

To: Mr. Zhiwei WU  
Counsellor for Economic and Commercial Affairs  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta

23 May 2025

Subject: 2,046 local residents oppose DPM mine, North Sumatra, in new petition

Dear Mr. Zhiwei Wu,

We are community representatives of residents of villages downstream and around the proposed Dairi Prima Mineral (DPM) mine in North Sumatra.

We write as potentially affected communities, asking that you act on the good commitments and policies made in relation to China's overseas investments, in particularly regulating China Non-Ferrous Metals Mining Group Co Ltd, majority-owner of the DPM mine.

We are seeking to engage around this critical issue in the spirit of the 2022 Chinese "Guidelines for Ecological Environmental Protection of Foreign Investment Cooperation and Construction Projects" which state that companies should "actively strengthen communication with potentially affected communities, relevant social groups and the public, and listen to opinions and suggestions on the environmental impact of the project."

We would like to present to you a petition that reads as follows:

*We, the undersigned, are residents of villages downstream and around the proposed DPM mine in North Sumatra.*

*We are aware that the Chinese government has provided funding for the DPM mine.*

*We declare our rejection of the mine and request the Chinese Government to withdraw funding for the DPM mine whose impacts are very threatening to our lives, environment, livelihoods and social life into the future.*

Our petition has been signed by 2,046 people from 15 of the villages likely to be impacted by the DPM mine. They are (in alphabetical order):

Bongkaras	Bk	Longkotan	Lo
Bakkal Gajah	BG	Pandiangan	Pn
Bonian	Bo	Parongil	Pa
Lae Ambat	LA	Siboras	Si
Lae Itam	LI	Sumbari	Su
Lae Pangaroan	LP2	Tungtung Batu	TB
Lae Panginuman	LP1	Urukblin	UB
Lae Rambong	LR		

*We provide the original of the petition. Many people signing the petition put their sub-village name in the “village” column, so we have added village codes above and to the left of the table (in red).*

*Attached is a map showing the locations of the 15 villages. One village, Pandiangan, is close to the mine but in a different watershed. All other villages are located downstream from the mine. Many of these downstream villages rely on the stream which would be polluted by a DPM tailings dam for domestic and agricultural water supply.*

We note:

- DPM mine plans include construction of a tailings dam on unstable foundations.
- The tailings are expected to be toxic, with high acidity and high levels of heavy metals.
- Dairi is one of the most earthquake-prone areas of the world.
- Dairi has high intensity rainfall, flood and landslide events.
- The combination of these factors, plus close proximity to villages, means the proposed dam would be extremely high risk. World-class technical reports confirm tailings dam failure would be likely.
- Under new Chinese law, the proposed tailings dam would be considered illegal, if implemented in China.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment prepared by DPM failed to consider any possible impacts of dam breach or leak on downstream communities or river systems.
- Community people challenged the Environmental Approval provided to DPM by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.
- The Jakarta Administrative court upheld the community complaint in its entirety. That decision was challenged by DPM and the Ministry, but ultimately the Indonesian Supreme Court ruled the original Administrative Court decision was valid (that the Environmental Approval be revoked). In Indonesian law, the Supreme Court decision should be regarded as the final and binding decision.

DPM, and its majority owner, China Non-Ferrous Metals Mining Group Co Ltd, state they wish to proceed with the mine<sup>1</sup>. We, on behalf of the affected communities, respectfully ask the Chinese government to request the state-owned company NFC to respect the final decision of the Supreme Court of Indonesia and cease all operation of the DPM project immediately. We also call on the Chinese government to revoke the approvals of NFC’s investment in the project.

We believe that in not proceeding with the mine, the Chinese government will be respecting its commitment to the green, high-quality and responsible development of its overseas investment, such as in the 2022 “Guidelines for Ecological Environmental Protection of Foreign Investment Cooperation and Construction Projects”.

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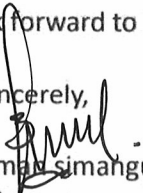
<sup>1</sup> <https://nfc.cnmc.com.cn/jisj/xwzx/gsxw/2025/3/11349790723049783296.html>


In summary, we oppose the mine. We will continue to oppose the mine. All of the relatively flat land in our valley has unstable volcanic ash foundations, making any tailings storage facilities inherently unsafe. We will continue to oppose all mining in our valley because of that. The risks are too high. We do not consider it possible for the mine to be active and safe for us in the long term.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need further information. We remain available to discuss further via email or video conference. We can also organize community representatives or technical experts to meet with your team online, to further discuss these issues at your convenience. Please Ms. Riada Panjaitan, Ph +62 822-7499-9250, email [sekber@protonmail.com](mailto:sekber@protonmail.com) for further inquiry.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

  
Ms. Tioman Simangunsong  
Parongil town

  
Ms. Nursariana Hutaaruk  
Bonian village

Attached: Village location map



**PETA DESA TERDAMPAK ALIRAN SUNGAI AKIBAT JEBOLNYA BENDUNGAN LIMBAH  
PT.DPM (Dairi Prima Mineral) di KABUPATEN DAIRI**

