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NIA South Cotabato gets orientation on Tampakan Copper Gold Project

Some 26 personnel from the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) field offices in South Cotabato, led by NIA Manager Ramon Bugacia, recently visited the facilities of mineral development firm Sagittarius Mines Inc. located in Barangay Liberty, Tampakan, South Cotabato.

Ismael Ngitngit Jr., SMI Stakeholder Engagement and Partnership Officer, briefed the 26 NIA personnel on the Tampakan Copper-Gold project, discussing the significance of the said project in terms of its socio-economic benefit and impact. Ngitngit, Jr. also explained SMI's commitment to sustainable development vis-à-vis the protection of the environment and the community surrounding the project area.

The said activity is part of the continuing Project Visit Program of SMI.

Ngitngit, Jr. explained to the group that actual mining operations have yet to commence. Thus, the ongoing social investment of SMI is so far focused on skills, education, livelihood, health and institutional development in the host communities as well as in some areas of the region.

Anaboy Suelto Jr., SMI Superintendent for Water Resource Management, on the other hand, assured the NIA delegates that SMI is committed to maintain the present water quality of water sources and tributaries proximate to and surrounding the project area.

Suelto, Jr. also presented before the NIA delegates SMI's rehabilitation program which is in accordance with the Mine Site Closure and Rehabilitation Plan as required by the Philippine Government under the Mining Act of 1995.

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