NEGROS OCCIDENTAL Mineral Profile

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Region: WESTERN VISAYAS (Region VI)

Province: Negros Occidental

Population (as of August 1, 2015; in thousands): 3,059

Income classification: 1st Class Province

Major economic activities: Farming and fishing

The Province of Negros Occidental is located in the western side of Negros Island. It is bounded by the Visayan Sea in the north, Panay Gulf on the west, Tañon Strait and Negros Oriental Province on the east and Sulu Sea on the south.

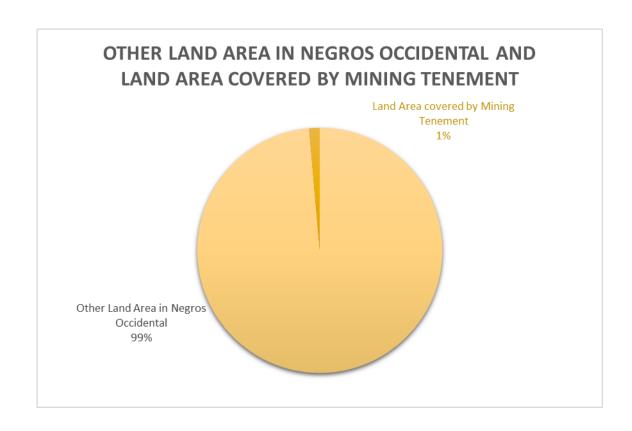
Negros Occidental is composed of 32 municipalities and cities. There were 13 cities (one highly urbanized city and 12 component cities) and 19 other municipalities. The total number of barangays is 662 scattered in the six legislative congressional districts.

II. LAND AREA AND MINERAL POTENTIAL

Total land area of the province of Negros Occidental is 792,607 hectares. The total area covered by the approved mining rights is only 1.41% or 11,212.3699 hectares of the total land area of Iloilo.

Number of Mining Rights Issued by National Government in Iloilo

TYPE OF MINING RIGHT	NUMBER	AREA
Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSA)	7	10,252.2808 has.
Mineral Processing Permit (MPP)	3	Not applicable
Industrial Sand and Gravel (ISAG) Permit	120	486.2873 has.
Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit	54	45.5825 has.
Quarry Permit	40	155.2193 has.
TOTAL	224	11,212.3699 has.



III. MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

There are three existing mining companies in the province but they are not on operation stage yet. The companies are still on the exploration stage, discovering the potential volume of minerals present in the area.

	Mining Projects/ Operators		
3 Copper, Silver and Gold mines	2 Vulcan Industrial & Mining CorporationPhilex Gold Phils., Inc.		
2 Copper, Silver, Gold and Molybdenum mines	Maricalum Mining CorporationSelenga Mining Corporation		
Manganese	 San Dominico Minerals & Industrials Corporation 		
Silica	 Silicon Development Corporation 		
Sand and Gravel	 Krushrock Corporation Rocache Aggregates and Development		

IV. **ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION**

➤ Mining Investments

With regard to the mining investment of the Province, no records were found yet since companies are still under exploration period. Assets are yet to be found in the target areas.

> Production

Mineral Commodity	Quantity	Value (PhP)	
Sand and Gravel	310,756.49 Cu. M	669,127,308.02	
Filling Materials	2,383.30 Cu. M	457,460.00	
Boulders	5,274.00 Cu. M	100,850.00	

EMPLOYMENT

Type of Permit	Male	Female	Total	
Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSA)	Not submitted MGAR			
Mineral Processing Permit (MPP)	91	13	104	
Industrial Sand and Gravel (ISAG) Permit	22	3	25	
Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit	Report from the LGU is yet to be submitted			
Quarry Permit	Report from the LGU is yet to be submitted			

> TAXES PAID

- Total amount occupational fee paid by the two out of seven mining companies amounted to PhP 298,725.00.
- Specific municipalities where the exploration of minerals are in Sipalay and Hinobaan for Philex Gold Phils., Inc., Hinobaan, Sipalay and Candoni for Vulcan Industrial & Mining Corp., Cauayan and Sipalay for Maricalum Mining Corp., Candoni and Sipalay for Selenga Mining Corp., Kabankalan for San Dominico Minerals and Industrial Corp., Sagay City for Silicon Development Corp.

Note: All other LGU remittances from permittees are yet to be submitted.