

## NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Tokyo, November 9, 2015 – Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC; PSE:NIKL) today announced its financial and operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 with attributable net income (net of minority interests) at P2.49 billion compared to P7.98 billion reported for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) amounted to P5.92 billion compared to P14.12 billion in the prior year.

The Company's net income for the first nine months of 2015 is net of a P163.5 million equity loss from its 22.5% investment in Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation and its 10% equity interest in Coral Bay Nickel Corporation due to low nickel prices. This compares to P614.6 million in equity income reported during the same period last year.

Although the Company reported higher volume of shipments during the first three quarters of 2015, total revenues dropped to P13.11 billion from P21.15 billion last year as the price of nickel, like most other metals, has been on a decline since the start of the year.

The Company's total volume of nickel ore sold from its four operating mines in the first nine months of 2015 reached 15.96 million wet metric tons (WMT) as against 14.26 million WMT in the same period last year. Higher shipment volumes were mostly accounted for by an increase in the direct exports of ore, mainly to China, from 8.87 million WMT last year to 10.34 million WMT in the current year. Ore deliveries to the HPAL plants likewise increased to 5.62 million WMT in 2015 compared to 5.38 million WMT in 2014.

Of the total volume of ore shipped in 2015, 6.02 million WMT was saprolite ore and 9.95 million WMT was limonite ore – the latter includes deliveries of limonite to both the Coral Bay and Taganito processing plants. This compares with 4.79 million WMT and 9.47 million WMT, respectively, for the comparable period last year.

In terms of price, the Company realized an average of \$5.74 per pound of payable nickel on its shipments of ore to the two HPAL plants during the first nine months of the year, the pricing of which remains linked to the LME. This compares to an average price of \$7.87 per pound of payable nickel sold during the same period last year. With respect to export sales, the Company achieved an average price of \$22.65 per WMT compared to \$46.85 realized last year.

Although shipment volumes increased by 12%, total cash operating costs and expenses only grew marginally from P6.80 billion in the first nine months of 2014 to P7.06 billion in 2015, as a result of stringent cost cutting measures implemented at the mine sites. On a per WMT of ore sold, total cash costs and expenses decreased to \$9.80 per WMT in 2015 as against \$10.87 per WMT in 2014.

“In spite of very low prices, our operations have remained profitable and our shipment volumes continue to grow”, said Gerard H. Brimo, President and CEO of the Company. “It appears that prices may have already bottomed-out and we now see some price support as a result of a gradual withdrawal of metal from LME warehouses”, Mr. Brimo added.

In a separate press release, the Board of Investments (BOI) recently approved the change in ownership of Biliran Geothermal, Inc. (BGI) giving 60% control of the company to Emerging Power, Inc. (EPI), NAC’s 66%-owned renewable energy subsidiary. BGI has a 25-year geothermal service contract covering 22,000 hectares in the province of Biliran. The firm has successfully completed drilling eight wells that could initially supply 21MW by 2017 and an additional 31.5MW by 2018. Based on studies, the service area contracts can potentially provide up to 270 MW of geothermal capacity.

The Biliran geothermal project forms part of EPI’s current portfolio of three renewable energy projects, which also includes the 40MW Montelago geothermal project located in Oriental Mindoro and the 150 MW solar and wind project located at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

EPI is now drilling its first production well in Mindoro and is set to deliver an initial 20MW by 2017. The company also recently signed a Universal Charge for Missionary Electrification Subsidy Agreement with National Power Corporation and Mindoro’s electric cooperatives.

Meanwhile, the EPC contract for EPI’s solar project in the Subic Freeport Zone has been awarded to Asiacrest Marketing Corporation in partnership with PROINSO of the UK. The company is now mobilizing for construction and has started working on the solar farm’s design. EPI’s solar project is now 70% complete with respect to civil works and has started pre-development preparations at the project site. Initial generation capacity of 60MW is expected to be ready by 1Q 2016.

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# NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

(With Comparative Audited Figures as at December 31, 2014)

(Amounts in Thousands)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	P8,857,626	P13,561,803
Trade and other receivables	1,641,561	1,431,080
Inventories	3,164,319	2,863,181
Available-for-sale (AFS) financial assets	5,071,151	2,281,632
Prepayments and other current assets	650,082	473,774
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>19,384,739</b>	<b>20,611,470</b>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>		
AFS financial assets - net of current portion	815,400	522,797
Property and equipment	6,866,708	6,378,129
Investment properties	29,000	29,000
Investments in associates	5,360,675	5,304,040
Long-term stockpile inventory - net of current portion	648,356	812,760
Deferred income tax assets - net	131,629	207,967
Geothermal exploration and evaluation assets	938,079	-
Project development costs	1,291,777	220,864
Other noncurrent assets	1,521,792	1,096,881
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>17,603,416</b>	<b>14,572,438</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>P36,988,155</b>	<b>P35,183,908</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	P1,683,870	P1,482,640
Income tax payable	582,470	513,598
Current portion of long-term debt	303,674	118,329
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,570,014</b>	<b>2,114,567</b>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>		
Long-term debt - net of current portion	2,999,744	1,313,203
Deferred income tax liabilities - net	400,275	421,050
Deferred income - net of current portion	71,469	71,229
Provision for mine rehabilitation and decommissioning	163,810	130,175
Pension liability	264,052	231,338
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>3,899,350</b>	<b>2,166,995</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,469,364</b>	<b>4,281,562</b>
<b>Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent</b>		
Capital stock	3,805,670	1,272,495
Stock dividends distributable	-	632,648
Additional paid-in capital	8,284,767	8,273,655
Other components of equity:		
Share in cumulative translation adjustment	360,496	82,154
Net valuation gains on AFS financial assets	(84,037)	171,322
Cost of share-based payment plan	83,874	47,060
Asset revaluation surplus	32,959	33,246
Retained earnings		
Unappropriated	12,470,328	15,673,051
Appropriated	1,000,000	1,000,000
	<b>25,954,057</b>	<b>27,185,631</b>
<b>Non-controlling Interests</b>	<b>4,564,734</b>	<b>3,716,715</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>30,518,791</b>	<b>30,902,346</b>
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**NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
**FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND 2014**  
**(Amounts in Thousands, Except Earnings per Share)**

	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Sale of ore	₱12,614,086	₱20,638,554
Services and others	492,591	507,478
	<b>13,106,677</b>	<b>21,146,032</b>
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of sales	4,928,783	4,165,197
Cost of services	268,239	277,723
Shipping and loading costs	1,501,934	1,501,963
Excise taxes and royalties	942,878	1,504,124
General and administrative	639,845	581,524
Marketing	111,779	144,493
	<b>8,393,458</b>	<b>8,175,024</b>
<b>FINANCE INCOME</b>	<b>192,746</b>	<b>106,661</b>
<b>FINANCE EXPENSES</b>	<b>(112,046)</b>	<b>(109,095)</b>
<b>EQUITY IN NET INCOME (LOSS) OF ASSOCIATES</b>	<b>(163,544)</b>	<b>614,628</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME - Net</b>	<b>392,671</b>	<b>466,594</b>
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<b>5,023,046</b>	<b>14,049,796</b>
<b>PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX</b>		
Current	1,477,151	3,733,119
Deferred	70,280	96,134
	<b>1,547,431</b>	<b>3,829,253</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>₱3,475,615</b>	<b>₱10,220,543</b>
Net income attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	₱2,492,110	₱7,977,654
Non-controlling interests	983,505	2,242,889
	<b>₱3,475,615</b>	<b>₱10,220,543</b>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic	<b>₱0.33</b>	<b>₱1.05</b>
Diluted	<b>₱0.33</b>	<b>₱1.05</b>