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(Business Address: No. Street City/Town/Province)

Atty. Noel Lazaro

(Contact Person)

(632) 5118229

(Company Telephone Number)

Month Day Fiscal Year

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Secondary License Type

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Amended Articles Number/Section

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Total No. of Stockholders

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Total Amount of Borrowings

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC FORM 17-C
CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. **September 6, 2025**
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number: **ASO94-03992**
3. BIR Tax Identification No. **003-871-592**
4. **Global Ferronickel Holdings Inc.**
Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
5. **Philippines**
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
6. (SEC Use Only)
Industry Classification Code:
7. **Penthouse Platinum Tower, Asean Avenue corner Fuentes St., Aseana, Parañaque City, Metro Manila, Philippines**
Address of principal office
8. **(02) 85197888**
Issuer's telephone number, including area code
9. **not applicable**
Former name or former address, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding
Common Shares	5,125,175,687

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein:
Item 9. Other Events

We advise the Commission that on September 6, 2025, the Company informed the Philippine Stock Exchange and the investing public that the Taguig City Regional Trial Court, Branch 271, has rendered a Decision on the petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed on behalf of the Company's Chairman, Mr. Joseph C. Sy.

The Court categorically ruled that Mr. Sy is a Filipino citizen, declared that the Bureau of Immigration (BI) has no legal basis to detain him, and accordingly ordered his immediate release.

The Company takes note of the Court's affirmation of Mr. Sy's Filipino citizenship, which has likewise been consistently recognized by multiple government agencies, including the two orders of the Bureau of Immigration itself, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, and the Supreme Court.

In its Decision, the Taguig City Regional Trial Court gave greater weight to Mr. Sy's birth certificate and passports over the Alien Certificate of Registration (ACR) I-Card, holding these as superior evidence of citizenship. The Court noted that the Bureau of Immigration had repeatedly dismissed deportation cases against Mr. Sy for lack of jurisdiction, a position likewise affirmed by the Department of Justice.

The full statement of Mr. Sy's legal counsels is attached.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS INC
Issuer

September 6, 2025
Date


EVEART GRACE P. CLARO
Corporate Secretary

TAGUIG CITY REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AFFIRMS JOSEPH SY'S FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP, DECLARES DETENTION ILLEGAL, AND ORDERS HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Taguig City Regional Trial Court, Branch 271, has spoken with unmistakable clarity: Joseph C. Sy is a Filipino citizen, and his detention by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) has no legal basis.

In granting the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, the Court ruled that the BI has no jurisdiction to detain or deport a Filipino. Echoing the long-standing doctrine in *Chua Hiong v. Deportation Board*, the Court stressed that the power to deport is limited to aliens only. Where a person is shown to be a citizen, deportation proceedings are void and may be summarily enjoined in the courts.

The Court affirmed that Mr. Sy's citizenship is firmly established. Multiple government agencies—including the BI itself, the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Office of the President, and even the Supreme Court—have upheld his Filipino nationality in prior proceedings. The Court also cited *Republic v. Harp*, which held that once the BI and the DOJ have recognized a person as a Filipino, he must be protected from deportation. The RTC confirmed that Mr. Sy's case falls squarely within this principle, and the BI must be bound by its two previous rulings confirming Mr. Sy's Filipino citizenship.

At no time has there been any allegation, much less proof, that he lost his citizenship under Commonwealth Act No. 63. To allow the BI to recycle accusations already settled would be a violation of finality of judgments.

In weighing the evidence, the Court held that Mr. Sy's birth certificate and Philippine passports are of superior and conclusive weight compared to the BI's Alien Certificate of Registration (ACR) I-Card. An ACR card, the Court noted, is not a public document with a presumption of truth and cannot override primary proof of citizenship. The BI's reliance on a bare biometrics certification—unsupported by fingerprint records or credible corroboration—was found gravely inadequate.

Based on these findings, the RTC declared the BI's proceedings illegal and ordered Mr. Sy's immediate release.

This ruling is more than a personal vindication for Mr. Sy. It is a resounding reminder that Filipino citizenship cannot be stripped away by speculation, recycled cases, or administrative overreach. The BI must now heed the Court's order with dispatch and ensure that Mr. Sy is not held for a moment longer.

— Atty. Carla E. Santamaria-Seña and Atty. Dennis P. Manalo, Counsels for Mr. Joseph C. Sy