Symposium on small-scale mining in Eastern Indonesia

Tuesday April 28 2015: Casuarina Campus, Darwin Charles Darwin University. (Open public forum)

Artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) involves up to 30 million people worldwide contributing 15-20% of global mineral and metal production. In collaboration with Australian researchers from Charles Darwin University and the Australian National University, Indonesian government agencies and universities in two provinces (Nusa Tenggara Timur and Sulawesi Tenggara), a 3 year project funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, is aimed at addressing the negative health, environmental and long-term livelihood impacts of (ASM) in eastern Indonesia. More information on the project can be found at: asm4d.wordpress.com

The project has a strong capacity building and knowledge exchange objective. A Symposium and study tour is scheduled for 28-30 April 2015. Twelve senior Indonesian officials will be gathering in Darwin for a symposium to share issues relating to artisanal and small-scale (ASM) mining in eastern Indonesia and mine governance in Australia. The symposium on the 28th will be open to others in Australia who wish to take the opportunity to meet and learn from some of the lead agency staff dealing with ASM in Indonesia. It is hoped the event will develop networks and promote opportunities for collaboration between Eastern Indonesian and Australian agencies around ASM.

Schedule:

Morning 8:30

Session 1: Introduction to ASM and GPFD project (Project leaders)

Session 2: ASM Eastern Indonesia: Manganese mining in West Timor, Gold mining in South East Sulawesi
Presentations from; local government leaders (Bupati) providing background and governance responses, Indonesian NGO and university researchers providing an overview of social, health and environmental impacts.

Afternoon: 1.30-17.00

Session 3: National Indonesian NGO Response
Presentations: ASM community support (APRI), Governance, policy and mercury eradication (Bali Fokus).

Session 4: Northern Territory small-scale mining management.
Presentations from NT government and CDU researchers on small scale mining issues and non-regulatory responses.
Session 5: **Negotiating sustained equitable outcomes in mining**

Presentations on: Indigenous rights, mining negotiation and CSR (Northern Land council), ASM and Gender (ANU), International Mining for Development engagement in Indonesia (Sustainable minerals institute (UQ)).

Close: 17:30

**Key speakers include:**

**Gatot Sugiharto**: (Asosiasi Penambangan Raykat Indonesia) NGO representing community mining groups across Indonesia. Gatot has extensive experience engaging with mining communities supporting best practice approaches.

**Dr Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt**: The Australian National University researcher. Current research focuses on understanding the poor who experience agrarian and social changes, and who live on mineral-rich tracts. This project represents her long term interests in the moral economy of mineral-dependent livelihoods, primarily in India but also in Lao PDR and Indonesia, and in Mongolia. ([http://asmasiapacific.org/](http://asmasiapacific.org/))

**Bernadette Devi**: Researcher at the Centre for Social Responsibility in mining (UQ) who works on projects focused on community development, natural resource management, policy analysis and governance to promote sustainable development in mining. Bernadetta worked for the regional development and planning office of North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia, for more than 13 years where she was most recently the section head of environmental and natural resource management. ([www.csrm.uq.edu.au](http://www.csrm.uq.edu.au))

**Peter W Waggitt**: Director Mining Compliance, Northern territory government.

**Bali Fokus**: One of the organisations leading the fight against mercury use in ASM of gold. ([http://balifokus.asia/](http://balifokus.asia/))

**Greg McDonald**: Senior Project Coordinator, minerals and energy branch. Prior to his current position Greg spent several years working on Natural resource management projects in Indonesia.

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