

# (Developing story) DENR to close 15 mining firms, suspends five

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is closing down and suspending several mining operations nationwide as the result of the nationwide audit it launched last year against them.

Initial result are as follows:

## **Companies that are suspended are:**

1. Oceana Gold Philippines Inc.
2. Lepanto Consolidated Mining
3. Citinickel Mines and Development Corp.
4. Berong Nickel Corp.
5. Ore Asia

## **Companies for closure:**

1. AAmphil Natural Resources Exploration
2. Krominco
3. Oriental Vision Mining
4. Libjo Mining Corp.
5. Benguet Corp Nickel Mines

6. Erramen
7. Zambales Diversified
8. LNL Archipelago Mining Corp
9. Sinai Mining Exploration and Development Corp.
10. Emir Minerals
11. Techniron Mineral Resources
12. Adnama Mining
13. Claver Mineral
14. Platinum Group Metals
15. Hinatuan Mining Corp.

“My issue is not about mining. My issue is about social justice. If there are businesses go to those areas and they benefit from the resources of that area, and the people whose lives there suffer, there’s social injustice,” DENR Secretary Gina Lopez said in an ongoing presscon being held in Quezon City.

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