



APEX MINING CO., INC.

ISRI DONATES ANTIGEN KITS TO 2 BENGUET TOWNS

Apex subsidiary extends assistance to LGUs to stem COVID outbreak



Mankayan's Mayor Frenzel A. Ayong with Apex Mining Co. Inc's Engr Eric Andal, vice president for Geology and Exploration, and the 200 antigen kits from ISRI.



AMCI's Engr Andal presents Atty Noel Ngolob, municipal administrator of Itogon, with 200 boxes of antigen kits.



Itogon-Suyoc Resources, Inc., a subsidiary of Apex Mining Co., Inc., has donated 400 antigen test kits to the towns of Itogon and Mankayan in Benguet to help in the early screening and detection of possible, suspected and probable COVID-19 cases.

Ever since the pandemic hit the country, ISRI has been consistently supporting the various initiatives of its host communities on two fronts: socio-economic and health and safety. The company has committed to lend its isolation tents and folding beds to augment the isolation facilities of Itogon. The company has also distributed food packs, vitamins and protective essentials to the residents on several occasions.

According to Apex President and Chief Executive Officer Luis R. Sarmiento, all of Apex's subsidiaries are working closely with their host communities and extending assistance whenever and however possible. "We will be fighting this pandemic for the foreseeable future. We need to be all-hands-on-deck so that the negative effects of the pandemic can be mitigated as quickly as possible."

Apart from ISRI, the Apex group also includes Paracale Gold Ltd. and Bulawan Mineral Resources Corporation, both in Camarines Norte.

For the longer term, Sarmiento says ISRI is looking at replicating the success of Apex's big brother-small brother program in Maco, Davao de Oro in its mine camps in Benguet. "The big brother-small brother program is an effective way help our small-scale miners in Itogon and Mankayan get back on their feet by having sustainable sources of livelihood."

"We can give them appropriate training and help them get the proper equipment to ensure that they also follow best practices in safety and environment protection," adds Sarmiento.

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