

NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION ANNOUNCES 1ST HALF 2015 FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS

Manila, August 4, 2015 – Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC; PSE:NIKL) today announced its financial and operating results for the six months ended June 30, 2015 with attributable net income (net of minority interests) at P1.49 billion compared to P2.71 billion reported for the six months ended June 30, 2014. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) amounted to P3.54 billion compared to P5.83 billion in the prior year.

The Company's net income for the first half of 2015 is inclusive of P60.2 million in equity income from its 22.5% investment in Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation (THPAL) and its 10% equity interest in Coral Bay Nickel Corporation. The Company's equity in net income from the two HPAL plants is lower compared to the P400.1 million reported during the same period last year, largely due to much weaker nickel prices.

The total volume of nickel ore sold from the Company's four operating mines in the first half of 2015 reached 9.68 million wet metric ton (WMT) as against 7.73 million WMT in the same period last year. The rise in shipment volumes was mainly the result of increased sales of middle grade ore to China.

Of the total volume of ore shipped, 3.78 million WMT was saprolite ore and 5.90 million WMT was limonite ore, which includes 3.61 million WMT delivered to both the Coral Bay processing plant and the Taganito processing plant.

Despite higher volume of shipments realized during the first half, the Company's total revenues dropped to P7.97 billion compared to P9.34 billion last year as the price of nickel, like most other metals, has been on a decline since the start of the year.

With respect to sales to the HPAL plants, the pricing of which remains linked to the LME, the Company realized an average of \$6.22 per pound of payable nickel during the first half of the year as against \$7.57 per pound of payable nickel during the same period last year. With respect to export sales, the Company achieved an average price of \$23.10 per WMT compared to \$41.52 realized last year.

As a result of the increase in shipment volumes, total costs and expenses increased from P4.26 billion in the first half of 2014 to P5.22 billion in the first half of 2015. However, on a per WMT of ore sold, total costs and expenses decreased to P539 per WMT in 2015 compared to P550 per WMT in 2014.

"The price of nickel continues to perform well below our expectations. However, in spite of current very low prices, our operations remain profitable and we should see some price recovery in the latter part of the year", says Mr. Gerard Brimo, Company President and CEO.

NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015
(With Comparative Audited Figures as at December 31, 2014)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	₱7,749,544	₱13,561,803
Trade and other receivables	1,700,447	1,431,080
Inventories	3,088,326	2,863,181
Available-for-sale (AFS) financial assets	5,064,712	2,281,632
Prepayments and other current assets	534,291	473,774
Total Current Assets	18,137,320	20,611,470
Noncurrent Assets		
AFS financial assets - net of current portion	567,510	522,797
Property and equipment	6,833,520	6,598,993
Investment properties	29,000	29,000
Investments in associates	5,335,170	5,304,040
Long-term stockpile inventory - net of current portion	711,774	812,760
Deferred income tax assets - net	227,993	207,967
Other noncurrent assets	1,819,625	1,096,881
Total Noncurrent Assets	15,524,592	14,572,438
TOTAL ASSETS	₱33,661,912	₱35,183,908
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	₱1,740,787	₱1,482,640
Income tax payable	455,866	513,598
Current portion of long-term debt	99,108	118,329
Total Current Liabilities	2,295,761	2,114,567
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Long-term debt - net of current portion	1,284,614	1,313,203
Deferred income tax liabilities - net	395,067	421,050
Deferred income - net of current portion	72,516	71,229
Provision for mine rehabilitation and decommissioning	131,049	130,175
Pension liability	253,240	231,338
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2,136,486	2,166,995
Total Liabilities	4,432,247	4,281,562
Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent		
Capital stock	1,905,143	1,272,495
Stock dividends distributable	1,897,943	632,648
Additional paid-in capital	8,273,655	8,273,655
Other components of equity:		
Net valuation gains on AFS financial assets	146,577	171,322
Share in cumulative translation adjustment	136,193	82,154
Cost of share-based payment plan	71,676	47,060
Asset revaluation surplus	33,055	33,246
Retained earnings		
Unappropriated	11,469,795	15,673,051
Appropriated	1,000,000	1,000,000
	24,934,037	27,185,631
Non-controlling Interests	4,295,628	3,716,715
Total Equity	29,229,665	30,902,346
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	₱33,661,912	₱35,183,908

NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014
(Amounts in Thousands, Except Earnings per Share)

	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	
REVENUES		
Sale of ore	₱7,657,350	₱9,004,080
Services and others	314,051	334,210
	7,971,401	9,338,290
COSTS AND EXPENSES		
Cost of sales	3,183,202	2,328,513
Cost of services	185,937	188,915
Shipping and loading costs	907,182	745,533
Excise taxes and royalties	515,932	553,988
General and administrative	376,446	384,425
Marketing	52,084	54,921
	5,220,783	4,256,295
FINANCE INCOME	140,874	62,129
FINANCE EXPENSES	(66,901)	(76,167)
EQUITY IN NET INCOME OF ASSOCIATES	60,177	400,136
OTHER INCOME - Net	133,093	97,785
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	3,017,861	5,565,878
PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAX		
Current	890,588	1,557,309
Deferred	(47,021)	(23,813)
	843,567	1,533,496
NET INCOME	₱2,174,294	₱4,032,382
Net income attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	₱1,490,381	₱2,713,866
Non-controlling interests	683,913	1,318,516
	₱2,174,294	₱4,032,382
Earnings per share:		
Basic	₱0.20	₱0.36
Diluted	₱0.20	₱0.36