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RE: Summary of findings for upcoming report on the environmental and human rights impacts of the nickel industry in Indonesia

Dear Mr. Wang Hong, Mr. Wang Qing, and Mr. Huang Shangu,

I am writing on behalf of Climate Rights International, a U.S.-based NGO that conducts research and advocacy on the human rights dimensions of the climate crisis. For the past several months, we have been carrying out research for a report that we plan to publish on the human and environmental impacts associated with nickel mining and smelting at and near the Indonesia Weda Bay Industrial Park (IWIP).

Based on more than forty interviews with community members, our research finds that nickel mining in Central and East Halmahera, North Maluku and nickel smelting at IWIP are threatening the rights of local people, harming the local environment, and contributing to the climate crisis. Community members told Climate Rights International that their lands have been taken by nickel companies, they were not able to fairly negotiate land sales, and Indigenous Peoples have been denied their legal right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC). In addition, pollution from industrial activities is threatening critical freshwater resources and the ecosystems that people depend on for their traditional livelihoods. Despite claims that nickel from this project is needed to power the electric vehicle transition, massive deforestation and coal use is directly contributing to the climate crisis, making this project a climate bomb.

We want to ensure that our report accurately reflects the views, policies, and practices of relevant authorities and companies, and we hope that you or your representatives will respond to the following questions, outlined below. Any responses will be reflected in our reporting as

appropriate, and we may publish your responses at our discretion and when appropriate, either in full or in part.

It is our understanding that PT First Pacific Mining (FPM) holds a 2,080-hectare nickel mining concession in Central Halmahera, just north of the village of Sagea.

Questions:

1. It is our understanding that the North Maluku Provincial Environmental Agency issued a letter on September 4, 2023, recommending that PT First Pacific Mining halt its operations in Central Halmahera due to concerns regarding water pollution of the Sagea River. Has PT First Pacific Mining halted its mining operations in that area? If not, why not?
2. Is all nickel mined in Central Halmahera by PT First Pacific Mining transported to IWIP for processing? If not, what percentage of nickel mined by PT First Pacific Mining in Central Halmahera is processed at IWIP? What companies purchase raw nickel ore from PT First Pacific Mining?
3. What steps has PT First Pacific Mining taken to prevent environmental pollution from its nickel mining operations in Central Halmahera? Please provide detailed information about any efforts to prevent environmental pollution from your mining activities.
4. Please provide information about waste management and tailings disposal in your mining operations in Central Halmahera. Where are mining tailings disposed of? What steps does PT First Pacific Mining take to ensure that tailings and other mining waste does not harm local waterways?
5. Has PT First Pacific Mining assessed the potential impacts of its nickel mining in Central Halmahera on freshwater resources in that area? If so, what were the results of those studies? Has PT First Pacific Mining conducted any water quality analyses? If so, please share the results of those studies.
6. Has PT First Pacific Mining assessed the potential impact of PT First Pacific Mining activities on the Sagea River and the Bokimaruru karst area? If so, what were the results of those studies?
7. Please describe the process followed by PT First Pacific Mining when acquiring land within the mining concession.
 - a. Did PT First Pacific Mining hold public meetings with local communities about the proposed project? If so, please provide information about the dates, locations, and attendance of those meetings.
 - b. What information did PT First Pacific Mining provide to communities about the purpose and possible impact of the land acquisition?

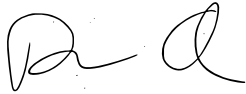
5. Did PT First Pacific Mining get the full Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) from indigenous communities when acquiring their land? If so, please provide detailed documentation of that consent and how it was obtained.
8. How was the price for land determined? Did PT First Pacific Mining offer a flat rate, or did it negotiate prices with those occupying the land? Please provide a list of land purchased and prices paid.
9. What does PT First Pacific Mining do when residents refuse to sell their lands?

Please provide your responses in writing. Your responses can only be considered for inclusion in our report if we receive them by December 20, 2023. Please reply in English or Bahasa Indonesia at [REDACTED], copying [REDACTED]. In addition, please include any other materials, statistics, and/or information you think may be relevant.

I would also welcome the opportunity to speak with you or your representatives. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to arrange a meeting or video conference.

Sincerely,

Brad Adams



Executive Director, Climate Rights International

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