

# 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

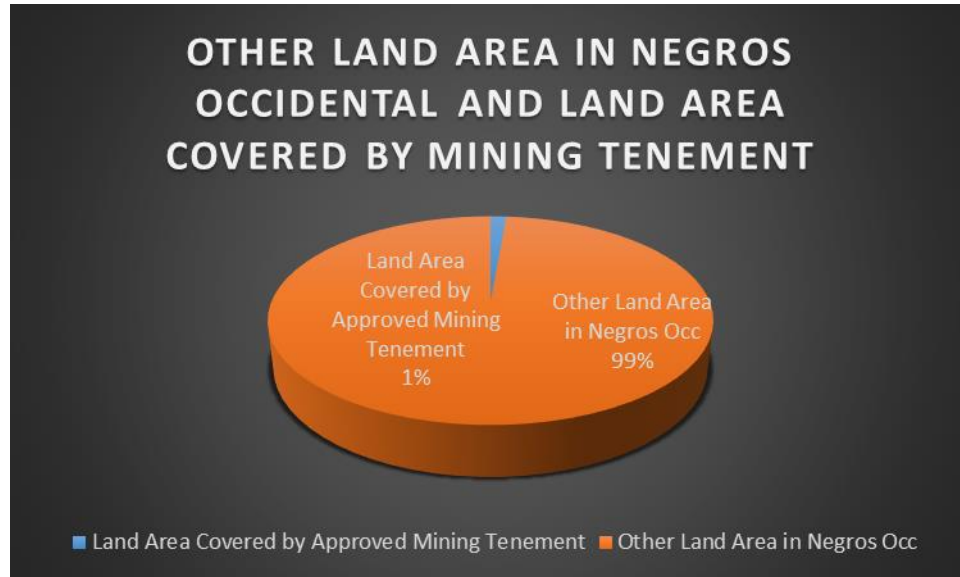
Negros Occidental is composed of 32 municipalities and cities. There were 13 cities (one highly urbanized city and 12 component cities) and 19 other municipalities. The total number of barangays is 662 scattered in the six legislative congressional districts.

## 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 1.36% or 10,809.1853 hectares of the total land area of Iloilo.

### Number of Mining Rights Issued by National Government in Iloilo

<b>TYPE OF MINING RIGHT</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>AREA</b>
Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSA)	7	10,252.2808 has.
Mineral Processing Permit (MPP)	2	Not applicable
Industrial Sand and Gravel (ISAG) Permit	82	371.7603 has.
Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit	47	45.7013 has.
Quarry Permit	34	139.5429 has.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>10,809.1853 has.</b>



### 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.

	<b>Mining Projects/ Operators</b>
<b>3 Copper, Silver and Gold mines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 Vulcan Industrial &amp; Mining Corporation</li> <li>● Philex Gold Phils., Inc.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Copper, Silver, Gold and Molybdenum mines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maricalum Mining Corporation</li> <li>● Selenga Mining Corporation</li> </ul>
<b>Manganese</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● San Dominico Minerals &amp; Industrials Corporation</li> </ul>
<b>Silica</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Silicon Development Corporation</li> </ul>

<b>Sand and Gravel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krushrock Corporation</li> <li>• Rocache Aggregates and Development Corporation</li> <li>• John Alexander I. Gayoso</li> <li>• Anecito Mondia</li> <li>• Leilan D. Chua</li> <li>• Various permit holders issued by LGU Iloilo</li> </ul>
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#### 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

<b>Mineral Commodity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Value (PhP)</b>
Sand and Gravel	385,137.55 Cu. M	303,522,011.70
Ordinary Earth	44,251.00 Cu. M	3,009,035.72
Boulders	5,274.00 Cu. M	687,240.80

## ➤ EMPLOYMENT

Type of Permit	Male	Female	Total
Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSA)	Not submitted MGAR		
Mineral Processing Permit (MPP)	90	14	104
Industrial Sand and Gravel (ISAG) Permit	63	5	68
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 180,412.50.00.
- 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.*