# Unearthing millions of hidden royalties

### **Objectives of CSC Implementation**

- The research was launched to find out if the Indigenous cultural Communities in the Philex Mining area are receiving the entitlements as mandated by the law.
- Community Scorecard Tool was used to find out if indeed these entitlements have reached the Indigenous People.
- The research also aims to know through the scoring process how much do the IPs understand on the roles and task s of Philex Mining Company and the LGUs in providing their entitlements.
- The metrics of transparency participation and accountability were used in assessing the performance of each stakeholders group in providing the entitlements of the community as provided for by the national/local policies (SDMP, payment and allocation/utlization of El Revenues, Royalty payments and Environment protection)



#### The CSC Process

- The inception of the study was made last January 2012 and ended June 8, 2012.
- A series of orientation seminar with the three stakeholders group (Community, Local Government, Company )were held
- Community visits, coordination and building rapport with local government representatives, IPO members and other members of the community were instituted as strategies in gathering data for the research
- Focused Group Discussion with IP members was conducted along with individual interviews with other community members to gather scores for the CSC.

Generating information and opinions (assessment/scores) on issues affecting the Kankanaey community are better done through individual interviews and conversations. FGDs work better with other groups.



#### The CSC Process

- Visiting all the Indigenous Cultural communities of Ampucao and Camp 3 then gathering the survey score of the IPs is the main trust of the research.
- Validation by more encounters with group meetings were made to prove the scorecard trending is on track.
- A total number of one hundred seventy indigenous people were interviewed on the scorecard process.
- An interface meeting was held to inform the stakehoder's group of the results of the CSC process



## Relevance of the CSC Project

 The Urgent compelling factor why this research was pushed is to surface/validate information on the provision of entitlements to the IP community and to demand answers from other stakeholders (Company and Government) on the different issues and concerns of the IP group.



## Findings of the Project

#### On SDMP

- 1.25% of the annual gross outputs
- SDMP projects identified through community assembly on the month of June
- Recommended projects from the community assemblies: livelihood, infrastructure, education
- Project prioritization and budget decision: Philex Mines
- Decision and implementation of environment projects (usually reforestation and rehabilitation): Philex Mines

#### On Royalties paid to the IP communities

- Total of P60 million to date (its management and distribution now a point of contention among the IP communities)
- Other company commitments:
  - IPs are to be the priority in hiring for jobs in the company
  - Funds for livelihood
  - Scholarship grants
  - rehabilitation of damaged areas and technical assistance on infrastructure projects.



# Assessing Transparency, Accountability and Participation

- Only the Community participated in the scoring or assessment activities.
  - The scores were mostly divided right down the middle: 50% positive,
     50% negative
- The project regurgitated long-standing issues and concerns such as:
  - Water system vis-à-vis agriculture or vegetable farming projects
  - Concerns had been too narrow on royalties other community needs are side-stepped, such as health and education
  - Distinction of Responsibilities and roles of Local government and company processes for addressing community needs had been unclear. As well, the sources of resources or funds for community projects are not clear: government funds vs. project funds provided by the mining company



# The Interface Meeting



#### **Lessons Learned**

- Transparency and openness in in dealing with the stake holders opened up cooperation with the researchers.
- Employing personal virtues in communicating with the informants added a lot of enthusiasm that elicited down to earth responses.











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Tailing Pond #1	10	26.16	85,259.975	Closed in 1981
Tailing Pond #2	11	28.19	72,067,331	Closed in 1992
Tailing Pond #3	18-20	63.08	142,000,000	Active

Source: Boquiren 2006:63 based on DENR-CAR data in April 2006

