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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17(2)(b) THEREUNDER

1. For the quarterly period ended - **SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

| 2. | Commission Identification Number - ASO94-003992 | | |
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| 3. | BIR Tax Identification Number - 003-871-592 | | |
| 4. | Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS, INC. | | |
| 5. | Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Metro Manila, Philippines | n or organization | |
| 6. | Industry Classification Code: | (SEC Use Only) | |
| 7. | Address of issuer's principal office Penthouse, Platinum Tower, Asean Avenue corner Fu | ientes St | Postal Code |
| | Aseana, Parañaque City, Metro Manila, Philippines | acrites et., | 1701 |
| 8. | Issuer's telephone number, including area code (632) 8519-7888 | | |
| 9. | Former name, former address and former fiscal year, Not Applicable | if changed since last report | |
| 10 | . Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 | of the Code, or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA | |
| | Common Shares Amount of Debt Outstanding | 6,072,357,151 Not applicable | |
| 11 | . Are any or all of the securities listed on a Philippine | Stock Exchange? | |
| | Yes [X] 6,072,357,151 Common Shares | No [] | |
| 12 | . Has filed all reports required to be filed by Section and RSA Rule 11(a)-1 thereunder, and Section preceding twelve (12) months (or for such shorter | ns 26 and 141 of the Corporation Code of | the Philippines, during the |
| | Yes [X] | No [] | |
| 13 | . Has been subject to such filing requirements for the | e past ninety (90) days. | |
| | Yes [X] | No [] | |

October 13, 2023

Ms. Alexandra Tom Wong

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Re: SEC Form 17-Q 2023 3rd Quarter Report

Dear Gentlemen:

We submit to you herewith a copy of our Company's SEC Form 17-Q Quarterly Report for the period ended September 30, 2023.

We trust everything is in order.

Very truly yours,

MARY BELLE D. BITUIN SVP - Chief Finance Officer



17-Q QUARTERLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements

The Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements as at September 30, 2023 and for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 (with Comparative Audited Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2022) are hereto attached.

The following tables set forth the summary financial information for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 and as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

1.a. Summary Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

| | September 30, | December 31, | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | Increase/ | Percent |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) | (Decrease) | Inc. (Dec.) |
| | (| In Thousand Pesos) | | _ |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current Assets | 4,915,938 | 5,986,937 | (1,070,999) | -17.9% |
| Noncurrent Assets | 13,116,143 | 11,985,824 | 1,130,319 | 9.4% |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 18,032,081 | 17,972,761 | 59,320 | 0.3% |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | 3,306,836 | 3,006,299 | 300,537 | 10.0% |
| Noncurrent Liabilities | 2,487,798 | 3,570,820 | (1,083,022) | -30.3% |
| Total Liabilities | 5,794,634 | 6,577,119 | (782,485) | -11.9% |
| Equity | | | | |
| Equity Attributable to the Parent Company | 12,079,331 | 10,850,743 | 1,228,588 | 11.3% |
| Non-controlling Interests | 158,116 | 544,899 | (386,783) | -71.0% |
| Total Equity | 12,237,447 | 11,395,642 | 841,805 | 7.4% |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | 18,032,081 | 17,972,761 | 59,320 | 0.3% |

1.b. <u>Summary Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income</u>

| For the Three Mo | onths Ended | For the Nine Mo | nths Ended | | |
|------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Septemb | er 30 | Septembe | er 30 | Increase | (Decrease) |
| 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 3 Months | 6 Months |
| | | (In Thousand | Pesos) | | |
| 3,652,510 | 2,878,888 | 6,768,411 | 5,086,249 | 773,622 | 1,682,162 |
| (2,352,471) | (2,075,164) | (4,558,823) | (3,677,882) | 277,307 | 880,941 |
| (71,201) | (33,286) | (213,916) | (87,100) | 37,915 | 126,816 |
| 256,290 | 15,816 | 310,299 | (18,450) | 240,474 | 328,749 |
| 25,986 | 1,174,692 | 85,459 | 1,238,661 | (1,148,706) | (1,153,202) |
| 1,511,114 | 1,960,946 | 2,391,430 | 2,541,478 | (449,832) | (150,048) |
| 310,767 | 245,113 | 565,766 | 408,223 | 65,654 | 157,543 |
| 1,200,347 | 1,715,833 | 1,825,664 | 2,133,255 | (515,486) | (307,591) |
| 14,340 | 92,635 | 6,372 | 189,540 | (78,295) | (183,168) |
| 1,214,687 | 1,808,468 | 1,832,036 | 2,322,795 | (593,781) | (490,759) |
| 0.2345 | 0.2884 | 0.3021 | 0.3718 | (0.0539) | (0.0697) |
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| 1,202,977 | 1,500,506 | 1,552,476 | 1,934,214 | (297,529) | (381,738) |
| (2,630) | 215,327 | 273,188 | 199,041 | (217,957) | 74,147 |
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1.c. Summary Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

| | For the Perion | | For the Year Ended December 31 |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
| | | (In Thousand P | Pesos) |
| Capital Stock | 6,375,975 | 6,375,975 | 6,375,975 |
| Additional Paid-in Capital | 239,012 | 239,012 | 239,012 |
| Fair Value Reserve of Financial Asset at Fair Value | | | |
| through Other Comprehensive Loss | (5,902) | (6,071) | (5,818) |
| Remeasurement Gain on Retirement Obligation | 35,535 | 43,703 | 35,535 |
| Cumulative Translation Adjustment | 140,354 | 209,157 | 133,898 |
| Retained Earnings | 7,536,632 | 6,394,599 | 6,040,354 |
| Treasury Shares - at cost | (2,242,275) | (1,946,033) | (1,968,213) |
| Non-controlling Interests | 158,116 | 430,438 | 544,899 |
| Total Equity | 12,237,447 | 11,740,780 | 11,395,642 |

1.d. <u>Summary Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows</u>

| | For the Three Mo Septembe | | For the Nine Mo Septembe | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | |
| | | (In Thousan | d Pesos) | | |
| NET CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN): | | | | | |
| Operating Activities | 2,877,588 | 3,043,376 | 2,857,325 | 2,375,025 | |
| Investing Activities | (476,944) | (971,034) | (1,955,353) | (1,738,848) | |
| Financing Activities | (444,536) | (234,098) | (1,347,266) | (742,052) | |
| NET DECREASE IN CASH | 1,956,108 | 1,838,244 | (445,294) | (105,875) | |
| Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash | 19,172 | 171,153 | 38,287 | 363,032 | |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD | 798,298 | 2,068,937 | 3,180,585 | 3,821,177 | |
| CASH AT END OF PERIOD | 2,773,578 | 4,078,334 | 2,773,578 | 4,078,334 | |

Basis of Preparation of Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

The unaudited interim consolidated statements of financial position of Global Ferronickel Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Group) as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the Philippines. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

The accounting principles followed in the preparation of the Group's most recent annual consolidated financial statements were similarly applied in the preparation of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. There were no significant changes in the Group's accounting policies, practices and methods of estimates from the Group's last annual consolidated financial statements.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Statement of Financial Condition

As of September 30, 2023, the Group's total assets amounted to ₱18,032.1 million, representing an increase of ₱59.3 million or 0.3% compared to the total assets of ₱17,972.8 million as of December 31, 2022. The net increase is attributed to a reduction in current assets by ₱1,071.0 million or 17.9%, coupled with a rise in noncurrent assets by ₱1,130.3 million or 9.4%.

The net decrease in current assets primarily stems from the following factors:

- A 12.8% (₱407.0 million) reduction in cash and cash equivalents As of September 30, 2023, the Group's cash and cash equivalents decreased from ₱3,180.6 million to ₱2,773.6 million. This decline is attributed to the following factors:
 - Net cash generated from operations amounted to ₱3,558.2 million.
 - During the period, the Group settled its outstanding loans and liabilities, including interest payments, totalling
 ₱1,213.2 million, resulting in a substantial outflow of cash from the Group's reserves.
 - Additionally, the Group paid dividends to shareholders amounting to ₱524.2 million and fulfilled its income tax obligations amounting to ₱578.6 million, further impacting the Group's cash position.
 - Moreover, the Group invested in acquiring a non-controlling interest in its subsidiary, Mariveles Harbor Corporation (MHC) amounting to ₱192.0 million.
 - Buyback of FNI shares amounting to ₱274.1 million.
 - Deposits made for the purchase of five (5) additional landing craft tanks (LCT) and advances to suppliers.
- As of the current period, trade and other receivables have decreased by ₱693.0 million or 30.9%, from ₱2,244.4 million as of December 31, 2022, to ₱1,551.4 million. This decline resulted from the reduction in trade receivables due to collections from customers during the period.
- Inventories increased to ₱409.6 million, up from ₱292.3 million, representing an increase of 40.1%. This increase is primarily attributed to the increase in ore stockpile produced from our Palawan Mine, contributing ₱103.6 million to the rise in inventories.

• Decrease in advances to related parties amounted to ₱114.6 million and increase in prepayments and other current assets amounted to ₱26.3 million.

The net increase in noncurrent assets is attributable to the following:

- Increase in other noncurrent assets by ₱1,081.0 million or 82.1%, mainly attributed to the following:
 - Increase in advances to suppliers amounted to ₱647.0 million, reflecting a substantial surge of 169.9%. This
 notable growth is primarily attributed to the following key factors:
 - Progress payments/deposits made for the purchase of five (5) additional LCT valued at ₱280.4 million. These LCTs are expected to arrive toward the end of the year.
 - Deposits made for the acquisition of additional land in Mariveles, Bataan, totaling ₱352.6 million. The purpose of this land acquisition is in preparation for the Group's steel operations.
 - Increase in input value-added tax (VAT) amounted to ₱339.1 million during the period.
 - Additional deposit to the mine rehabilitation fund amounted to ₱54.1 million.
- Share in net income of an associate, GHGC Holdings Ltd. (GHGC) and subsidiaries, amounted to ₱310.3 million during the period.
- Net decrease in property and equipment amounting to ₱236.3 million, which represents a decrease of 4.0%. This decrease is primarily attributed to depreciation and depletion expenses, which amounted to ₱485.9 million. However, this decrease was partially offset by new acquisitions of property and equipment, amounting to ₱256.6 million.
- Decrease in net deferred tax assets amounting to ₱25.9 million during the period.

As of September 30, 2023, the total liabilities of the Group amounted to \$\mathbb{P}\$5,794.6 million. This figure reflects a decrease of \$\mathbb{P}\$782.5 million or 11.9% compared to \$\mathbb{P}\$6,577.1 million as at December 31, 2022. The net decrease in total liabilities is primarily be attributed to the following factors:

- Payments made towards non-interest bearing liability, loans payable, other current liabilities, and lease liabilities during the period, amounting to ₱544.3 million, ₱207.5 million, ₱281.1 million and ₱60.2 million, respectively.
- An increase in trade and other payables amounting to ₱232.3 million and decrease in income tax payable amounting to ₱96.7 million.

Results of Operations

For the period ending on September 30, 2023, the Group achieved a consolidated net income of ₱1,825.7 million, reflecting a decrease when compared to the consolidated net income of ₱2,133.3 million recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year. After accounting for non-controlling interests, the net income attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company amounted to ₱1,552.5 million for the period ending on September 30, 2023, as compared to ₱1,934.2 million in the same period of the prior year. The results for the nine months ending on September 30, 2023, were primarily driven by the strong performance of the Group's mining operations in Palawan, in addition to the regular contributions from the Group's Surigao mine.

Revenues

During the nine months ending on September 30, 2023, the Group's total revenues amounted to ₱6,768.4 million, showing a decrease of ₱1,682.2 million or 33.1% when compared to ₱5,086.2 million in the same period of the previous year. The majority of the Group's revenues, approximately 99.7% of the total, were generated from its mining operations, with the remaining portion of revenues originating from services rendered to its customers.

Nickel Ore Export Revenues

During the third quarter of 2023, the Group's mining operations generated total export revenues of ₱3,650.8 million. This amount represented an increase of ₱792.3 million or 27.7% compared to ₱2,858.5 million in the same period of the previous year. For the overall period ending on September 30, 2023, total export revenues amounted to ₱6,749.0 million. This figure represents an increase of ₱1,755.2 million or 35.1% compared to ₱4,993.8 million for the same period of the previous year. The notable increase in export revenues for the overall period was primarily driven by the contribution from the Group's Palawan mine, which provides year-round operations and has a positive impact on revenue growth.

Surigao mine

For the period ended September 30, 2023, the Surigao mining operations of the Group, including incremental contributions from its wholly-owned subsidiary, PGMC International Limited (PIL), yielded total export revenues of ₱3,709.5 million. This represents a decrease of ₱1,284.3 million or a 25.7% decline compared to the ₱4,993.8 million achieved during the same period in the previous year.

The decline is attributable to two main factors:

- Lower Averaged Realized Nickel Ore Price: The overall average realized nickel ore price for the period ended September 30, 2023 was lower by US\$4.36 per wet metric ton (WMT) or 15.1%, US\$24.53/WMT compared to US\$28.89/WMT in the same period of the previous year. Low-grade ore was US\$24.34/WMT or 4.5% lower than the US\$25.50/WMT price in 2022. On the other hand, medium-grade ore was US\$27.53/WMT or 32.5% lower than the US\$40.79/WMT price in 2022. The nickel ore prices were down compared to a year ago, as market supply expanded from capacity additions in Indonesia while demand in China remains muted following a tepid post-pandemic reopening which dampened prices during the period.
- Lower Volume Shipped: The sale of nickel ore from our Surigao mine for the period ended September 30, 2023 was 2.711 million WMT, lower by 0.439 million WMT or 13.9%, compared to 3.150 million WMT in the same period of the previous year. This decline can be attributed to adverse weather conditions, particularly heavy rainfall, which led to mining preparation and stockpiling delays. Consequently, the Group managed 50 shipments of nickel ore in the present period, in contrast to the 58 shipments in the preceding period. The resulting sales mix was 94% low-grade ore and 6% medium-grade ore in 2023 versus the previous period's mix of 78% low-grade ore and 22% medium-grade ore. These shipments sold solely to Chinese customers consisted of 2.548 million WMT low-grade nickel ore and 0.163 million WMT medium-grade nickel ore compared to 2.450 million WMT low-grade nickel ore and 0.700 WMT medium-grade nickel ore of the same period in 2022.

Palawan mine

For the period ended September 30, 2023, the Palawan mining operations of the Group, including incremental contributions from PIL, generated total export revenues of ₱3,039.5 million compared to nil in the previous period as the Group started to consolidate revenues from Palawan following its acquisition on December 22, 2022.

The sale of nickel ore for the period ended September 30, 2023 was 1.090 million WMT, comprising a total of 20 shipments. The sales mix for this period consisted of 4% low-grade ore and 96% medium-grade ore. These shipments, exclusively sold to Chinese customers, comprised 0.046 million WMT low-grade nickel ore and 1.044 million WMT medium-grade nickel ore over the course of the nine months of operations. The overall average realized nickel ore price for the period ended September 30, 2023 was US\$50.33/WMT. Low-grade nickel ore price was US\$38.78/WMT while US\$50.84/WMT for the medium-grade nickel ore price.

Overall, the Group's total export revenues were affected by the following:

- Completed 70 shipments compared to 58 shipments in the same period of the previous year.
- Total volume shipped of 3.801 million WMT compared to 3.150 million WMT in 2022.
- Sales mix was 68% low-grade ore and 32% medium-grade ore in 2023 versus the previous period's mix of 78% low-grade ore and 22% medium-grade ore.
- Total average realized nickel ore price of US\$31.93/WMT compared to US\$28.89/WMT in 2022. Low-grade was US\$24.60/WMT for the period ended September 30, 2023 compared to US\$25.50/WMT in the same period of the previous year. Medium-grade was US\$47.68/WMT in 2023 compared to US\$40.79/WMT in the same period of the previous year.
- The average realized Peso over US\$ exchange rate was ₱55.60 compared to ₱54.87 of the same period last year.

Service Revenues

The Group's service income for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, amounted to ₱19.5 million and ₱92.5 million respectively. This income is derived from port services provided by MHC, a subsidiary, to its customers. The notable decrease in earnings can be attributed to a reduction in service volume. Nevertheless, the management is proactively engaged in formulating strategic initiatives for MHC, which encompass the expansion of services to include warehousing and container terminal operations.

Also, the Group earned service income for the LCTs chartered by the Surigao Mine and Palawan Mine from PGMC-CNEP Shipping Services Corp. (PCSSC), a subsidiary, amounted to ₱74.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to ₱50.4 million for the same period in the previous year. This service income is eliminated in full in the consolidated financial statements.

Cost and Expenses

Cost and expenses comprise the cost of sales, excise taxes and royalties, general and administrative expenses and shipping and distribution. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, these costs and expenses amounted to ₱4,558.8 million, compared to ₱3,677.9 million for the same period in 2022, representing an increase of ₱880.9 million or 24.0%. The significant rise in costs is primarily attributable to the Group's Palawan mining operations. The average cash operating cost per volume sold increased to ₱1,069.20 per WMT for the period ending September 30, 2023, from ₱1,055.12 per WMT in the previous period, marking an increase of ₱14.08 per WMT or 1.3%. For the nine-month period ending September 30, 2023, the total aggregate cash costs and total sales volume amounted to ₱4,064.0 million and 3.801 million WMT, respectively. In comparison, for the nine-month period ending September 30, 2022, the total aggregate cash costs and total sales volume were ₱3,323.6 million and 3.150 WMT, respectively.

Cost of Sales

In the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the cost of sales amounted to ₱2,784.8 million, showing a significant increase compared to ₱2,020.6 million in the previous period, representing a rise of ₱764.2 million or 37.8%. This substantial increase in the cost of sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, is primarily attributed to various factors within the Group's Palawan mining operations, which began its commercial operations in September of the preceding year.

The specific components contributing to this increase, along with their respective increments compared to the same period in 2022, are as follows:

- Contract hire: An increase of ₱390.1 million or 29.1%.
- Depreciation and depletion: An increase of ₱142.8 million or 60.6%.
- Personnel costs: An increase of ₱126.9 million or 81.8%.
- Operation overhead: An increase of ₱34.7 million or 165.0%.
- Community relations: An increase of ₱24.0 million or 60.9%.
- Assaying and laboratory: An increase of ₱12.5 million or 94.8%.

These factors combined led to the significant rise in the cost of sales during the specified period, driven mainly by the ongoing operations and expansion of the Group's Palawan mining activities.

General and Administrative

In the period ended September 30, 2023, the general and administrative expenses amounted to \$\mathbb{P}823.5\$ million, which showed an increase compared to \$\mathbb{P}656.8\$ million in the same period in 2022, higher by \$\mathbb{P}166.7\$ million or 25.4%. This was mainly due to the increase in taxes and licenses, outside services, depreciation, personnel costs, and marketing and entertainment amounted to \$\mathbb{P}61.1\$ million, \$\mathbb{P}78.3\$ million, \$\mathbb{P}16.8\$ million, \$\mathbb{P}20.0\$ million and \$\mathbb{P}28.6\$ million, respectively. The rise in expenses is mainly attributable to the Group's Palawan mining operations.

Shipping and Distribution

During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, shipping and loading costs amounted to ₱332.5 million, which reflects an increase compared to ₱291.7 million in the same period last year, higher by ₱40.8 million or 14.0%. The primary reason for this increase is the freight cost incurred for the Group's cost and freight shipments during the specified period.

Finance Costs

Finance costs amounted to ₱213.9 million in the nine months ending on September 30, 2023, compared to ₱87.1 million for the corresponding period last year, representing a significant increase of ₱126.8 million or 145.6%. This notable surge is primarily attributed to the recognition of an accretion interest expense totaling ₱110.8 million, which is associated with the non-interest-bearing liability resulting from the acquisition of an associate company last year.

Share in Net Income/Loss of Investment in Associates

In accordance with Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) 28, "Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures," the Group applies the equity method of accounting to recognize its share of the net earnings or losses from associates. For the period ending on September 30, 2023, the Group's share in the net income of its investment in an associate amounted to ₱310.3 million, while in the corresponding period last year, the share in the net loss of the investment in as associate was ₱18.4 million. During the period ending on September 30, 2023, this reflects the Group's recognition of net income from its investment in GHGC. Conversely, for the period ending on September 30, 2022, the recognition pertains to the Group's absorption of net losses from its investment in Southeast Palawan Nickel Ventures, Inc. (SPNVI) and subsidiaries. Notably, as of December 22, 2022, SPNVI transitioned from an associate to a subsidiary of the Group, thus discontinuing its associate status.

Other Income - net

For the period ending on September 30, 2023, net other income amounted to ₱63.8 million, which represents a decrease from the ₱1,230.1 million recorded in the corresponding period of the prior year, marking a decline of ₱1,166.3 million or 94.8%. This decrease is primarily attributed to the following other income recognized by the Group in the same period of the previous year:

- Final and full settlement received by MHC from its case against Holcim Philippines, Inc. (Holcim), net of reimbursements, amounting to ₱680.0 million.
- Day 1 gain recognized by the Group, amounting to ₱504.3 million, applicable to the present value of the non-interest-bearing liability in relation to the purchase of GHGC, an associate, discounted using the prevailing market interest rate.

Provision for Income Tax - net

In the nine months ending on September 30, 2023, the net provision for income tax amounted to ₱565.8 million, showing a contrast to the ₱408.2 million recorded in the same period of the previous year. This represents an increase in the provision of ₱157.6 million or 38.6%. The rise in the provision is mainly due to the taxable income generated from the Group's Palawan mining operations.

Total Comprehensive Income - net of tax

Net Income

Due to the factors mentioned above, the consolidated net income for the period ending on September 30, 2023, totaled ₱1,825.7 million, which is a decrease from the ₱2,133.3 million recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year. This represents a decrease of ₱307.6 million or 14.4%. After accounting for non-controlling interests, the net income attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company amounted to ₱1,552.5 million for the period ending on September 30, 2023, in comparison to ₱1,934.2 million in the same period of the preceding year.

Cumulative Translation Adjustment

The Group has recognized cumulative translation adjustments, net of tax, amounting to ₱6.5 million and ₱190.0 million for the periods ending on September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These adjustments relate to the exchange differences that arise from translating a subsidiary's functional currency into the presentation currency of the Parent Company.

Statement of Cash Flows

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

The net cash flows from operating activities amounted to ₱2,857.3 million and ₱2,375.0 million for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. This increase can primarily be attributed to the cash generated from the Group's Palawan mining operations.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

The net cash outflows utilized in investing activities for the nine months ending on September 30, 2023 and 2022 were ₱1,955.4 million and ₱1,738.8 million, respectively. In 2023, the net cash outflows were primarily driven by: (1) Payment of non-interest bearing liability related to the acquisition of an associate amounting to ₱544.3 million; (2) Additional investment or acquisition of non-controlling interest in MHC, totaling ₱192.0 million; (3) Acquisition of property and equipment, totaling ₱249.6 million; (4) Decrease in advances to related parties amounted to ₱114.6 million; and (5) Increase in other noncurrent assets by ₱1,084.0 million. In 2022, the net cash outflows were mainly attributed to: (1) Acquisition of property and equipment, totaling ₱554.6 million; (2) Additional advances to related parties, resulting in an increase of ₱1,024.5 million; (3) Additional mine exploration costs incurred amounted to ₱18.5 million; and (4) Increase in other noncurrent assets by ₱141.2 million.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

For the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the net cash utilization in financing activities totaled \$\mathbb{P}\$1,347.3 million and \$\mathbb{P}\$742.0 million, respectively. The negative cash flows from financing activities in the current period primarily resulted from the disbursement of funds for several purposes. These include cash dividend distributions, loan repayments, settlement of lease obligations, and other current liabilities, which amounted to \$\mathbb{P}\$524.2 million, \$\mathbb{P}\$207.5 million, \$\mathbb{P}\$60.2 million and \$\mathbb{P}\$281.1 million, respectively. Additionally, there was a buyback of FNI shares, resulting in an expenditure of \$\mathbb{P}\$274.1 million. In 2022, the net cash outflows were mainly driven by the issuance of cash dividends amounted to \$\mathbb{P}\$559.6 million, payments made toward loans, amounting to \$\mathbb{P}\$227.6 million, net of \$\mathbb{P}\$90.0 million loan availment, acquisition of treasury shares as part of the Parent Company's buyback program, totaling \$\mathbb{P}\$33.2 million, payments of lease liabilities amounting to \$\mathbb{P}\$42.2 million, and additional amounts owed to related parties amounted to \$\mathbb{P}\$30.6 million.

Material Off-balance Sheet Transactions

The Group is not aware of any material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the Group with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reported period other than those discussed in this report and in disclosures under Form 17-C.

Material Commitments for Capital Expenditures

The Group does not have any outstanding commitment for capital expenditures as at September 30, 2023.

Known Trends, Events and Uncertainties

There are no known significant trends, demands, commitments, or uncertainties that will result in or that are reasonably likely to result in the Group's principal risks increasing or decreasing in a material way. There were no other significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the Group's continuing operations.

PART II - FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS INDICATORS

The Group considers the following as the significant Key Performance Indicators as at September 30, 2023 and 2022:

| Indicators Earnings Per Share | Formula Profit for the Period/Weighted Average | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| Lamings i el Share | Number of Shares Outstanding | 0.3021 | 0.3718 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | Total Liabilities/Total Equity | 0.47:1 | 0.61:1 |
| Asset-to-Equity Ratio | Total Assets/Total Equity | 1.47:1 | 1.61:1 |
| Current Ratio | Current Assets/Current Liabilities | 1.49:1 | 1.43:1 |

PART III - OTHER INFORMATION

The disclosures made under Form 17-C are as follows:

| Date | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| August 10, 2023 | Press Release: FNI revenue rises 41% in 1H 2023 |
| August 17, 2023 | Receipt of a Writ of Kalikasan issued by the Supreme Court En Banc |
| | Share Buy Back transactions on August 711, 14-18, 22-25, 29-31, September 1, 4-8, 11-15, 18, 29, October 2-9 2023 2023 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS, INC. Registrant:

Signature and Title: ATTY. DANTE R. BRAVO

President

Date: October 13, 2023

Signature and Title: MARY BELLE D. BITUIN

Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 13, 2023

Annex A

Aging of Trade and Other Receivables As at September 30, 2023

(In Thousand Pesos)

| | Neither Past Due | Pas | t Due But Not I | - Impaired | Total | |
|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| | Nor Impaired | 90 Days or Less | 91-120 Days | More than 120 days | impaireu | Total |
| Trade | 1,199,922 | - | - | - | 209,575 | 1,409,497 |
| Advances to Contractors | 227,916 | - | - | - | 79,711 | 307,627 |
| Income Tax Receivable | 67,123 | - | - | - | - | 67,123 |
| Advances to Officers, Employees and Others | 56,414 | - | - | - | - | 56,414 |
| Total | 1,551,375 | - | - | - | 289,286 | 1,840,661 |
| Less: Allowance for Expected Credit Losses | | | | | - | 289,286 |
| NET RECEIVABES | | | | | | 1,551,375 |

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INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Amounts in Thousands)

| | September 30, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| ASSETS | (Onduction) | (riddilod) |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 4) | ₱2,773,578 | ₱3,180,585 |
| Trade and other receivables (Note 5) | 1,551,375 | 2,244,391 |
| Advances to related parties (Note 29) | 99,369 | 213,927 |
| Inventories (Note 6) | 409,579 | 292,293 |
| Prepayments and other current assets (Note 7) | 82,037 | 55,741 |
| Total Current Assets | 4,915,938 | 5,986,937 |
| Noncurrent Assets | ,, | -,, |
| Property and equipment (Note 8) | 5,667,940 | 5,904,199 |
| Investment in associates (Note 9) | 4,618,839 | 4,308,540 |
| Mining rights (Note 10) | 112,142 | 117,304 |
| Mine exploration costs (Note 11) | 179,035 | 179,030 |
| Deferred tax assets - net (Note 30) | 117,333 | 143,215 |
| Retirement plan asset - net (Note 16) | 23,201 | 16,836 |
| Other noncurrent assets (Note 12) | 2,397,653 | 1,316,700 |
| Total Noncurrent Assets | 13,116,143 | 11,985,824 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | ₱18,032,081 | ₱17,972,761 |
| | | |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables (Note 13) | ₱1,184,181 | ₱951,912 |
| Non-interest bearing liability (Note 17) | 671,991 | 561,200 |
| Current portion of loans payable (Note 14) | 640,811 | 315,675 |
| Advances from related parties (Note 29) | 227,469 | 227,683 |
| Current portion of lease liabilities (Note 18) | 68,100 | 57,823 |
| Income tax payable | 223,161 | 319,827 |
| Other current liabilities (Note 17) | 291,123 | 572,179 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 3,306,836 | 3,006,299 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities | | |
| Non-interest bearing liability - net of current portion (Note 17) | 1,330,192 | 1,874,482 |
| Loans payable - net of current portion (Note 14) | - | 526,125 |
| Provision for mine rehabilitation and decommissioning (Note 15) | 274,417 | 261,039 |
| Lease liabilities - net of current portion (Note 18) | 745,317 | 777,762 |
| Deferred tax liabilities - net | 137,640 | 131,180 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 232 | 232 |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities | 2,487,798 | 3,570,820 |
| Total Liabilities | 5,794,634 | 6,577,119 |
| Equity | | |
| Capital stock (Note 19) | 6,375,975 | 6,375,975 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 239,012 | 239,012 |
| Remeasurement gain on retirement obligation | 35,535 | 35,535 |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | 140,354 | 133,898 |
| Fair value reserve of financial asset at fair value through other | | |
| comprehensive income (Note 12) | (5,902) | (5,818) |
| Retained earnings | 7,536,632 | 6,040,354 |
| Treasury shares (Note 19) | (2,242,275) | (1,968,213) |
| Equity attributable to the Parent Company | 12,079,331 | 10,850,743 |
| Non-controlling interests (NCI) (Note 19) | 158,116 | 544,899 |
| Total Equity | 12,237,447 | 11,395,642 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | ₱18,032,081 | ₱17,972,761 |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE NINE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022 (Amounts in Thousands, Except Earnings per Share)

| | Three Months Ende | ed Sentember 30 | Nine Months End | ed Sentember 30 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS | ₱3,652,510 | ₱2,878,888 | ₱6,768,411 | ₱5,086,249 |
| REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH COSTOMERS | P3,032,310 | F2,070,000 | P0,700,411 | F 3,000,249 |
| COST OF SALES (Note 21) | 1,498,575 | 1,241,143 | 2,784,809 | 2,020,575 |
| GROSS PROFIT | 2,153,935 | 1,637,745 | 3,983,602 | 3,065,674 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | |
| Excise taxes and royalties (Note 22) | 407,009 | 408,659 | 618,028 | 708,856 |
| General and administrative (Note 23) | 293,113 | 250,157 | 823,458 | 656,752 |
| Shipping and distribution (Note 24) | 153,774 853,896 | 175,205 834,021 | 332,528 1,774,014 | 291,699 1,657,307 |
| | , | , | , | , , |
| SHARE IN NET INCOME (LOSS) OF INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES (Note 9) | 256,290 | 15,816 | 310,299 | (18,450) |
| FINANCE COSTS (Alata 07) | (74.004) | (22,000) | (040.040) | (07.400) |
| FINANCE COSTS (Note 27) FINANCE INCOME | (71,201) 3,169 | (33,286) 4,253 | (213,916) 21.644 | (87,100) 8,504 |
| OTHER INCOME - net (Note 28) | 22,817 | 4,255 1,170,439 | 63,815 | 1,230,157 |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX | 1,511,114 | 1,960,946 | 2,391,430 | 2,541,478 |
| | , , | , , | , | , , |
| PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAX (Note 30) | 225 424 | 000 000 | E2E C20 | 404 707 |
| Current Deferred | 235,131 75,636 | 262,920 (17,807) | 535,630 30,136 | 421,707 (13,484) |
| Deleneu | 310,767 | 245,113 | 565,766 | 408,223 |
| NET INCOME | 1,200,347 | 1,715,833 | 1,825,664 | 2,133,255 |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | | | | |
| Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss in | | | | |
| subsequent periods: | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustment | 19,400 | 123,739 | 8,608 | 253,395 |
| Income tax effect | (4,850) | (30,935) | (2,152) | (63,349) |
| | 14,550 | 92,804 | 6,456 | 190,046 |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: | | | | |
| Fair value reserve of financial asset at fair value through | | | | |
| other comprehensive income (Note 12) | (210) | (169) | (84) | (506) |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | ₱ 1,214,687 | ₱1,808,468 | ₱1,832,036 | ₽ 2,322,795 |
| | , , | | , , | |
| Net Income (Loss) Attributable To: Equity holders of the Parent Company | ₽4 202 077 | ₱1 E00 E06 | ₱1,552,476 | ₽ 1 024 214 |
| Non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries | ₱1,202,977 (2,630) | ₱1,500,506 215,327 | 273,188 | ₱1,934,214 199,041 |
| Non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries | ₱1,200,347 | ₱1,715,833 | ₱1,825,664 | ₱2,133,255 |
| Total Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable To: | | | | |
| Equity holders of the Parent Company | ₽ 1,217,317 | ₱ 1,593,141 | ₱1,558,848 | ₱ 2,123,754 |
| Non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries | (2,630) | 215,327 | 273,188 | 199,041 |
| | ₱1,214,687 | ₱1,808,468 | ₱1,832,036 | ₱2,322,795 |
| Basic/Diluted Earnings Per Share on Net Income | | | | |
| Attributable to Equity Holders of the | | | | |
| Parent Company (Note 20) | ₱0.2345 | ₽ 0.2884 | ₱0.3021 | ₱0.3718 |

GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE NINE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022 (Amounts in Thousands)

| | | | | | Fair Value Reserve | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| | | | | | of Financial Asset at | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Fair Value through | Remeasurement | | | | | |
| | | | | Treasury | Other | Gain on | Cumulative | | | | |
| | | Capital Stock | Additional | Shares | Comprehensive | Retirement | Translation | Retained | | | |
| | | (Note 19) | Paid-in | (Note 19) | (Note 12) | Obligation | Adjustment | Earnings | Total | NCI | Total Equity |
| Balances at December 31, 2022 (Audited) | ₽ | 6,375,975 ₽ | 239,012 ₽ | (1,968,213) ₽ | (5,818) ₽ | 35,535 ₽ | 133,898 ₽ | 6,040,354 ₽ | 10,850,743 ₽ | 544,899 ₽ | 11,395,642 |
| Net inccome for the period | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,552,476 | 1,552,476 | 273,188 | 1,825,664 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) - net of tax | | - | - | - | (84) | = | 6,456 | - | 6,372 | - | 6,372 |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) - net of tax | | - | - | - | (84) | | 6,456 | 1,552,476 | 1,558,848 | 273,188 | 1,832,036 |
| Declaration of cash dividend | | - | - | - | - | - | - | (524,169) | (524,169) | - | (524,169) |
| Acquisitions of non-controlling interests | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 467,971 | 467,971 | (659,971) | (192,000) |
| Purchase of treasury shares | | - | - | (274,062) | - | - | - | - | (274,062) | - | (274,062) |
| Balances at September 30, 2023 (Unaudited) | ₽ | 6,375,975 ₽ | 239,012 ₽ | (2,242,275) ₽ | (5,902) ₽ | 35,535 ₽ | 140,354 ₽ | 7,536,632 ₽ | 12,079,331 ₽ | 158,116 ₽ | 12,237,447 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balances at December 31, 2021 (Audited) | ₽ | 6,375,975 ₽ | 239,012 ₽ | (1,912,806) ₽ | (5,565) ₽ | 43,703 ₽ | 19,111 ₽ | 5,500,360 ₽ | 10,259,790 ₽ | 357,296 ₽ | 10,617,086 |
| Net income (loss) for the period | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,934,214 | 1,934,214 | 199,041 | 2,133,255 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) - net of tax | | - | - | - | (506) | - | 190,046 | | 189,540 | - | 189,540 |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) - net of tax | | - | - | - | (506) | - | 190,046 | 1,934,214 | 2,123,754 | 199,041 | 2,322,795 |
| Declaration of cash dividend | | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,039,975) | (1,039,975) | (125,899) | (1,165,874) |
| Purchase of treasury shares | | - | - | (33,227) | - | - | - | - | (33,227) | - | (33,227) |
| Balances at September 30, 2022 (Unaudited) | ₽ | 6.375.975 ₽ | 239.012 ₽ | (1.946,033) P | (6,071) ₽ | 43,703 ₽ | 209.157 ₽ | 6.394.599 P | 11.310.342 P | 430,438 ₽ | 11.740.780 |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE NINE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022 (Amounts in Thousands)

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| | (Unaudit | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Income before income tax | ₱ 2,391,430 | ₱ 2,541,478 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization (Note 26) | 494,788 | 330,755 |
| Interest expense (Note 27) | 86,292 | 76,746 |
| Unrealized foreign exchange losses (gains) - net | (23,151) | 31,766 |
| Share in net income (loss) of investment in associates (Note 9) | (310,299) | 18,450 |
| Retirement benefits costs (Note 16) | 13,220 | 10,437 |
| Accretion interest expense on: | | |
| Non-interest-bearing liability | 110,791 | _ |
| Provision for mine rehabilitation and decommissioning (Note 27) | 13,378 | 8,426 |
| Interest income | (21,644) | (8,604) |
| Accretion interest income on security deposit under | | |
| "Other noncurrent assets" (Note 27) | (711) | (476) |
| Gain on disposals of property and equipment | (4) | _ |
| Others under "Other income - net" (Note 28) | = | (504,273) |
| Operating income before changes in working capital | 2,754,090 | 2,504,705 |
| Decrease (increase) in: | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 693,020 | (995,739) |
| Inventories | (117,287) | (5,755) |
| Prepayments and other current assets | (26,313) | (80,638) |
| Increase in trade and other payables | 254,721 | 1,331,886 |
| Net cash generated from operations | 3,558,231 | 2,754,459 |
| Income taxes paid | (578,617) | (269,485) |
| Interest paid | (120,052) | (97,431) |
| Contributions (Note 16) | (17,181) | (17,182) |
| Interest received | `14,944 [′] | 4,664 |
| Net cash flows from operating activities | 2,857,325 | 2,375,025 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Additions to: | | |
| Property and equipment | (249,576) | (554,626) |
| Mine exploration costs | (5) | (18,509) |
| Decrease (increase) in: | , , | , |
| Advances to related parties | 114,558 | (1,024,469) |
| Other noncurrent assets | (1,084,041) | (141,244) |
| Payment of non-interest bearing liability related to the acquisition of an associate | (544,290) | |
| Acquisition of non-controlling interest in MHC | (192,000) | _ |
| Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment | ` 1 | _ |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities | (1,955,353) | (1,738,848) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | · · · · · | , |
| Payments of: | | |
| Cash dividends | (524,169) | (559,577) |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | (281,056) | (****,**** <i>-</i> |
| Loans | (207,540) | (227,646) |
| Lease Liabilities | (60,225) | (42,172) |
| Purchase of treasury shares (Note 19) | (274,062) | (33,227) |
| Increase (decrease) in advances from related parties | (214) | 30,570 |
| Proceeds from availment of bank loans | _ | 90,000 |
| Net cash flows used in financing activities | (1,347,266) | (742,052) |
| NET DECREASE IN CASH | (445,294) | (105,875) |
| EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH | 38,287 | 363,032 |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD | 3,180,585 | 3,821,177 |
| CASH AT END OF PERIOD | ₱2,773,578 | ₱4,078,334 |
| OTTO THE OTHER PROPERTY. | ,, | 1 1,010,004 |

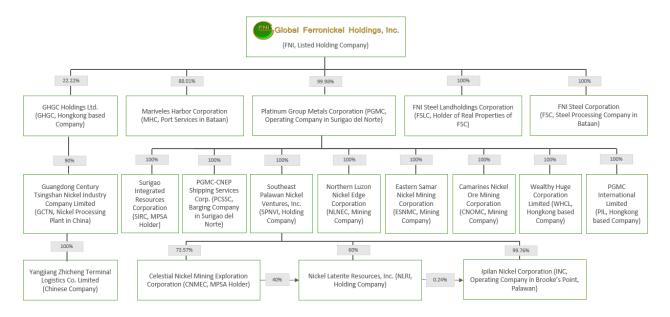
GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Corporate Information

Global Ferronickel Holdings, Inc. (FNI; Parent Company) is a corporation listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE). It was incorporated and registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on May 3, 1994. The principal activities of the Parent Company are to invest in, purchase or otherwise acquire and own, hold, use, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every kind and description, including shares of stock, and other securities or obligations of any corporation.

The Parent Company's principal office address is at Penthouse, Platinum Tower, Asean Avenue corner Fuentes St., Aseana, Parañaque City.

The following is the map of relationships of the Companies within the Group:



The Parent Company's principal stockholders as at September 30, 2023 are as follows:

List of Top 20 Stock

| kholders | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--|--|
| Name | Citizenship | Holdings | Percentage | | |
| PCD NOMINEE CORP FILIPINO | Filipino | 2,219,963,039 | 43.25% | | |
| PCD NOMINEE CORP NON-FILIPINO | Foreign | 1,719,215,742 | 33.50% | | |
| REGULUS BEST NICKEL HOLDINGS INC. | Filipino | 523,154,668 | 10.19% | | |
| BLUE EAGLE ELITE VENTURE INC. | Filipino | 348,769,779 | 06.80% | | |
| SOHOTON SYNERGY, INC. | Filipino | 233,156,767 | 04.54% | | |
| RED LION FORTUNE GROUP INC. | Filipino | 57,588,866 | 01.12% | | |
| JOSEPH C. SY | Filipino | 5,000,000 | 00.10% | | |
| DANTE R BRAVO | Filipino | 3,261,053 | 00.06% | | |
| ORION-SQUIRE CAPITAL, INC. A/C-0459 | Filipino | 2,283 106 | 00.04% | | |
| CARLO A. MATILAC | Filipino | 1,733,226 | 00.03% | | |
| MARY BELLE D. BITUIN | Filipino | 1,630,523 | 00.03% | | |
| SQUIRE SECURITIES, INC | Filipino | 867,338 | 00.02% | | |
| CORSINO L. ODTOJAN | Filipino | 785,860 | 00.01% | | |
| GEARY L. BARIAS | Filipino | 785,860 | 00.01% | | |
| MARILOU C. CELZO | Filipino | 678,479 | 00.01% | | |
| GO GEORGE L. | Filipino | 539,153 | 00.01% | | |
| KUOK PHILIPPINES PROPERTIES INC. | Filipino | 463,953 | 00.01% | | |
| RICHARD C. GIMENEZ | Filipino | 430,738 | 00.01% | | |
| TONG GABRIEL | Filipino | 417,805 | 00.01% | | |
| OCA GREGORIO S. | Filipino | 415,193 | 00.01% | | |
| PAZ VENSON | Filipino | 410,579 | 00.01% | | |

The Subsidiaries

PGMC

PGMC is 99.98% owned by the Parent Company and was registered with the Philippine SEC on February 10, 1983. It is primarily engaged in the exploration, mining and exporting of nickel ore located in the municipality of Claver, Surigao del Norte. PGMC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

PGMC has an Operating Agreement with SIRC for the exclusive right and privilege to undertake mining activities within the area covered by the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 007-92-X.

Seasonality

The Cagdianao Mine produces and exports nickel ores from April to October of each year, typically the dry and minimal sea swell season at the mine site. During the rainy season, mining operations in the mine site are suspended and there is no loading of ore onto ships. This seasonality results in quarter-to-quarter volatility in the operating results with more revenue being earned and more expenses being incurred during the second and third quarters compared to the first and fourth quarters.

SIRC

SIRC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company through PGMC and was registered with the Philippine SEC on July 16, 1999. Its primary purposes are to engage in the exploration and processing of minerals, petroleum and other mineral oils, to enter into financial and technical assistance agreements for the large-scale exploration, development and utilization of mineral resources or otherwise engage in mining activities or enter into agreements as may be allowed by law. SIRC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

SIRC is the holder of MPSA No. 007-92-X, redenominated as MPSA No. 007-92-X-SMR (Amended 1), located in Cagdianao, Claver, Surigao del Norte. The said MPSA was last renewed on June 21, 2016 for another 25 years from its initial term ending in 2017, or until February 14, 2042.

PCSSC

PCSSC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company through PGMC and was registered with the Philippine SEC on June 4, 2013. Its primary purpose is to conduct and carry on the business of inter-island shipping, including chartering, hiring, leasing, or otherwise acquiring tug and barge, self-propelled barges or landing craft tank (LCT) or other ships or vessels, together with equipment, appurtenances and furniture therefor; and to employ the same in the conveyance and carriage of ores, minerals, goods, wares and merchandise of every kind and description. PCSSC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

PIL

PIL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company through PGMC and was incorporated on July 22, 2015 as a limited company under the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong. Its primary purpose is to trade mineral products. It was established to facilitate relations with Chinese customers, to promote marketing, to collect accounts, to avail of offshore banking services such as loans, credit/discounting lines and other financing arrangements, and to do other services for PGMC. PIL's principal office address is at Unit 4101-02, 41/F, Office Tower, Convention Plaza, 1 Harbour Road Wanchai, Hong Kong.

WHCL

WHCL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company through PGMC and was incorporated on March 1, 2021 as a limited company under the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong. Its primary purpose is to facilitate relations with offshore customers, collection of accounts, availment of offshore banking services, and such other services as will aid PGMC's strategic growth in the ASEAN region. WHCL's principal office address is at Room 804, 8/F, LAP FAI Building, 6-8 Pottinger Street, Central Hong Kong. WHCL has not started its operations as at June 30, 2023.

SPNVI

SPNVI is 59.37% owned by the Parent Company through PGMC as at December 31, 2022, and was registered with the SEC on July 11, 2014. It is primarily engaged to prospect, explore, locate, acquire, hold, work, develop, lease, operate and exploit mineral lands for nickel, chromite, copper, manganese, magnesite, silver, gold, and other precious and non-precious metals; to acquire and dispose of mining claims and rights, and to conduct and carry on the business of preparing, milling, concentrating, smelting, treating or preparing for market, and to market, sell at wholesale, exchange or otherwise deal in

nickel, chromite, copper, manganese, magnesite, silver, gold and other mineral products. SPNVI's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

On June 1, 2023, PGMC entered into a Deed of Assignment with Giantlead Prestige, Inc., Alpha Centauri Fortune Group, Inc., Antares Nickel Capital, Inc., Huatai Investments Holding Pty. Ltd. and Wei Ting (collectively referred to as "Five Stockholders"), where the Five Stockholders assigned, in a manner absolute, all their rights, interests, and title to the shares of SPNVI, including all the interests accruing therefrom, in favor of PGMC, and PGMC accepts the same. As a result of this transaction, PGMC now owns 99.98% of SPNVI.

INC

SPNVI wholly owns INC, a company registered with the SEC on July 22, 2005, for the primary purpose to explore, develop, mine, operate, produce, utilize, process and dispose of all the minerals and the products or by-products that may be produced, extracted, gathered, recovered, unearthed or found within the area of Sitio Ipilan, Mambalot, Municipality of Brooke's Point, Province of Palawan, consisting of 2,835 hectares and covered by MPSA No. 017-93-IV, Amended 2000, by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). INC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

CNMEC

SPNVI directly owns 73.57% of CNMEC, a company registered with the SEC on December 17, 1979, for the primary purpose is to search for, prospect, explore, develop ores and mineral, to locate mining claims within the Philippines and record the same according to mining laws, and to purchase, take on lease, exchange or otherwise acquire mines, workings, mineral lands, mining claims, mineral, water and timer rights, foreshore leases, licenses concessions and grants, and other effects whatsoever which the Company may from time to time deem proper to be acquired for any of its purposes. CNMEC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

NLRI

SPNVI directly owns 60% of NLRI, a company registered with SEC on July 22, 2005, for the primary purpose to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire, obtain interests in, own, hold, pledge, hypothecate, assign, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of and generally deal in and with personal properties and securities of every kind and description of any government, municipality or other political subdivision or agency, corporation, association or entity; to exercise any and all interest in respect of any such securities; and to promote, manage, participate in and act as agent for any purchasing or selling syndicate or group of investors and otherwise to take part in and assist, in any legal matter for the purchase and sale of any securities as may be allowed by law, without acting as or engaging in the business of an investment house, mutual fund or broker or dealer in securities. NLRI's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

NLNEC

NLNEC is a newly incorporated mining company. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company through PGMC and was registered with the Philippine SEC on July 10, 2023. Its primary purpose is to prospect, explore, locate, acquire, hold, work, develop, lease, operate and exploit mineral lands for chromite, copper, manganese, magnesite, silver, gold, nickel, and other precious and non-precious minerals; to acquire and dispose of mining claims and rights, and to conduct and carry on the business of preparing, milling, concentrating, smelting, treating or preparing for market, sell, exchange or otherwise deal in chromite, copper, manganese, silver, gold, nickel and other mineral products. NLNEC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

ESNMC

ESNMC is a newly incorporated mining company. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company through PGMC and was registered with the Philippine SEC on July 18, 2023. Its primary purpose is to prospect, explore, locate, acquire, hold, work, develop, lease, operate and exploit mineral lands for chromite, copper, manganese, magnesite, silver, gold, nickel, and other precious and non-precious minerals; to acquire and dispose of mining claims and rights, and to conduct and carry on the business of preparing, milling, concentrating, smelting, treating or preparing for market, sell, exchange or otherwise deal in chromite, copper, manganese, silver, gold, nickel and other mineral products. ESNMC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

CNOMC

CNOMC is a newly incorporated mining company. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company through PGMC and was registered with the Philippine SEC on July 18, 2023. Its primary purpose is to prospect, explore, locate, acquire, hold, work, develop, lease, operate and exploit mineral lands for chromite, copper, manganese, magnesite, silver, gold,

nickel, and other precious and non-precious minerals; to acquire and dispose of mining claims and rights, and to conduct and carry on the business of preparing, milling, concentrating, smelting, treating or preparing for market, sell, exchange or otherwise deal in chromite, copper, manganese, silver, gold, nickel and other mineral products. CNOMC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

FSC

FSC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company and was registered with the Philippine SEC on August 5, 2019. Its primary purpose is to engage in the business of buying, selling, dealing, at wholesale and retail, importing and manufacturing iron, steel and other ferrous or non-ferrous metal products, to be processed either by melting, rolling, casting, or forging to produce it in the form of ingots, billets, sections, bars, plates, strips, rods, tubes, pipes and other such form in demand in the market or industry; to import materials, machinery and equipment needed to manufacture such finished products; and to lease real properties such as land and buildings as needed. FSC's principal office address is at Lot 9 3rd Floor AFAB Administration Building, Freeport Area of Bataan Alas-asin Mariveles, Bataan, Region III, Philippines. As at June 30, 2023, FSC has not yet started its commercial operations.

FSLC

FSLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company and was registered with the Philippine SEC on May 31, 2019. Its primary purpose is to engage in the business of managing real estate or interest therein, alone or in joint ventures with others and for this purpose acquire land by purchase, lease, donation, or otherwise, and to own, use, improve, subdivide, hold, administer, sell, convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, work, develop, or otherwise deal in real property of any kind and interest or right therein and to construct, improve, manage, or otherwise dispose of buildings and other structures of whatever kind, together with their appurtenances whether for dwelling, commercial or industrial purposes. FSLC was incorporated to hold real properties of FSC. FSLC's principal office address is the same as that of the Parent Company.

MHC

MHC is a 64.03%-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company as at December 31, 2022, and was registered with the Philippine SEC on July 11, 2014 primarily to engage to carry on the business of providing and rendering general services incidental to and necessarily connected with the operation and management of port terminals in the Philippines, which will involve the handling of containers, bulk liquid and dry cargoes, bagging of fertilizers, refrigerated warehousing facilities, warehousing and stevedoring, lightering, towing, and/or storing of cargo handled by MHC to and from port terminals in the delivery from abroad and/or for shipment abroad as may be necessary or incidental thereto. MHC's principal office address is at Mariveles Multi-Purpose Terminal, Mariveles Diversion Road, Freeport Area of Bataan, Brgy. Sisiman, Mariveles, Bataan.

On March 2, 2023, the Parent Company acquired an additional 23.98% interest (equivalent to 1,000,000 common shares) in MHC from Seasia Logistics Philippines, Inc., an existing stockholder, for ₱192.0 million cash, resulting in 88.01% ownership in MHC (see Note 19). The increased shareholding in MHC gives FNI significant control over the operation of the Mariveles port.

The Associates

GHGC

GHGC is 22.22% owned by the Parent Company and was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) on April 14, 2011 whose principal activity is investment holding. The registered office of GHGC is at Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands. It engages in trading nickel ore and other related mineral products.

GHGC owns 90% shareholding in Guangdong Century Tsingshan Nickel Industry Company Limited (GCTN). GCTN is a nickel alloy enterprise in China that is processing laterite nickel ore and is selling nickel pig iron. It operates a 33-hectare area with more than 600 employees. GCTN is one of the most competitive smelters with Rotary kiln-electric furnace (RKEF) technology. The rotary kiln can feed up to four (4) furnaces and is estimated to produce about 28,000 tons of pure nickel at its optimum. GCTN's wholly owned subsidiary is Yangjiang Zhicheng Terminal Logistics Co. Limited, located near Yangjiang Harbour, Hailing Cove area.

2. Basis of Preparation, Statement of Compliance, Basis of Consolidation and Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures

Basis of Preparation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Group as at September 30, 2023 and for the nine months period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, and on a historical cost basis, except for the financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), which are carried at fair value. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements are presented in Philippine peso, which is the Group's presentation currency under the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). Based on the economic substance of the underlying circumstances relevant to the Group, the functional currencies of the Parent Company and subsidiaries is Philippine peso, except for PIL and WHCL whose functional currency is Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$). All values are rounded to the nearest thousand (000), except number of shares, per share data and as indicated. Further, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosure required in the annual consolidated financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the audited Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2022.

Statement of Compliance

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in compliance with PFRS. PFRS includes statements named PFRS, PAS, and Standard Interpretation Committee/ Philippine Interpretation based on International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), which have been approved by the Financial Reporting Standards Council (FRSC) and adopted by the SEC, including SEC pronouncements.

Basis of Consolidation

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements include the balances of the Parent Company and its subsidiaries and equity share in net income or losses of associates, after eliminating significant intercompany balances and transactions.

| | Principal Place | | Effective Own | ership |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Subsidiaries and Associates | of Business | Principal Activities | March 31, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
| PGMC | Philippines | Mining | 99.98% | 99.98% |
| SIRC ⁽¹⁾ | Philippines | Mining | 99.98% | 99.98% |
| PCSSC ⁽¹⁾ | Philippines | Services | 99.98% | 99.98% |
| PIL ⁽¹⁾ | Hong Kong | Marketing, Trading and | 99.98% | 99.98% |
| | | Services | | |
| WHCL ⁽¹⁾ | Hong Kong | Marketing, Trading and | 99.98% | 99.98% |
| | | Services | | |
| FSLC | Philippines | Landholdings | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| FSC | Philippines | Manufacturing | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| MHC ⁽²⁾ | Philippines | Port Operations | 88.01% | 64.03% |
| SPNVI ⁽³⁾ | Philippines | Holding/Mining | 99.98% | 59.37% |
| INC ⁽⁴⁾ | Philippines | Holding/Mining | 99.96% | 59.37% |
| CNMEC ⁽⁴⁾ | Philippines | Holding/Mining | 83.98% | 59.37% |
| NLRI ⁽⁴⁾ | Philippines | Holding/Mining | 93.58% | 59.37% |
| NLNEC(5) | Philippines | Mining | 99.98% | - |
| ESNMC ⁽⁵⁾ | Philippines | Mining | 99.98% | - |
| CNOMC ⁽⁵⁾ | Philippines | Mining | 99.98% | - |
| Associates | | | | |
| | | Haldia - | 20.200/ | 00 000/ |
| GHGC | British Virgin Islands | Holding | 22.22% | 22.22% |
| GCTN | China | Nickel Processing | 20.00% | 20.00% |

⁽¹⁾ Indirect ownership through PGMC.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting year as the Parent Company using uniform and consistent accounting policies. When necessary, adjustments are made to the stand-alone financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

⁽²⁾ On March 2, 2023, the Parent Company's equity interest in MHC increased from 64.03% to 88.01% as a result of the purchase of additional interest from Seasia Logistics Philippines, Inc., an existing stockholder.

⁽³⁾ As of June 1, 2023, PGMC owned 100.00% of SPNVI through the assignment of the remaining interests previously held by the Five Stockholders.

⁽⁴⁾ This represents the indirect ownership of the Parent Company to the subsidiaries of SPNVI.

⁽⁵⁾ These are newly incorporated subsidiaries.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, except for the adoption of new standards effective starting January 1, 2023. The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

- Amendments to PAS 1 and PFRS Practice Statement 2, Disclosure of Accounting Policies
 The amendments provide guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by:
 - Replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their 'significant' accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their 'material' accounting policies, and
 - Adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures.

The amendments to the Practice Statement provide non-mandatory guidance. The amendments did not have any impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

- Amendments to PAS 8, Definition of Accounting Estimates
 - The amendments introduce a new definition of accounting estimates and clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. Also, the amendments clarify that the effects on an accounting estimate of a change in an input or a change in a measurement technique are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors. The amendments have no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.
- Amendments to PAS 12, Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
 The amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception under PAS 12, so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

The amendments also clarify that where payments that settle a liability are deductible for tax purposes, it is a matter of judgement (having considered the applicable tax law) whether such deductions are attributable for tax purposes to the liability recognized in the financial statements (and interest expense) or to the related asset component (and interest expense).

The amendments have no impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Standards Issued but not yet Effective

Pronouncements issued but not yet effective are listed below. The Group intends to adopt the following pronouncements when they become effective. Adoption of these pronouncements is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements [unless otherwise indicated].

Effective beginning on or after January 1, 2024

- Amendments to PAS 1, Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent
- Amendments to PFRS 16, Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

Effective beginning on or after January 1, 2025

• PFRS 17, Insurance Contracts

Deferred effectivity

 Amendments to PFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements, and PAS 28, Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

3. Significant Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with PFRSs requires the Group to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and contingent liabilities. Future events may occur which will cause the judgments and assumptions used in arriving at the estimates to change. The effects of any changes in estimates are reflected in the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as they become reasonably determinable.

Accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, actual outcomes can differ from these estimates.

Judgments

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made judgments, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

Estimates and Assumptions

The Group based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising that are beyond the control of the Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

| A reasonation the surrounds | September 30, | December 31, |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Cash on hand | ₱ 1,682 | ₱ 1,873 |
| Cash with banks | 2,750,130 | 3,156,946 |
| Short-term cash investments | 21,766 | 21,766 |
| | ₱ 2,773,578 | ₱3,180,585 |

5. Trade and Other Receivables

| Amount in thousands | September 30, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Trade | ₱ 1,409,497 | ₱ 1,999,403 |
| Advances to: | | |
| Contractors | 307,627 | 401,973 |
| Officers, employees and others | 56,414 | 41,555 |
| Income tax receivable | 67,123 | 90,746 |
| | 1,840,661 | 2,533,677 |
| Less allowance for expected credit losses (ECL) | 289,286 | 289,286 |
| | ₱ 1,551,375 | ₽ 2,244,391 |

There was no provision for ECL on trade and other receivables for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

6. Inventories

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Beneficiated nickel ore | ₱ 311,992 | ₱208,381 |
| Materials and supplies | 97,587 | 83,912 |
| | ₱ 409,579 | ₱ 292,293 |

Beneficiated nickel ore was valued at cost while materials and supplies which consist of tires, spare parts, and fuel and lubricants were valued at net realizable value.

No provision for inventory losses was recognized for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022. The balance of the allowance for inventory losses on materials and supplies amounted to ₱11.6 million as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

7. Prepayments and Other Current Assets

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Prepaid taxes and licenses | ₱ 47,386 | ₱16,918 |
| Prepaid insurance | 19,142 | 14,143 |
| Creditable withholding taxes (CWT) | 10,565 | 9,008 |
| Advances to suppliers | 3,260 | 7,431 |
| Prepaid rent | 4,888 | 4,865 |
| Others | 480 | 7,060 |
| | 85,721 | 59,425 |
| Less allowance for impairment losses | 3,684 | 3,684 |
| | ₱82,037 | ₱55,741 |

No provision for impairment losses on other current assets was recognized in 2023 and 2022.

8. Property and Equipment

As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, property and equipment amounted to ₱5,667.9 million and ₱5,904.2 million, respectively. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Group acquired assets with a cost of ₱256.6 million and ₱584.8 million, respectively, including construction in-progress.

Depreciation and depletion expenses for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 amounted to ₱485.9 million and ₱319.6 million, respectively. As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, total accumulated depreciation and depletion amounted to ₱3,799.6 million and ₱3,346.4 million, respectively.

The property and equipment includes right-of-use assets amounted to ₱746.6 million and ₱819.4 million as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, accumulated depreciation of the right-of-use assets amounted to ₱267.8 million and ₱197.7 million, respectively. Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 amounted to ₱68.8 million and ₱60.0 million, respectively.

No property and equipment were pledged as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

9. Investment in Associates

As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, investment in associates amounted to \$\mathbb{P}4,618.8\$ million and \$\mathbb{P}4,308.5\$ million, respectively.

The Group recognized total share in net income of investment in associates amounted to ₱310.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and share in net loss of investment in associates amounted to ₱18.4 million for the same period of the previous year.

10. Mining Rights

| Amount in thousands | September 30, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Cost | ₱396,500 | ₱396,500 |
| Accumulated amortization: | | |
| Beginning balance | 279,196 | 270,921 |
| Amortization | 5,162 | 8,275 |
| Ending balance | 284,358 | 279,196 |
| Net book value | ₱ 112,142 | ₱ 117,304 |

No provision for impairment losses on mining rights was recognized for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

11. Mine Exploration Costs

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Beginning balance | ₱ 179,030 | ₱ 147,299 |
| Exploration expenditures incurred | 5 | 31,731 |
| Ending balance | ₱179,035 | ₱179,030 |

As at September 30, 2023, the remaining mine exploration costs are associated with PGMC's CAGA 5, 6, 7 and limestone areas, which are still in the exploration and evaluation phase.

12. Other Noncurrent Assets

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Advances to suppliers | ₱ 1,027,872 | ₱380,831 |
| Input VAT | 868,491 | 529,349 |
| Mine rehabilitation fund (MRF) | 432,279 | 378,152 |
| Miscellaneous deposit | 113,247 | 68,849 |
| Restricted cash | 85,892 | 84,311 |
| Intangible asset | 27,404 | 30,805 |
| Security deposits | 24,697 | 23,986 |
| Financial asset at FVOCI | 2,952 | 3,036 |
| Computer software | 1,687 | 682 |
| Others | 9,118 | 12,685 |
| | 2,593,639 | 1,512,686 |
| Less allowance for impairment losses | 195,986 | 195,986 |
| | ₱2,397,653 | ₱1.316.700 |

No dividend income was earned by the Group for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 from the financial asset at FVOCI.

13. Trade and Other Payables

| Amount in thousands | September 30, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Trade | ₱ 459,490 | ₱337,698 |
| Contract liabilities | 357,964 | 247,992 |
| Accrued expenses and taxes | 326,135 | 335,360 |
| Dividends payable | 21,344 | 20,238 |
| Interest payable | 9,826 | _ |
| Nontrade | 9,422 | 10,624 |
| | ₱ 1,184,181 | ₱951,912 |

Details of the accrued expenses and taxes are summarized below:

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Business and other taxes | ₱9,077 | ₱ 14,217 |
| Provision for Social Development and Management | | |
| Program (SDMP) and Indigenous Cultural | | |
| Communities (ICC) | 49,818 | 62,946 |
| Accrued liabilities | 197,818 | 89,386 |
| Excise taxes and royalties payable | 63,815 | 140,761 |
| Accrued payroll | 2,251 | 15,423 |
| Accrued professional fees | 98 | 1,442 |
| Others | 3,258 | 11,185 |
| | ₱326,135 | ₱ 335,360 |

14. Loans Payable

| Amount in thousands | September 30, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Taiwan Cooperative Bank Manila Offshore | | |
| Banking Branch (TCB) - Long-term loan | ₱640,811 | ₱841,800 |
| Less current portion: TCB | 640,811 | 315,675 |
| Noncurrent portion | ₱_ | ₱ 526,125 |

Movements in the carrying value of loans payable are as follows:

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Beginning balance | ₱841,800 | ₱899,256 |
| Payments | (207,540) | (137,646) |
| Effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates | 6,551 | 80,190 |
| Ending balance | ₱640,811 | ₱841,800 |

Long term loans

TCB

On July 29, 2021, the Group was granted by TCB through PGMC an Omnibus Line for Loan Facility in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding US\$15.0 million for general corporate purposes. The Omnibus Line is comprised of Revolving loan amounting to US\$5.0 million and Term loan amounting to US\$15.0 million with the following terms:

- Revolving loan shall be repaid at the maturity date of each loan but the tenor shall not exceed 180 days
- Term loan shall be repaid in four (4) semi-annual installment repayments. First installment commences on the date falling 18 months from the first drawdown date as follows:

| | Repayment installment from |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Months from the first drawdown date | outstanding principal at the end |
| | of availability period (%) |
| 18 | 12.50% |
| 24 | 12.50% |
| 30 | 12.50% |
| 36 | 62.50% |

The interest shall be payable quarterly in arrears. The interest rate for the loan is the aggregate of the reference rate plus spread of 3.25% per annum. The reference rate is the applicable London Interbank Offered Rates (LIBOR) displayed on the Bloomberg and Reuters' page for three (3) month yield as of approximately 11:15 am on the interest rate setting date as stated in the loan agreement.

The other conditions of the agreement are as follows:

- a. The Group shall maintain a waterfall account with TCB wherein all amounts collected from the buyers of nickel ore shall be deposited.
- b. The security required by TCB shall consist of only three (3) kinds, as follows:
 - i. Accounts receivables from PGMC's customers or clients or Import letters of credit (LC) issued in favor of PGMC by its customers and clients. Provided, that the aggregate value, in combination, shall at least twice (2x) the amount of the actual drawdown
 - ii. Demand Deposit Account which shall be opened and set-up by the collateral provider acceptable to TCB (in this case PGMC International Limited) amounting to at least 10% of the drawdown. The amount in said account maybe reduced proportionately as PGMC pays the principal and its interest by express agreement of TCB and PGMC.
 - iv. Guarantee issued by any individual, juridical person such as corporations or any combination thereof that is acceptable to TCB.
- c. TCB is irrevocably appointed as the collecting agent for the account receivables from PGMC's export orders of nickel ore and as a collecting and advising bank for the import LC opened by the buyers of the nickel ore of PGMC. All the amount collected by TCB shall be deposited in the Waterfall Account of PGMC.
- d. The Group may, at its option, prepay the loan in part or in full, together with accrued interest thereon.
- e. If the Group fails to make payment when due of any sum (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), the Group shall pay penalty on such past due and unpaid amount/s at the rate of 18% per annum, in addition to the interest rate from due date until the date of payment in full. The penalty shall be payable from time to time and upon demand by the bank.

On July 30, 2021, the Group made a drawdown amounting to US\$15.0 million of the loan.

Interest expense related to the TCB loan amounted to ₱48.2 million and ₱28.8 million for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Bank of Commerce (BOC)

On May 10, 2017, the Group through MHC entered into a loan agreement with BOC to acquire additional financing to support the construction of Phase 1 of the dry bulk terminal facilities in Mariveles, Bataan with the terms and conditions:

- Repayments of the loan in equal semi-annual installments for five (5) years;
- Bears an annual interest rate ranging from 7.12% to 7.21% per annum;
- With MHC's shares of stock as collateral and a continuing suretyship from Seasia Logistics Philippines, Inc; and
- MHC shall not participate in or enter into any merger or consolidation, sell, lease mortgage or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets and voluntarily suspend its business operations or dissolve its affairs, and declare or pay dividends to its shareholders (other than dividends payable solely in shares of capital stock) if payment of any sum due

to BOC is in arrears.

MHC has fully settled its loan with BOC on May 29, 2022.

Interest expense related to the BOC loan amounted to nil and ₱1.2 million for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Short term loans

BDO Unibank, Inc. (BDO)

The Group is granted annually by BDO a revolving US\$20.0 million Export Packing Credit Line for working capital purposes. No drawdowns were made for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

UnionBank of the Philippines (UBP)

On May 20, 2021 and June 10, 2021, the Group through MHC entered into short-term loans for ₱50.0 million and ₱40.0 million, respectively. These are payable in one (1) year, bear an interest rate of 6.50% per annum and are intended for working capital purposes. The short-term loans were renewed for another one (1) year with an interest rate of 6.5% and 6.75% per annum. Interest expense related to the UBP loan amounted to nil and ₱3.7 million for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The short-term loans with UBP were fully settled on July 29, 2022.

The Group has complied with the terms of the loans as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

15. Provision for Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning

The Group records the present value of estimated costs of legal and constructive obligations required to restore operating locations in the period in which the obligation is incurred. The nature of these restoration activities includes dismantling and demolition of infrastructures, removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas.

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Beginning balance | ₱261,039 | ₱305,414 |
| Accretion interest | 13,378 | 11,234 |
| Additions | - | 63,844 |
| Effect of change in estimate | - | (119,453) |
| Ending balance | ₱ 274,417 | ₱ 261,039 |

16. Retirement Obligation

The FNI Group of Companies Multiemployer Retirement Plan (the Retirement Plan) is jointly established by PGMC, PCSSC, INC and the Parent Company, and other affiliate companies that may adopt the said plan. The Retirement Plan is a non-contributory defined benefit retirement plan covering all of the Group's regular employees effective January 1, 2018.

The funding of the Retirement Plan shall be determined by the actuarial advisor and payment of the benefits thereunder shall be provided through the medium of a fund held by the Trustee Bank under the Trust Agreement. There was no plan termination, curtailment or settlement as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

The latest actuarial valuation report of the retirement plan is as at December 31, 2022.

As at September 30, 2023, the Group's contribution to the pension fund amounted to ₱17.2 million. The Group does not currently employ any asset-liability matching.

As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the retirement plan asset, net of retirement obligation, amounted to ₱23.2 million and ₱16.8 million, respectively. The current service cost amounted to ₱13.2 million and ₱10.4 million for the nine months period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The interest cost on retirement obligation amounted

to \$\frac{1}{2}\$4.3 million and \$\frac{1}{2}\$2.7 million for the nine months period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The interest income on plan assets amounted to \$\frac{1}{2}\$6.7 million and \$\frac{1}{2}\$3.9 million for the nine months period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

17. Non-interest Bearing and Other Current Liabilities

Non-interest bearing liability

On September 30, 2022, as a result of the acquisition of GCTN, the Group recognized a non-interest bearing liability to the Seller amounting to US\$51.8 million which will be settled through annual installment payment amounting to US\$10.0 million starting 2023 until fully paid.

Details of the non-interest bearing liability to the Seller is as follows:

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Balance at the date of acquisition, undiscounted | ₱2,947,352 | ₱ 2,947,352 |
| Discount on non-interest bearing liability: | | |
| Day 1 gain | 469,174 | 504,273 |
| Accretion of interest | (110,791) | (35,099) |
| Ending balance | 358,383 | 469,174 |
| Payment | (544,290) | |
| Net carrying value | 2,044,679 | 2,478,178 |
| Effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates | (42,496) | (42,496) |
| Ending balance | 2,002,183 | 2,435,682 |
| Less: Current portion | 671,991 | 561,200 |
| Non-interest bearing liability - net of current portion | ₱1,330,192 | ₱ 1,874,482 |

Other current liabilities

As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Group has payable to previous stockholders of Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation (CNMEC) and Brooks Nickel Ventures Inc. (BNVI), as follows:

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|--|---------------|------------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Previous stockholders of CNMEC | ₱97,380 | ₱378,436 |
| Payable to BNVI | 193,743 | 193,743 |
| Noncurrent portion | ₱291,123 | ₱ 572,179 |
| | | _ |
| | September 30, | December 31, |
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Beginning balance | ₱572,179 | ₱521,968 |
| Additions | _ | 28,177 |
| Payments | (281,056) | (85,446) |
| Effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates | | 107,480 |
| Ending balance | ₱291,123 | ₱572,179 |

18. Leases

The Group has lease contracts for various properties and equipment used in its operations and office spaces. Leases of office spaces generally have lease terms between three (3) and thirteen (13) years while the equipment has a lease term of two (2) years. The Group's obligations under its leases are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets. Generally, the Group is restricted from assigning and subleasing the leased assets without approval of lessor.

The Group also has certain lease of office spaces and machineries and equipment with lease terms of twelve (12) months or less. The Group applies the "short-term lease" recognition exemptions for these leases.

The lease liabilities as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, discounted using incremental borrowing rate are as follows:

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Lease liabilities | ₱813,417 | ₱835,585 |
| Less current portion | 68,100 | 57,823 |
| Noncurrent portion | ₱745,317 | ₱777,762 |

The rollforward analysis of lease liabilities follows:

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Beginning balance | ₱835,585 | ₱824,013 |
| Interest expense | 38,057 | 51,538 |
| Payments | (60,225) | (111,721) |
| Modification | | 71,755 |
| Ending balance | ₱813,417 | ₱835,585 |

19. Equity

Capital Stock

The Parent Company has 11,957,161,906 authorized shares at ₱1.05 par value as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022. Out of the total authorized shares of the Parent Company, 6,072,357,151 shares are issued amounting to ₱6,375,975 as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

The Parent Company has only one (1) class of common shares which do not carry any right to fixed income.

<u>NCI</u>

September 30, 2023

| | MHC | PGMC | SPNVI | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Percentage of ownership | 11.99% | 0.02% | 0.00% | |
| Acquisition of SPNVI and MHC | 429,936 | | 6,503 | 436,439 |
| Acquisition of NCI | (328,507) | - | (331,464) | (659,971) |
| Issuance of capital stock | - | 446 | - | 446 |
| Retained earnings, beginning | 65,991 | 437 | 41,586 | 108,014 |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) | | | | |
| attributable to NCI | (10,421) | 234 | 283,375 | 273,188 |
| Total | 156,999 | 1,117 | - | 158,116 |

December 31, 2022

| | MHC | PGMC | SPNVI | Total |
|---|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Percentage of ownership | 35.97% | 0.02% | 40.63% | |
| Acquisition of SPNVI and MHC, as restated | 429,936 | - | 6,503 | 436,439 |
| Issuance of capital stock | - | 446 | - | 446 |
| Retained earnings, beginning | - | 211 | - | 211 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | |
| attributable to NCI | 191,886 | 282 | 41,586 | 233,754 |
| Cash dividend | (125,895) | (56) | - | (125,951) |
| Total | 495,927 | 883 | 48,089 | 544,899 |

Material NCI

As at September 30, 2023, the accumulated balance of material NCI amounted to ₱157.0 million, which represents 11.99% equity interest in MHC. As at December 31, 2022, the accumulated balance of material NCI amounted to ₱544.0 million, which represents 40.63% equity interest in SPNVI and 35.97% equity interest in MHC. Net profit allocated to material NCI amounted to ₱233.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Acquisition of NCI

On March 2, 2023, the Parent Company acquired an additional 23.98% interest in MHC from Seasia Logistics Philippines, Inc. for ₱192.0 million, resulting in 88.01% ownership interest in the subsidiary. The effect on equity for the acquisition follows:

| Consideration paid for the additional interest acquired | ₱ 192,000 |
|---|------------------|
| Acquisition of NCI | (328,508) |
| Retained earnings | ₱136,508 |

On June 1, 2023, the Parent Company, through PGMC, acquired the non-controlling interest in SPNVI through the assignment of the remaining interests previously held by Five Stockholders (see Note 1). This transaction resulted in the Group recognizing retained earnings amounting to ₱331.5 million.

Treasury Stock

The Parent Company has 939,880,464 amounting to ₱2,242.3 million and 882,571,322 shares amounting to ₱1,968.2 million in treasury as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

For the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Parent Company purchased a total of 109,207,000 common shares and 10,440,000 common shares at an average price of ₱2.51 per share and ₱3.18 per share, respectively.

20. Earnings Per Share

The following reflects the income and share data used in the earnings per share computation for the nine months period ended September 30:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Net income attributable to equity holders of the | | |
| Parent Company (amounts in thousands) | ₱1,552,475,748 | ₱1,934,213,121 |
| Number of shares: | | |
| Common shares outstanding at beginning | | |
| of the year | 5,189,785,829 | 5,210,312,829 |
| Effect of buyback during the period | (51,330,478) | (7,872,574) |
| Adjusted weighted average number | | |
| of common shares outstanding | 5,138,455,351 | 5,202,440,255 |
| Basic/Diluted Earnings per Share | ₱ 0.3021 | ₱ 0.3718 |
| | | |

As at September 30, 2023 and 2022, there are no potentially dilutive common shares.

21. Cost of Sales

| For the nir | ne months period | d ended September 30 |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | | |

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Contract hire | ₱1,731,536 | ₱ 1,341,466 |
| Depreciation and depletion (see Note 26) | 378,644 | 235,836 |
| Personnel costs (see Note 25) | 282,165 | 155,244 |
| Fuel, oil and lubricants | 127,490 | 116,296 |
| Community relations | 63,550 | 39,504 |
| Operation overhead | 55,663 | 21,003 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 43,948 | 32,571 |
| Environmental protection costs | 27,345 | 16,161 |
| Assaying and laboratory | 25,666 | 13,173 |
| Manning services | 19,271 | 18,246 |
| Others | 29,531 | 31,075 |
| | ₽ 2,784,809 | ₱2,020,575 |

22. Excise Taxes and Royalties

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Royalties to: | | |
| Government | ₱ 172,508 | ₱243,764 |
| Claim-owners | 143,171 | 221,328 |
| Indigenous people (IP) | 34,127 | 48,753 |
| Excise taxes | 268,222 | 195,011 |
| | ₱ 618,028 | ₱708,856 |

23. General and Administrative

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Personnel costs (see Note 25) | ₱211,505 | ₱ 191,487 |
| Taxes and licenses | 157,928 | 96,863 |
| Outside services | 138,152 | 59,826 |
| Depreciation and amortization (see Note 26) | 116,144 | 99,291 |
| Marketing and entertainment | 61,211 | 32,557 |
| Consultancy fees | 37,261 | 47,212 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 22,783 | 24,547 |
| Travel and transportation | 20,311 | 14,247 |
| Fuel, oil and lubricants | 10,694 | 14,356 |
| Membership and subscription | 7,403 | 5,343 |
| Power and utilities | 4,539 | 4,878 |
| Communication | 4,214 | 4,207 |
| Other charges | 31,313 | 61,938 |
| | ₱823,458 | ₱656,752 |

24. Shipping and Distribution

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Stevedoring charges and shipping expenses | ₱144,024 | ₱38,696 |
| Barging charges | 128,351 | 167,830 |
| Fuel, oil and lubricants | 20,549 | 36,348 |
| Government fees | 19,943 | 22,376 |
| Personnel costs (see Note 25) | 17,418 | 23,519 |
| Repairs and maintenance and others | 1,482 | 1,094 |
| Supplies | 761 | 1,836 |
| | ₱332,528 | ₱ 291,699 |

25. Personnel Costs

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------------|----------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Salaries and wages | ₱ 447,411 | ₱317,844 |
| Retirement benefits costs (see Note 16) | 13,220 | 8,026 |
| Other employee benefits | 50,457 | 44,380 |
| | ₱ 511,088 | ₱370,250 |

Other employee benefits are composed of various benefits given to employees that are individually immaterial.

The personnel costs were distributed as follows:

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------|----------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Cost of sales (see Note 21) | ₱282,165 | ₱155,244 |
| General and administrative (see Note 23) | 211,505 | 191,487 |
| Shipping and distribution (see Note 24) | 17,418 | 23,519 |
| | ₱511,088 | ₱370,250 |

26. Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Cost of sales (see Note 21) | ₱378,644 | ₱ 235,836 |
| General and administrative (see Note 23) | 116,144 | 99,291 |
| | ₱ 494,788 | ₱335,127 |

27. Finance Costs

| For the nine | months p | eriod end | led Sep | tember 30 |
|--------------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | | | | |

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Interest expense | ₱86,292 | ₱76,746 |
| Accretion interest on non-interest bearing liability | 110,791 | _ |
| Accretion interest on provision for mine | | |
| rehabilitation and decommissioning | 13,378 | 8,426 |
| Bank charges | 3,455 | 1,928 |
| | ₱ 213,916 | ₽ 87,100 |

28. Other Income - net

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Foreign exchange gains - net | ₱46,570 | ₱43,036 |
| Despatch (demurrage) - net | 15,997 | (450) |
| Gain on disposals of property and equipment | 4 | · - |
| Others | 1,244 | 1,187,571 |
| | ₱ 63,815 | ₱1,230,157 |

Others include the final and full settlement received by MHC, a subsidiary, from its case against Holcim, net of reimbursements, amounting to ₱680.0 million; and day 1 gain recognized by the Group, amounting to ₱504.3 million, applicable to the present value of the non-interest- bearing liability in relation to the purchase of GHGC, an associate, discounted using the prevailing market interest rate.

Breakdown of net foreign exchange gains is as follows:

For the nine months period ended September 30

| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-----------------|-----------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Net realized foreign exchange gains (losses) | (₱14,424) | ₱74,238 |
| Unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) on: | , , | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 29,702 | 90,274 |
| Trade and other receivables | 22,287 | 25,773 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 331 | 529 |
| Loans payable | (6,551) | (122,040) |
| Trade and other payables | 15,225 | (25,738) |
| | ₱ 46,570 | ₱43,036 |

29. Related Party Disclosures

Set out below are the Group's transactions with related parties for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, including the corresponding assets and liabilities arising from the said transactions as at September 30, 2023 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2022 (Audited):

| Amount in thousands Category | Amount/Volume | Sale of Ore | Advances to related parties | Advances from related parties | Non-interest bearing liability | Terms | Conditions |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Stockholders | Amount volume | Sale of Ole | parties | related parties | bearing liability | IEIIIIS | Conditions |
| September 30, 2023 December 31, 2022 | ₽- ₱111,827 | P - | ₱90,765 ₱205,498 | P - | ₱2,002,183 ₱2,435,682 | On demand; noninterest- bearing; collectible or | Secured; |
| Affiliates with common officers, directors and stockholders | d | | | | | payable in cash | with guarantee |
| September 30, 2023 December 31, 2022 | 175 892 | - | 8,604 8,429 | 227,469 227,683 | - | On demand; noninterest- bearing; collectible or payable in | Secured; |
| Associate | | | | | | cash | with guarantee |
| September 30, 2023 December 31, 2022 | 4,050,606 2,146,342 | 4,050,606 2,146,342 | - - | - | - - | On demand; noninterest- bearing; collectible in cash | Secured; with guarantee |
| Total | | ₱4,050,606 | ₱99,369 | ₽ 227,469 | ₱2,002,183 | • | gadrantoo |
| Total | | ₱2,146,342 | ₱213,927 | ₱227,683 | ₱2,435,682 | • | |

The summary of significant transactions and account balances with related parties are as follows:

- a. GCTN entered into ore supply sales agreements with the Group for the purchase of nickel ore amounting to ₱3,777.9 million and ₱1,439.3 million for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- b. PIL entered into ore supply sales agreements with PGMC and INC for the purchase of nickel ore amounting to ₱1,764.3 million and ₱642.8 million for the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- c. Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Group. The compensation of the key management personnel of the Group for the nine months period ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 amounted to ₱56.0 million and ₱52.5 million, respectively.

30. Income Taxes

For the periods ending on September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Group's current provision for income tax amounted to \$\mathbb{P}\$535.6 million and \$\mathbb{P}\$421.7 million, respectively, representing regular corporate income tax (RCIT) and special corporate income tax (5% tax on gross income). The Group has availed of the itemized deductions method in claiming its deductions for the six months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Group's net deferred income tax assets amounted to ₱117.3 million and ₱143.2 million, respectively. As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Group's net deferred income tax liabilities amounted to ₱137.6 million and ₱131.2 million, respectively.

31. Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate such values:

Cash and cash equivalents, Trade receivables, and Advances to contractors under "Trade and other receivables" and Trade and other payables

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, and advances to contractors under "Trade and other receivables" and trade and other payables approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these accounts.

Restricted cash under "Other noncurrent assets"

The carrying amounts approximate their fair values since these are restricted cash in banks which earn interest based on prevailing market rates repriced monthly.

Financial asset at FVOCI under "Other noncurrent assets"

The fair value of quoted equity instrument is determined by reference to the market closing quotes at the end of the reporting period.

Advances to and from related parties and Payable to previous stockholders of CNMEC and BNVI under "Other noncurrent liabilities"

Advances to and from related parties and payable to previous stockholders of CNMEC and BNVI do not have fixed repayment terms. As such, their carrying amounts approximate their fair values.

Loans Payable

The fair value of loans payable is estimated using the discounted cash flow methodology using the benchmark risk free rates for similar types of loans and borrowings, except for variable-rate borrowings which are repriced quarterly.

Lease Liabilities

The carrying amount of lease liabilities are carried at present value due to the long-term nature of the account. The fair value of lease liabilities was computed by discounting the expected cash flows within effective interest rate ranging from 2.5% to 7.3%. The computed fair value approximates its carrying amount.

Fair Value Hierarchy

As at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Group's financial asset at FVOCI is classified under Level 1 and its loans payable and lease liabilities are classified under Level 3.

There were no transfers between levels of fair value measurement as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

32. Operating Segment Information

Operating segments are components of the Group that engage in business activities from which they may earn revenues and incur expenses, whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the Group's chief operating decision maker (the BOD) to make decisions about how resources are to be allocated to the segment and assess their performances, and for which discrete financial information is available.

The Group's operating businesses are organized and managed separately according to the nature of the products and services provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products and serves different markets.

The Group conducts the majority of its business activities in the following areas:

- The mining segment is engaged in the exploration, mining and exporting of nickel saprolite and limonite ore;
- The services segment is engaged in the chartering out of LCTs by PCSSC to PGMC and INC and port services rendered by MHC to its customers; and

• The manufacturing segment includes FSC which is engaged in the manufacturing of iron steel bars and FSLC which is engaged in holding the real properties of FSC.

The Group's core business is the sale of nickel ore to external customers which accounted for 99.7% of the Group's total revenue. Accordingly, the Group's mining segment operates in two (2) geographical locations within the Philippines: Surigao and Palawan. The Group's manufacturing segment is incorporated to build a rebar steel rolling plant in Bataan, Philippines. Noncurrent assets of the Group comprising property and equipment, mine exploration costs, mining rights, and other noncurrent assets are located in the Philippines, Hong Kong and China.

The Group has revenues from external customers as follows:

| | For the nine months period end | For the nine months period ended September 30 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Amount in thousands | 2023 | 2022 | | | |
| Country of Domicile | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | | | |
| China | ₱6,748,950 | ₱4,993,757 | | | |
| Local | 19,461 | 92,492 | | | |
| | ₽ 6,768,411 | ₱ 5,086,249 | | | |

The revenue information above is based on the location of the customers. The local customers include MHC's revenue from Philcement Corporation, which is an Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)-registered entity.

Financial information on the operation of the various business segments are as follows:

| _ | September 30, 2023 (Unaudited) | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Amount in thousands | Mining | Services | Manufacturing | Elimination | Total |
| External customers | ₱6,748,950 | ₱19,461 | ₱- | ₱- | ₱6,768,411 |
| Intersegment revenues | 1,764,276 | 74,193 | 3,600 | (1,842,069) | |
| Total revenues | 8,513,226 | 93,654 | 3,600 | (1,842,069) | 6,768,411 |
| Cost of sales | 4,413,718 | 119,517 | _ | (1,748,426) | 2,784,809 |
| Excise taxes and royalties | 618,028 | - | - | - | 618,028 |
| Shipping and distribution | 406,721 | _ | _ | (74,193) | 332,528 |
| Segment operating earnings | 3,074,759 | (25,863) | 3,600 | (19,450) | 3,033,046 |
| General and administrative | 790,443 | 27,609 | 5,406 | - | 823,458 |
| Finance income | 21,562 | 65 | 17 | _ | 21,644 |
| Finance costs | (195,181) | (18,735) | - | - | (213,916) |
| Share in net income of investment in associates | 310,299 | - | - | _ | 310,299 |
| Other income - net | 660,795 | 30 | 4,333 | (601,343) | 63,815 |
| Provision for income tax - net | 565,513 | (931) | 1,184 | _ | 565,766 |
| Net income (loss) | 2,516,278 | (71,181) | 1,360 | (620,793) | 1,825,664 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to NCI | 283,609 | (10,421) | - | - | 273,188 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to equity | | | | | |
| holders of FNI | ₱2,232,669 | (₱60,760) | ₱ 1,360 | (₱620,793) | ₱1,552,476 |
| Segment assets | ₱33,273,977 | ₱ 1,998,315 | ₱ 1,021,014 | (₱18,378,558) | ₱17,914,748 |
| Deferred tax assets - net | 115,035 | 2,298 | (4,277) | 4,277 | 117,333 |
| Total assets | ₱33,273,977 | ₱ 2,000,613 | ₱ 1,016,737 | (₱18,374,281) | ₱18,032,081 |
| Segment liabilities | ₱9,513,148 | ₱668,392 | ₱960,373 | (₱5,484,919) | ₱ 5,656,994 |
| Deferred tax liabilities - net | 102,348 | (4,666) | 5,845 | 34,113 | 137,640 |
| Total liabilities | ₱9,615,496 | ₱663,726 | ₱966,218 | (5,450,806) | 5,794,634 |
| Capital expenditures | ₱ 247,901 | ₽ 4,779 | ₱ 3,914 | ₱_ | ₱ 256,594 |
| Depreciation and depletion | ₽ 417,502 | ₱76,894 | ₱392 | ₱- | ₱ 494,788 |

| | | Septembe | er 30, 2022 (Unaudited | d) | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Amount in thousands | Mining | Services | Manufacturing | Elimination | Total | | | |
| External customers | ₽ 4,993,757 | ₱92,492 | ₽- | ₽- | ₱5,086,249 | | | |
| Intersegment revenues | 642,829 | 50,407 | 3,852 | (697,088) | | | | |
| Total revenues | 5,636,586 | 142,899 | 3,852 | (697,088) | 5,086,249 | | | |
| Cost of sales | 2,510,048 | 167,832 | _ | (657,305) | 2,020,575 | | | |
| Excise taxes and royalties | 708,856 | _ | _ | · _ | 708,856 | | | |
| Shipping and distribution | 342,106 | _ | - | (50,407) | 291,699 | | | |
| Segment operating earnings | 2,075,576 | (24,933) | 3,852 | 10,624 | 2,065,119 | | | |
| General and administrative | 569,977 | 74,548 | 12,227 | - | 656,752 | | | |
| Finance income | 8,299 | 188 | 17 | _ | 8,504 | | | |
| Finance costs | (62,352) | (24,748) | - | - | (87,100) | | | |
| Share in net loss of investment in associates | (18,450) | _ | - | - | (18,450) | | | |
| Other income (charges) - net | 562,692 | 681,941 | - | (14,476) | 1,230,157 | | | |
| Provision for (benefit from) income tax | 378,749 | 28,511 | - | - | 408,223 | | | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to equity | | | | | | | | |
| holders of GFNI | ₱1,616,815 | ₱330,572 | (₱9,321) | (₱3,852) | ₱1,934,214 | | | |
| Segment assets | ₱29,401,106 | ₱1,974,163 | ₱793,746 | (₱13,286,026) | ₱18,882,989 | | | |
| Deferred tax assets - net | 117,290 | 5,592 | (4,340) | (72,312) | 46,230 | | | |
| Total assets | ₱29,518,396 | ₱1,979,755 | ₱789,406 | (₱13,358,338) | ₱18,929,219 | | | |
| Segment liabilities | ₱8,072,750 | ₱554,265 | ₱736,969 | (₱2,175,545) | ₱7,188,439 | | | |
| Capital expenditures | ₱334,137 | ₱ 20,755 | ₱233,323 | (₱3,386) | ₱584,849 | | | |
| Depreciation and depletion | ₱256,288 | ₱ 74,070 | ₱ 397 | ₱_ | ₱330,755 | | | |
| | | Decemb | per 31, 2022 (Audited) | | | | | |
| Amount in thousands | Mining | Services | Manufacturing | Elimination | Total | | | |
| Segment assets | ₱32,246,473 | ₱1,990,089 | ₱804,598 | (₱7,211,614) | ₱17,829,546 | | | |
| Deferred tax assets - net | 189,552 | 2,298 | | (48,635) | 143,215 | | | |
| Total assets | ₱32,436,025 | ₱1,992,387 | ₱804,598 | (₱17,260,249) | ₱17,972,761 | | | |
| Segment liabilities | ₱9,676,392 | ₱719,288 | ₱746,501 | (₱4,565,062) | ₱6,577,119 | | | |
| Capital expenditures | ₱344.664 | ₱ 29,754 | ₱236.904 | P- | ₱611,322 | | | |