

# **MEMBER ALERT**



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## **TERRORIST ATTACKS ON PHILIPPINE NICKEL ORE PORTS: UPDATED INFORMATION**

The Member Alert of Monday, October 3, 2011, refers.

Your Managers have since received the attached document regarding the attacks on nickel ore mines around Surigao, Mindanao, Philippines, to which they draw Members' further attention.

Thanks are extended to Pandiman Philippines, Inc. for this update.

More information will be provided as further news is received.

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### **Attack on nickel ore mines around Surigao, Mindanao, Philippines**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October there were violent attacks on three nickel ore mines in the Surigao Del Norte region of Mindanao by the New Peoples Army (NPA), which is the armed movement of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPA). The CPA is an outlawed party in the Philippines and was designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States in August 2002 and by the European Union in November 2005. The NPA normally engage with the Philippine military and extort money from farmers and local business men to raise funds. The NPA's founder, Jose Maria Sison, lives in the Netherlands in self-imposed exile.

Two of the attacks were at large scale mining facilities, the local press is reporting that refusal of Taganito Mining Corp. (TMC), Taganito HPAL Nickel Corp. and Platinum Group Metals Corp. (PGMC) to give in to the NPA demand for a "revolutionary tax" prompted the attacks.

There were 20 international ships in the vicinity all sailed safely to further anchorages or had nearly completed loading and have departed. The damage is extensive and we had five surveyors in the area four attending nickel ore loading, one having just completed a delivery survey of heavy mining equipment and modular smelting plant for TMC. This is a joint venture with Sumitomo Heavy Industries, we are pleased to report that all 20 Japanese project engineers were unharmed. The equipment has been destroyed, barges and tugs bombed and the office buildings including the laboratory burnt down. The Philippines government estimates the damage at USD 1 Billion.

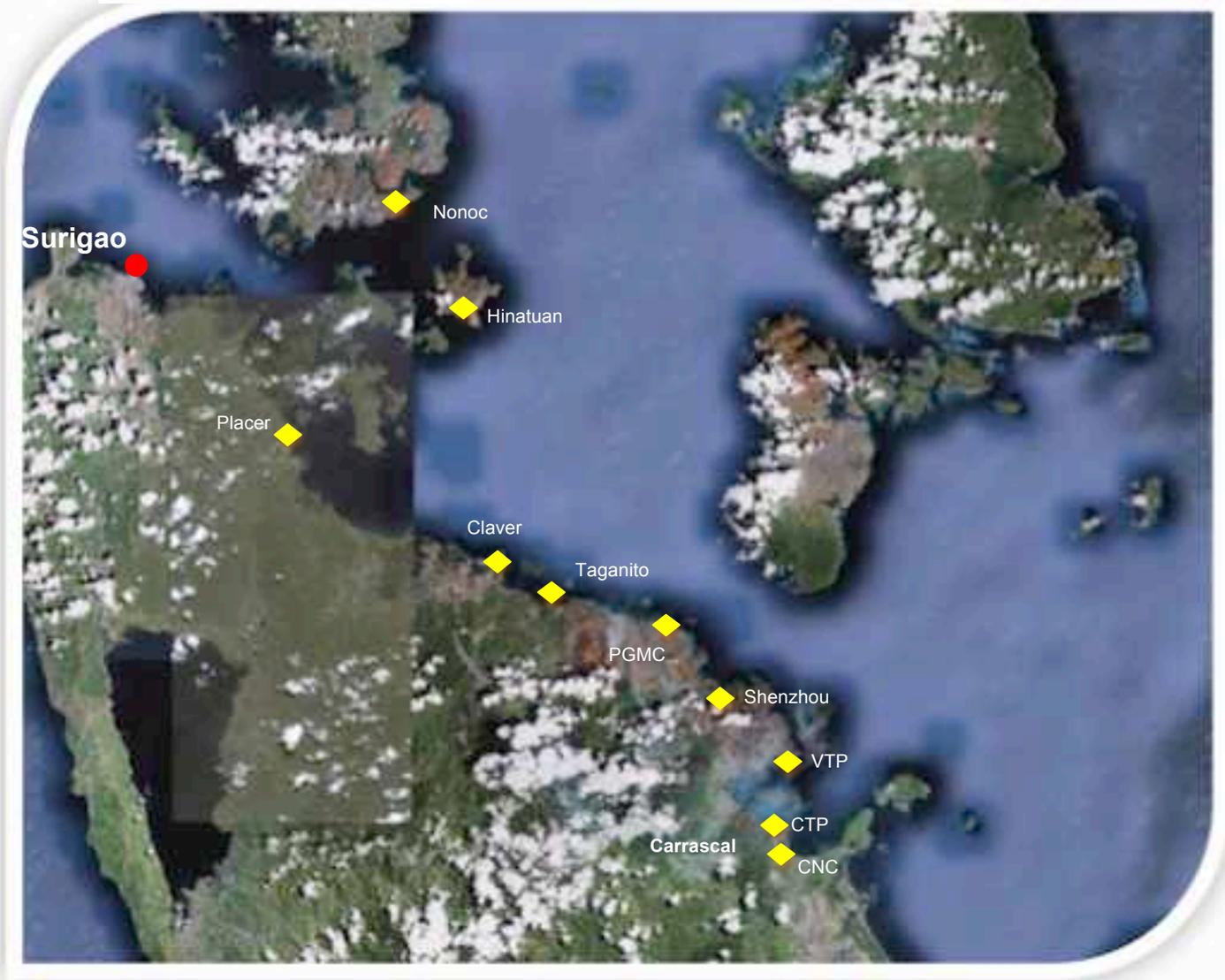
This is a serious situation, government troops are being deployed to the area and we strongly recommend that all owners/charterers of vessels intending to load nickel ore in the Philippines contact their respective P&I Club to clarify the situation. Please see below a simple map showing the more prominent mines and their location in the Surigao area. Away from the immediate area of TMC and PGMC loading of vessels continues.

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