Jakarta, June 5, 2014 – Following its announcement earlier this week that copper concentrate production at Batu Hijau was halted, PT Newmont Nusa Tenggara (PTNNT) today said it officially notified the government and employees that it is invoking the force majeure clause of its Contract of Work (CoW) due to ongoing export restrictions that prevent production from continuing. To minimize expenses and preserve the ability to return to normal operations in a timely fashion, approximately 80 percent of Batu Hijau’s 4,000 employees will be placed on leave at reduced pay starting on June 6. PTNNT continues discussions with the government to seek a resolution of the export issues.

“We have taken numerous steps to help resolve the export issue and support the government’s desire to increase in-country smelting. However, despite our best efforts, we have not been able to export copper concentrate since January, and we still do not have an export permit. In addition, the new export conditions, duty and January 2017 ban fundamentally impact Batu Hijau’s economics and conflict with our Contract of Work. As a result, we are left with no option but to declare force majeure” said Martiono Hadianto, President Director of PTNNT. “We remain hopeful that continued dialogue with the government will lead to resolution in the near term. In the immediate interests of protecting jobs and our stakeholders’ rights and needs, we have respectfully asked the government to allow PTNNT to continue normal operations by exporting copper concentrate, based on the existing terms of the CoW, until this issue is resolved.”

The Batu Hijau copper and gold mine will be in care and maintenance as efforts to resolve the export issues continue. The company will maintain appropriate controls to protect the safety and security of people, water resources and the environment. PTNNT also will continue selling copper concentrate from storage to PT Smelting in Gresik, Indonesia through the remainder of 2014, allowing for shipment of 81,000 tonnes of concentrate between now and the end of the year. PT Smelting has capacity limitations and cannot purchase sufficient quantities of PTNNT’s copper concentrates to allow for ongoing normal operations at Batu Hijau.

About PTNNT’s Contract of Work and Copper Concentrate Production
The Batu Hijau copper and gold mine was developed under an investment agreement called the Contract of Work (CoW). These Contracts of Work were designed to provide assurance and stability to encourage significant, long-term investments, which is why they were endorsed by Parliament and approved by the President of Indonesia.

The CoW details PTNNT’s obligations and rights – including the obligation to produce and the right to export copper concentrate – while also explicitly establishing all the taxes and duties PTNNT is required to pay. Despite changes in various laws and regulations over the years, the obligations and rights specified in the CoW have continued to govern operation of the mine.

While multiple studies have demonstrated that it is not economically viable for PTNNT to build its own smelter, the company has a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in a process with PT Freeport Indonesia designed to lead towards the development of a smelter.
PTNNT also has negotiated and signed conditional concentrate supply agreements with two Indonesian companies that publicly announced plans to build their own copper smelters in the country and is working to finalize a third such agreement.

The value added through Batu Hijau’s processing plant improves the quality of the copper ore mined by more than 50 times, capturing roughly 95 percent of the entire value stream in Indonesia. PTNNT also has supported in-country smelting for many years by shipping as much copper concentrate to PT Smelting Gresik – Indonesia’s only copper smelter – as it can take from Batu Hijau.

About PTNNT
PTNNT is a copper and gold mining company operating under a 4th Generation Contract of Work entered into on 2 December 1986. PTNNT is 56% owned by Nusa Tenggara Partnership B.V. (which is owned by Newmont Mining Corporation and Nusa Tenggara Mining Corporation of Japan), with 7% of NTPBV’s stake possibly to be divested to the Government of Indonesia through purchase by an agency of the Ministry of Finance. PT Pukuafu Indah owns 17.8% of PTNNT, PT Multi Daerah Bersaing owns 24% (which in turn is owned by PT Multi Capital and PT Daerah Maju Bersaing, a joint company owned by the province of Nusa Tenggara Barat, and the kabupatens of Sumbawa Barat and Sumbawa) and PT Indonesia Masbaga Investama owns 2.2%.

Since commencing operations in 2000, PTNNT has contributed nearly IDR 90 trillion in taxes, fees, royalties, wages, purchases of domestic goods and services, and dividends paid to the national shareholders. In addition, PTNNT also has implemented corporate social responsibility programs to improve the quality of life and the prosperity of communities around the mine by providing funds in the amount of IDR 50 billion per year, on average. PTNNT currently employs approximately 4,000 employees and 4,000 contractors.

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