

Toka Tindung Status Update

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While Archipelago shareholders during an extraordinary general meeting that took place in London today agreed to entitle the company to seek an additional long-term loan worth 20 Mio USD and issue new shares worth 29,3 % of the current share capital, the chances for the company to operate its goldmine in North Sulawesi shrink further. The Indonesian Minister for Environment has stated its ministry's support for the governor's rejection of the gold mine. During a visit on site May 24th the deputy V of the ministry called the governor's stand very visionary and benefiting the people as only environment friendly investments would be welcomed (KOMENTAR 25-05-07, "Ministry of Environment supports governor's stand to reject MSM"). On June 8 the governor received an official letter of the Minister of Environment that there won't be an EIA (Amdal) – Environmental Impact Assessment – issued by his ministry (SULUT ONLINE 10-06-07, "Ministry of Environment supports Gouverneur – Game over for MSM"). Without an EIA the company can't commence production.

Thus the long term loan facility Archipelago will be seeking for must be VERY long...

An archive of the Indonesian newspaper articles can be provided.