

## **NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2021**

Taguig, May 6, 2021 – Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC) (PSE:NIKL) today announced its unaudited financial and operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 with an attributable net income (net of minority interest) of P584 million, a turnaround from a net loss of P89 million reported during the same period last year. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) amounted to P1.69 billion, a 110% increase compared to P804 million in the prior year.

The income in the first quarter was achieved mainly due to higher ore selling prices. The Company exported 845 thousand wet metric tons (WMT) of saprolite and limonite ore at the average price of \$44.86 per WMT in the first quarter of 2021 compared to 702 thousand WMT at \$28.67 per WMT in the same period last year. Likewise, the Company delivered 1.98 million WMT of limonite ore to Coral Bay and Taganito HPAL plants, the prices of which are linked to the LME, and realized an average price of \$7.96 per pound of payable nickel. This compares to 2.08 million WMT at \$5.80 per pound of payable nickel in 2020.

On a combined basis, the Company sold 2.82 million WMT at the average realized price of \$20.64 per WMT in the first quarter of 2021 compared to 2.78 million WMT at \$12.97 per WMT in the same period last year.

Furthermore, as a result of higher LME prices, the Company recognized gain from its equity share in its investments in the two HPAL plants in the amount of P115 million in the first quarter of 2021 compared to a loss of P10 million in the same period last year.

The realized Peso to U.S. Dollar exchange rate for ore sales was P48.41 compared to P50.85 in the prior year.

Total operating cash costs increased by 7% year-on-year to P1.55 billion from P1.45 billion in 2020. On a per WMT sold basis, total operating cash costs increased to P550 per WMT compared to P523 per WMT in 2020.

“LME nickel price continued its momentum from last year; this was both supply-driven, because of the Indonesian ore export ban, and demand-driven, due to the upgrading of forecasts with respect to the Electric Vehicle (EV) market,” said Martin Antonio G. Zamora, President and CEO of the Company. “On our renewable energy business, we are pleased to announce the completion and electrification of Phase 3A of our Subic solar project, increasing our solar plant capacity from 32MW to 62MW as of April 9, 2021,” Mr. Zamora added.

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## NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

### INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

MARCH 31, 2021

(With Comparative Audited Figures as at December 31, 2020)

(Amounts in Thousands)

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	P11,223,771	P11,835,201
Trade and other receivables	1,749,356	1,438,920
Inventories	3,143,927	2,930,348
Financial assets at:		
Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	2,981,510	2,846,822
Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	2,450,487	2,548,760
Amortized cost	80,000	100,000
Prepayments and other current assets	552,994	311,919
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>22,182,045</b>	<b>22,011,970</b>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Property and equipment	16,784,678	16,889,585
Investments in associates	3,359,863	3,193,911
Geothermal exploration and evaluation assets	1,827,433	1,819,859
Financial assets at - net of current portion:		
FVTPL	814,716	906,626
Amortized cost	110,000	110,000
Deferred income tax assets - net	578,667	607,264
Other noncurrent assets	3,486,438	3,374,075
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>26,961,795</b>	<b>26,901,320</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>P49,143,840</b>	<b>P48,913,290</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	P6,809,908	P8,033,675
Short-term debts	1,495,413	1,492,654
Income tax payable	1,471,507	1,034,281
Other current liability	261,691	261,691
Current portion of:		
Long-term debt	84,928	84,040
Lease liabilities	31,111	30,982
Long-term payable	7,000	7,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>10,161,558</b>	<b>10,944,323</b>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>		
Noncurrent portion of:		
Long-term debt	915,193	893,409
Lease liabilities	578,449	584,922
Deferred income	45,042	46,089
Long-term payable	6,243	6,093
Pension liability	712,854	676,087
Provision for mine rehabilitation and decommissioning	667,105	664,379
Deferred income tax liabilities	505,884	501,199
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>3,430,770</b>	<b>3,372,178</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13,592,328</b>	<b>14,316,501</b>

(Forward)

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<b>Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent</b>		
Capital stock	<b>₱6,849,836</b>	₱6,849,836
Additional paid-in capital	<b>8,271,900</b>	8,271,900
Other components of equity:		
Cost of share-based payment plan	<b>449,041</b>	441,589
Share in cumulative translation adjustment	<b>427,914</b>	381,991
Asset revaluation surplus	<b>30,853</b>	30,948
Net valuation gains (losses) on financial assets at FVOCI	<b>(10,114)</b>	57,771
Retained earnings:		
Unappropriated	<b>15,536,617</b>	14,952,425
Appropriated	<b>189,950</b>	189,950
Treasury stock	<b>(134,014)</b>	(134,014)
	<b>31,611,983</b>	31,042,396
<b>Non-controlling Interests (NCI)</b>	<b>3,939,529</b>	3,554,393
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>35,551,512</b>	34,596,789
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>₱49,143,840</b>	₱48,913,290

**NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
**FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2021 AND 2020**  
**(Amounts in Thousands, Except Earnings per Share)**

	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Sale of ore and limestone	P2,901,043	P1,938,054
Services and others	189,784	197,290
Sale of power	76,753	73,699
	<b>3,167,580</b>	<b>2,209,043</b>
<b>COSTS</b>		
Cost of sales	1,047,711	1,087,905
Services	97,708	97,336
Power generation	80,276	78,671
	<b>1,225,695</b>	<b>1,263,912</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
General and administrative	228,693	246,587
Shipping and loading costs	211,871	123,582
Excise taxes and royalties	184,066	134,169
	<b>624,630</b>	<b>504,338</b>
<b>FINANCE INCOME</b>	<b>67,251</b>	<b>86,465</b>
<b>FINANCE EXPENSES</b>	<b>(61,146)</b>	<b>(78,565)</b>
<b>EQUITY IN NET INCOME (LOSSES) OF ASSOCIATES</b>	<b>114,926</b>	<b>(10,423)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME (CHARGES) – Net</b>	<b>11,026</b>	<b>(234,016)</b>
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<b>1,449,312</b>	<b>204,254</b>
<b>PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAX</b>		
Current	443,349	168,106
Deferred	36,730	(32,690)
	<b>480,079</b>	<b>135,416</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>P969,233</b>	<b>P68,838</b>
Net income (loss) attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	P584,097	(P89,341)
NCI	385,136	158,179
	<b>P969,233</b>	<b>P68,838</b>
<b>Basic/Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share (EPS)</b>	<b>P0.04</b>	<b>(P0.01)</b>