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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 23, 2015 Date of Report

2. SEC Identification No.: 91447 3. BIR Tax Identification No.: 000-190-324-000

4. SEMIRARA MINING AND POWER CORPORATION

Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

5. **Philippines**

Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

(SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code:

7. 2/F, DMCI Plaza, 2281 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City

Address of principal office

1231 Postal Code

8. (632) 888-3000/3055 Fax No. (632) 888-3955

Issuer's telephone number, including area code

9. Semirara Mining Corporation

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)

Common Shares

1,068,750,000

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

Please be advised that on July 22, 2015 we disclosed that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB), Office of the Regional Director (Iloilo City) issued a Cease and Desist Order dated July 21, 2015 directing Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (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.

Today, the Company also received a copy of the Cease and Desist Order likewise dated July 21, 2015 issued by DENR-EMB, Main Office (Quezon City), the dispositive part states that:

"WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Environmental Compliance Certificate issued to Respondent for its East Panian Expansion Project (ECC-CO-9805-009-302A) on 27 November 2009 is hereby suspended until further notice."

SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, 21 July 2015."

A copy of the said Order is hereto attached for your immediate reference.

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 23, 2015

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

DENR Compound, EMB Building Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE CASE

EMB-EIA- Case No. VI-00018-15

-versus-

IN RE:

Violations of PD 1586 and

its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

SEMIRARA MINING CORPORATION

Respondent

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Sir/Madam:

Please take notice that on **21 July 2015**, the Undersecretary and Concurrent EMB Director issued a resolution/order in the above-entitled case, a copy of which is attached.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

21 July 2015

Very truly yours,

ATTY. MICHAEL DRAKE P. MATIAS

OIC-Chief, EIAMD

Copy furnished:

The Regional Director **EMB-Region VI**Pepita Aquino Avenue, Port Area
Iloilo City

The President and Chief Operating Officer **Semirara Mining Corporation** 3/f DMCI Plaza Building, Pasong Tamo Makati City

Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU DENR Compound, EMB Building, Visayas Avenue Diliman, Quezon City

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SEMIRARA MINING CORPORATION

Respondent

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ORDER

For consideration is a report from the Regional Office (EMB-Region VI) dated 20 July 2015 formally informing this Office of the incident that occurred at the northern edge of Panian Coal Mine resulting in the death of several workers. It was likewise reported that continuous rainfall may have affected the stability of the site.

The above-findings prompted the Regional Director (EMB-Region VI) to issue a Cease and Desist Order against herein Respondent for its failure to "comply with the strict implementation of stabilization and erosion control measures of the affected side slopes of the roads xxx".

It is alarming that a repetition of an incident that resulted in the loss of more lives happened. This is notwithstanding the previously issued Cease and Desist Order by the Regional Director on 15 February 2013 when Respondent's Panian Mine collapsed last 13 February 2013. Pursuant to Section 9 of Presidential Decree No. 1586 or the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System, "Any person, corporation or partnership found violating Section 4 of this Decree, or the terms and conditions in the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate, or of the standards, rules and regulations issued by the National Environmental Protection Council pursuant to this Decree shall be punished by the suspension or cancellation of his/its certificate or and/or a fine in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for every violation thereof, at the discretion of the National Environmental Protection Council."

Respondent's failure to ensure stability of its coal mine operation as evidenced by the two (2) unfortunate incidents is a manifestation of inability to address issues of safety which will inevitably lead to deterioration of environmental conditions. On the side precaution, it is the opinion of this Office that there is a need to reexamine the stipulations made in the Environmental Compliance Certificate, and to make sure that all conditions including those that will be adjudged after the review shall be fully complied with.



Therefore, the immediate suspension and reassessment of Respondent's ECC are necessary to arrest further adverse impact to the environment and prevent further loss of lives and limb. Hence, given the seriousness of the subsequent offense committed, a penalty more commensurate thereto is warranted.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Environmental Compliance Certificate issued to Respondent for its **East Panian Expansion Project** (*ECC-CO-9805-009-302A*) on 27 November 2009 is hereby suspended until further notice.

The Regional Director is hereby directed to <u>serve and execute this Order within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt hereof</u>. A report shall likewise be submitted to the undersigned within forty-eight (48) hours from execution stating the proceedings taken therein.

SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, 21 July 2015.

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES
DENR Undersecretary and

Concurrent EMB Director

Attested by:

ATTY. MICHAEL DRAKE P. MATIAS
OIC Chief, EIA Management Division

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