

*Your email may help to stop pollution of rivers by NHM company in Halmahera, Indonesia*

**Nusa Halmahera Minerals Pollutes River,  
Causing Misery to Community in Halmahera Island, North Moluccas Indonesia**

Nusa Halmahera Minerals (NHM), a gold mining company, have been operating in Halmahera Island, North Moluccas, Indonesia, since 1997. The company owned 82,5 % by Newcrest Holding Pty. Ltd (Australia), and 17,5 % by Antam (Indonesia). The company had inflicted in human rights violations, the most highlighted is the shooting dead of member community, Rusdi Tunggapi, in 2004 while he and other villagers demanded land compensation from NHM.

Besides human rights violation, NHM also pollute the environment. Tailing (mining waste) pipeline of NHM have been leaking in several times, and streaming its waste into several rivers which are water source for traditional plantation field of villagers. These rivers end up in Kao Bay.

Before NHM production, this bay is one of the richest source of milk fish in east sea of Indonesia. Nowadays, these milk fish have disappeared completely because mining activity and almost all the villagers nearby have stopped as fishery folks since then.



**NHM mining mud in protected forest**

**The first tailing pipe spilling**

It happened on 17 March 2010. Estimated 102 meter cubic of slurry spilled away to the nearby area. Tailing spilling occurred in 12 hours.

**The second pipe spilling**

It happened on 3 February 2011. Estimated 361 tones of tailing which are toxic spilled into Bora River and Kobok River through traditional community plantation field. On 7 February 2011 community found many fishes and craps dead, floating in the rivers' surface.

**Third tailing pipe spilling**

On 2 June 2011, NHM tailing was spilling again. NHM just fixed it one day after. By visual observation, water in Tobobo river turn into milky color, producing bad smell. Villagers found a lot fishes dead and floating on the river surface.

WALHI-Friends of the Earth Indonesia sent a letter to Environment Ministry in order this institution take a serious action on 8 June 2011. Indonesia Environment Minister, Gusti M Hatta praised NHM last year as good mining company, caring for environment. Public support is needed to push the ministry to take actions.

Send your email to: [adu@menlh.go.id](mailto:adu@menlh.go.id), saying that you really concern about pollution caused by Nusa Halmahera Mineral in North Moluccas, and demand the Indonesia Environment Ministry take an action to ensure the pollution will not happen again in the future.



**Children were washing kitchen stuff and playing in a river in nearby NHM mining**

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