



July 29, 2011

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE INC.
3F Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza
Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue
Makati City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion
Head, Disclosure Department

Dear Ms. Encarnacion;

Please see attached press release disclosing information regarding our financial and operating result for the six months ending June 30, 2011.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel Samson', is written over the typed name.

Emmanuel Samson
Senior Vice President

NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION ANNOUNCES 1st HALF 2011 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS

Manila, July 29, 2011 - Nickel Asia Corporation (PSE:NIKL) today announced its financial and operating results for the six months ending June 30, 2011 with attributable net income (net of minority interests) increasing by 149% to P1.73 billion from the P694.6 million net income reported in the six months ending June 30, 2010.

The strong earnings performance during the first half of 2011 was the result of higher nickel prices combined with higher sales of nickel ore, which enabled revenues to grow by 68% to P 5.33 billion from the previous year's P 3.18 billion. Total volume of nickel ore sold and delivered from the Company's four operating mines in 2011 reached 4.22 million wet metric tons (WMT), compared with 3.39 million WMT in 2010.

Of the total volume of ore shipped during the first half of the year, 1.82 million WMT was saprolite ore and 2.40 million WMT was limonite ore, of which 1.31 million WMT was shipped to the Coral Bay hydrometallurgical processing plant. The corresponding figures for the same period in 2010 were 1.45 million WMT, 1.94 million WMT and 1.14 million WMT, respectively. The average realized exchange rate during the period January to June 2011 was P43.52 to the dollar.

The realized LME nickel price applicable to 1.96 million WMT of ore shipped in the first half averaged \$11.42 per pound of payable nickel, as against \$9.18 per pound of payable nickel in the same period last year. As at July 28, 2011, the London Metal Exchange (LME) spot nickel price stood at \$11.05 per pound. The balance of the shipments sold in the first half was on the basis of a negotiated price per WMT of ore, which averaged \$20.71 per WMT of ore compared to \$ 15.60 per WMT of ore in the same period last year.

Due to the increase in shipment volumes, total cash operating costs and expenses rose by 19% from P 1.81 billion in the first half of 2010 to P 2.16 billion in the first half of 2011. On a per WMT of ore sold, total cash costs and expenses increased slightly to \$11.75 per WMT compared to \$11.65 per WMT in 2010.

Nickel Asia's attributable net income during the first half of the year was likewise boosted by a dividend income of P263.8 million from its 6% indirect affiliate, Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC). "We are certainly reaping the benefits from our investment in downstream processing", said Gerard H. Brimo, President and CEO. "The CBNC plant has been a great success and should meet its new annual capacity of 24,000 tonnes of contained nickel this year".

The Company also disclosed that the construction of the country's second hydrometallurgical nickel processing plant remains on schedule, with plant commissioning expected mid-2013. Nickel Asia has a direct 22.5% equity interest in the plant, which is being constructed adjacent to the Company's Taganito mining operations in Surigao del Norte. All debt financing arrangements for the new plant have been concluded and the initial drawdown of the loan component from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation will be made in early August.

With respect to the outlook for the current year, Mr. Brimosaid that "all indications point to the Company achieving record shipment volumes for 2011 as demand for our nickel ore remains very strong".

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NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2011

(With Comparative Audited Figures as at December 31, 2010)

(Amounts in Thousands)

	June 30 2011 (Unaudited)	December 31 2010 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	P7,572,927	P6,805,968
Trade and other receivables	1,628,101	1,113,255
Available-for-sale (AFS) financial assets	753,283	469,976
Inventories	1,532,798	1,416,431
Other current assets	156,756	52,993
Total Current Assets	11,643,865	9,858,623
Noncurrent Assets		
AFS financial assets	905,835	907,161
Property and equipment	4,266,515	3,762,607
Investment property	57,943	50,845
Investment in an associate	4,503,398	4,570,453
Long-term stock pile inventory - net of current portion	902,136	964,994
Deferred income tax assets - net	438,645	414,014
Other noncurrent assets	797,814	977,364
Total Noncurrent Assets	11,872,286	11,647,438
TOTAL ASSETS	P23,516,151	P21,506,061
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	P1,069,662	P935,179
Income tax payable	374,377	322,127
Current portion of long-term debt	123,096	78,425
Total Current Liabilities	1,567,135	1,335,731
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Long-term debt - net of current portion	1,686,332	1,465,826
Deferred income tax liabilities - net	444,306	440,770
Deferred rent income	93,694	83,799
Provision for mine rehabilitation and decommissioning	58,795	55,419
Pension liability	54,736	48,967
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2,337,863	2,094,781
Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent		
Capital stock	677,116	677,116
Additional paid-in capital	8,075,641	8,075,641
Other components of equity:		
Cost of share-based payment plan	30,791	1,101
Net valuation gains on AFS financial assets	29,007	37,589
Share in cumulative translation adjustment	77,669	120,411
Asset revaluation surplus	34,587	34,778
Retained earnings	7,246,758	5,987,024
	16,171,569	14,933,660
Non-controlling Interests	3,439,584	3,141,889
Total Equity	19,611,153	18,075,549
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	P23,516,151	P21,506,061

NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 and 2010
(Amounts in Thousands, Except Earnings per Share)

	2011	2010
	(Unaudited)	
REVENUES		
Sale of ore	P5,162,554	P3,045,616
Services and others	166,455	134,346
	<u>5,329,009</u>	<u>3,179,962</u>
COSTS AND EXPENSES		
Cost of sales	1,437,055	1,354,620
Cost of services	79,791	67,153
Shipping and loading costs	447,768	295,228
Excise taxes and royalties	228,825	178,214
General and administrative	256,305	187,286
	<u>2,449,744</u>	<u>2,082,501</u>
FINANCE INCOME	87,172	74,075
FINANCE EXPENSES	(16,518)	(65,634)
OTHER INCOME (CHARGES) - net	448,444	356,099
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	<u>3,398,363</u>	<u>1,462,001</u>
PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAX		
Current	648,270	409,501
Deferred	(33,212)	(14,380)
	<u>615,058</u>	<u>395,121</u>
NET INCOME	<u>P2,783,305</u>	<u>P1,066,880</u>
Net income attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	P1,728,988	P694,565
Non-controlling interests	1,054,317	372,315
	<u>P2,783,305</u>	<u>P1,066,880</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>P1.29</u>	<u>P0.71</u>