

April 15, 2025

Subject: Summary of findings and request for response: report on environmental and human rights impacts of the nickel industry in Halmahera, Indonesia

Dear Ms. Vicky Zhang and Mr. Bryce Lee,

I am writing on behalf of Climate Rights International, an international NGO that conducts research and advocacy on the human rights dimensions of the climate crisis. We will soon publish a report on the continuing human rights, environmental, and climate harms associated with nickel mining and smelting at and near the Indonesia Weda Bay Industrial Park (IWIP). This report follows our "[Nickel Unearthed](#)" report, which we published in January 2024 and previously contacted you about.

Our forthcoming report, which is based on interviews with local community members and company, media, and NGO reports, finds that community members living near IWIP continue to face serious human rights and environmental harms due to industrial mining and mineral processing operations. As mining and mineral processing activities continue to expand, those impacts are worsening. There is also no evidence that those whose lands have been taken by the nickel industry have been fully compensated, or that there has been accountability for the human rights and environmental harms community members have suffered.

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.

1. What steps has Huayou Cobalt taken to address the human rights and environmental impacts related to its operations in Halmahera since January 2024?
2. Your correspondence to Climate Rights International in December 2023 stated that Huayou Cobalt planned to install solar power at your IWIP facilities in 2024. Was this solar power installed? If yes, please provide information about the amount of power provided by solar, whether solar energy is now replacing coal energy or in addition to coal energy, and any other relevant information. If not, please provide information explaining why solar power was not installed.

As a shareholder of IWIP, please answer the following questions about IWIP's operations and governance:

3. What steps has Huayou Cobalt taken to ensure that community members have received full received compensation for their lands from IWIP?

4. Has IWIP taken any recent measures to ensure that companies operating at the industrial site are in full compliance with Indonesian laws and regulations? Has it conducted regular, unannounced audits? If yes, please elaborate.
5. Has IWIP taken any measures to reduce the use of captive coal for nickel processing? If yes, please elaborate.
6. Has IWIP taken any measures to prevent pollution from the industrial park from impacting the surrounding air and water? If yes, please elaborate.
7. Has IWIP investigated the impacts of its operations on recent flooding events in Central Halmahera, including in villages near the boundary of IWIP? If so, what were the results of that investigation?

Please provide your responses in writing. Your responses can only be considered for inclusion in the report if we receive them by April 30, 2025. Please reply in English 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,

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Brad Adams
Executive Director, Climate Rights International

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