

# Luna to host P80-B coal-fired power plant

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Luna, La Union — Global Luzon Energy Development Corporation (GLEDC) is going full steam ahead with the construction of its P80-billion coal-fired power plant in the 3rd quarter of 2018 at a 41-hectare area across Barangays Carisquis and Nalvo Sur in this town.

This was revealed by GLEDC during Friday's public hearing attended by thousands of residents at the Municipal Plaza Sports Complex, here.

Lawyer Clarence Jandoc, representing GLEDC, said that pre-development works of the project had already started way back in 2015 with various consultations with residents and stakeholders including research and studies made on the environmental impacts of the project.

“The construction of the project will start in the third quarter of 2018 after the Environmental Compliance Certificate will be issued and it will be completed in the first quarter of 2021. It will be fully operational in the first quarter of 2022,” Jandoc said.

Last Wednesday, residents in the villages covered by the project as well all those in the adjacent barangays approved of the establishment of the 670-megawatt power plant at the public hearing conducted by the central and regional offices of the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-EMB).

“We, the residents of Luna have been waiting for so long for progress and development to uplift our economy and livelihood. This is now the opportunity for us to embrace an environment-friendly facility that would help us especially the future generations,” said Vice Mayor Romeo Ressurreccion.

Mayor Victor Marvin Marron also welcomed the support of various sectors in the establishment of the project because it will help the municipality and its residents.

The project will need at least 3,000 workers and uplift the local economy to about P500 million in real property tax alone.

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