

PHILIPPINE MINING SITUATION and People's Struggle



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PARTYLIST

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PH IS RICH IN MINERAL RESOURCES

- **9M Ha** or **30%** of total land area has metallic mineral deposits
- **5th** mineralized country in the world
- **3rd** in gold, **4th** in copper
5th in nickel
- **P47 trillion** estimated industry worth (NEDA, 2004)

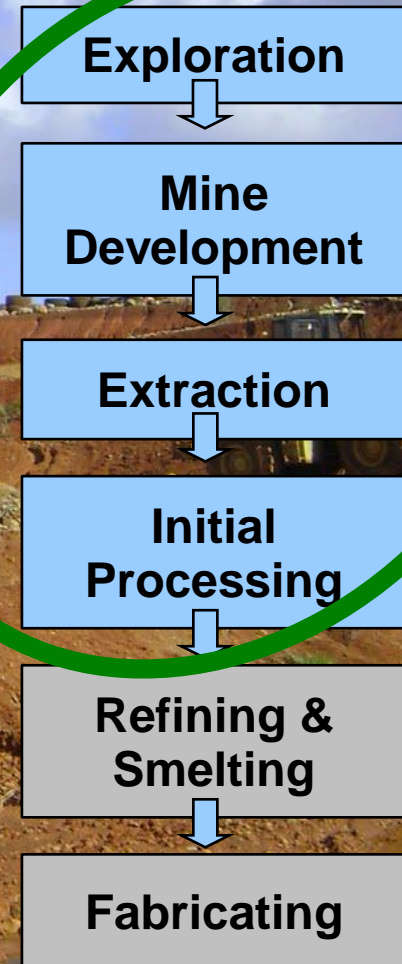
MINING IS VITAL TO DEVELOPMENT

- Modernization and mechanization of **agriculture**
- Metals and minerals as resource base for **industrialization**
 - Electronics
 - Precision instruments
 - Machine tools
 - Automobiles
 - Infrastructure

BUU... ..

PH MINING IS...

- **Mainly extractive**
- **Export-oriented**
- **Dominated by TNCs and local mining elite**
- **Dependent on foreign capital and technologies**



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MINING ACT OF 1995

- **100% foreign ownership** for biggest mining agreement (FTAA) over 81,000 ha over 25 years, renewable for 25 years
- **Investment guarantees** 10 5-8 year income tax holiday, 100% repatriation of capital and profit, duty free importation
- **Auxiliary rights** such as water, timber, and easement rights

JUNK
THE
MINING ACT
1995!
END
MONY

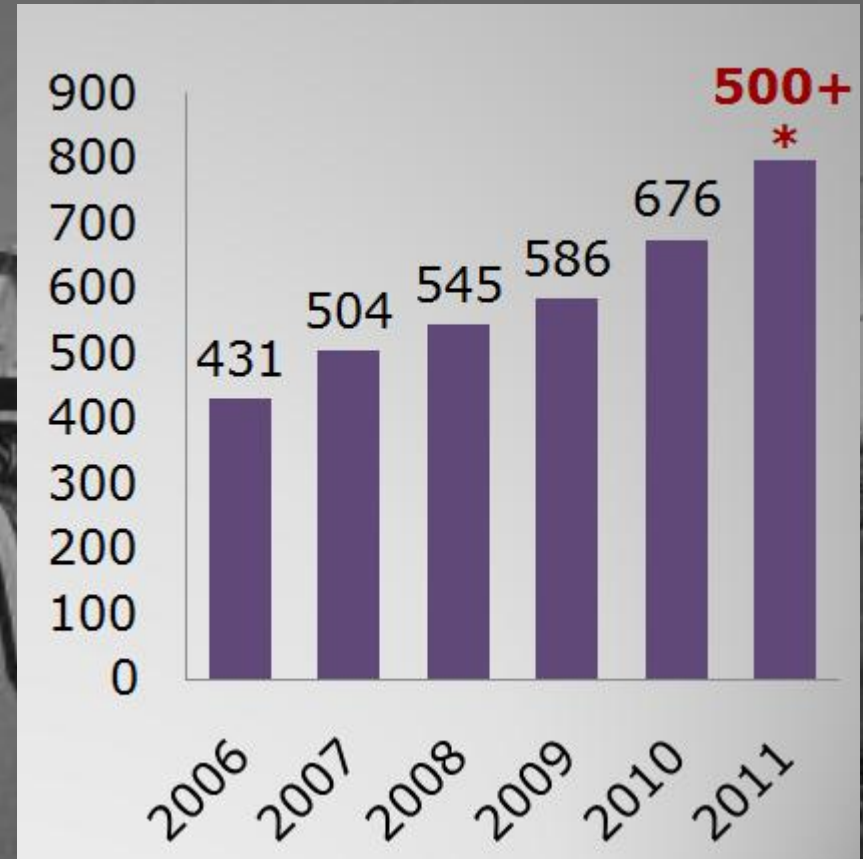
Destructive Mining at a glance

Mining under Aquino administration

- **Number of Operating Metallic Mines:**

- **Copper: 3**
- **Copper: 1**
- **Gold: 8**
- **Nickel: 15**

- **Number of Processing Plant/Smelter: 2**



ECONOMIC

CONTRIBUTIONS INSIGNIFICANT

- **\$10.546 Billion** (Php443B) total exports of minerals & mineral products from 2005-2010
- **P43.72 billion** total taxes, fees and royalties collected (2005-10)
- **0.91%** contribution of mining to GDP (2000-09)
- **0.376%** of total workforce employed by mining (2000-09)
(source: DENR-MGB Q2 2011 statistics)

ECOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION WIDESPREAD

- **Pollution** of upland, agricultural, aquatic ecosystems with acid mine drainage, laterite and other spills
- **Forest cover loss** in critical watersheds and biodiversity areas (Mining companies exemption from EO 23 or total log ban)
- **21 Abandoned mines** replete with hazardous wastes





Example of large-scale mining damage in Palawan



Extent of ecological damage in Claver, Surigao del Norte



SOCIAL **IMPACTS EXTENSIVE**

- **Economic dislocation** through decreasing productivity and income on mining-affected peasants, fisherfolk and small-scale miners
- **Community impacts** such as land-grabbing, increased poverty incidence, disaster vulnerability, etc.
- **Health impacts** such as water contamination, skin diseases, respiratory diseases, etc.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY MINING



JUSTICE
for GERRY
ORTEGA!

DEFEND
ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENDERS
KALIKASAN

- **36** recorded cases of anti-mining activist killings since 2001, **7** in 2011
- **Harassment** to discourage public opposition (SLAPP on CEC-Phils, red-baiting on MEM)
- **Militarization** of communities and advocates through SCAAs, continuation of IDFs, approved by Aquino this 2011

GREENWASH

- **P2 Billion/year** supposedly spent for environmental CSR programs by corporations that have track record of mining disasters (Philex in Negros, TVI-RD in Zamboanga, Rio Tuba, etc.)
- **Massive PR** with billions spent in TVCs, print ads and events communicating misleading information
- **P2.6 billion** spent by SMI in CSR, employment, taxes, operational costs and social service investments

What is to be done?

NOYNOY
KONTRA-KALIKASAN
MAKA DAYUHAN!
- KALIKASAN PNE -

TRAPPED BY SOCIETY
TREATED LIKE PROPERTY



PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE!

- Monitoring
- Education and information
- Scientific researches
- Organizing and alliances
 - *Community-based POs*
 - *Sectoral and national formations*
- Legislative lobbying
 - *Provincial resolutions*
 - *People's Mining Bill*

Legal actions

- *LGU resolutions*
- *Cases vs. Human rights violations*
- *Writ of Kalikasan,*
- *Protest actions and mobilizations*
- *DENR-MGB, Mining Corporations*
- *Pro –mining local government units and mining project areas*
- *Community barricades*

International lobbying

OUR CALLS



- Scrap the Mining Act of 1995
- Uphold people's rights and protect our environment
- Stop foreign and large-scale mining
- Pass the People's Mining Bill
- Nationalize the Mining Industry
- Defend our Patrimony

GO OUT AND JOIN THE STRUGGLE
MARAMING SALAMAT!

