE AND EXECUTE this Order as well as to conduct an investigation as soon as possible. A report shall likewise be submitted to the undersigned within forty-eight (48) hours from execution stating the proceedings taken therein together with the report of the investigation.

### SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, JULY 21, 2015.

**ATTY. JONATHAN P. BULOS Regional Director**