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## **Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation Receives an Outstanding Community Projects Award from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority**

Tokyo, Japan – Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (TSE: 5713) is pleased to announce that its subsidiary, Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation (THPAL), has received a PEZA Outstanding Community Projects Award for 2025 from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) for the first time. This award is given to a locator or developer that has strengthened its relationship with local communities through socially meaningful CSR activities.

The annual PEZA Awards are divided into several categories such as Exporters, Employers, and Community Projects, and are presented to companies whose work in these categories deserves special note.

THPAL was selected in recognition of the great contribution it has made over the long term to the communities in the surrounding area through the infrastructure development, such as domestic water supply, hospitals and schools; educational support, such as scholarships; and technical support for agriculture, fishery, and forestry. As a member of the Sumitomo Metal Mining Group, Coral Bay Nickel Corporation received the award in 2016.

Going forward, Sumitomo Metal Mining will continue to strive to operate in a socially responsible manner, aiming for the sustainable development of both the communities in the Philippines and the Group, where they operate their nickel smelters.



The scene of the awards ceremony during the "PEZA Investor's Night" held in Manila on December 15.

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