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Lao Cai, March 30, 2026

About: Explanation of the disclaimer opinion to the
consolidated and parent company's financial
statements for 2025.

To: HANOI STOCK EXCHANGE

STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OF VIETNAM

Lao Cai Mineral Exploitation and Processing Joint Stock Company (LCM) would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Hanoi Stock Exchange and the State Securities Commission for their assistance and cooperation over the past period and hopes to continue receiving the attention and support of your agencies in the future.

Our company would like to explain to your agency the basis for the disclaimer opinion on the consolidated financial statements as follows:

I. Basis for the disclaimer opinion to issue an auditor's opinion on the parent report and the entity's explanatory opinion:

1. Disclaimer opinion on investments by affiliated companies.

We were unable to access the financial statements and audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2025, of Van Son Green Environment Cooperative with an equity investment value of VND 24.145 billion and of Binh Thanh Green Environment Investment. Alternative procedures were not available. Therefore, we cannot assess the net value of the investments or their impact on the relevant indicators in the Consolidated Financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2025, of the Company.

- At the time of auditing the 2025 financial statements, we were unable to contact the management or accountants of the two affiliated companies. Therefore, the provision of financial records related to these two companies was delayed, resulting in the auditors being unable to assess the value of the impairment provision for the investment.

2. Disclaimer opinion on Other short-term receivables

VND. As of December 31st, 2025, the "Other Short-Term Receivables" item recorded advances to several officers and employees for production and business activities totaling VND 60,400,000,000. We have not been provided with complete documentation regarding the use of these advances. Although the Board of Directors has assessed these advances as recoverable and not causing any loss of assets for the Company, at the time of this report, we are unable to assess the reasonableness, purpose, and recoverability of these advances.

- At the time of auditing the 2025 report, we had not yet recovered advances made to some officers and employees to support the company's production and business activities, totaling VND 60,400,000,000. Therefore, the auditors could not yet assess the reasonableness of the outstanding balances of the aforementioned advances.

4. Opinions on the unit's performance

As of December 31, 2025, the Company's accumulated losses amounted to VND 139,240,781,707, representing 57% of equity. Loans and financial lease liabilities of VND 2,230,000,000 were overdue. These factors, along with the issues presented by the Company in Note 2.2, indicate material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. At the time of this report, we are unable to express an opinion on whether the Company's going concern assumption is adequately formulated.

- Currently, our company is focusing on renewing the gold mining project of Gia Long Hoa Binh Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary), but we still generate revenue from other core activities. Therefore, we are committed to and guarantee the company's continued operation both now and in the future.

II. The basis for disclaimer opinion to issue an auditor's opinion on the consolidated report and the entity's explanatory opinion:

1. Disclaimer opinion on Other short-term receivables

As of December 31st, 2025, the "Other Short-Term Receivables" item recorded advances to several officers and employees for production and business activities totaling VND 115,200,000,000. We have not been provided with complete documentation regarding the use of these advances. Although the Board of Directors has assessed these advances as recoverable and not causing any loss of assets for the Company, at the time of this report, we are unable to assess the reasonableness, purpose, and recoverability of these advances.

- At the time of auditing the 2025 report, we had not yet recovered advances to some officers and employees for production and business activities totaling VND 115,200,000,000. Therefore, the auditors could not yet assess the reasonableness of the outstanding balances of the aforementioned advances.

2. Disclaimer opinion on investments by affiliated companies

We were unable to access the financial statements and audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2025, of Van Son Green Environment Cooperative with an equity investment value of VND 24.145 billion and of Binh Thanh Green Environment Investment and Construction Joint Stock Company with an equity investment value of VND 23.769 billion. Alternative procedures were not available. Therefore, we cannot assess the net value of the investments or their impact on the relevant indicators in the Consolidated Financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2025, of the Company.

- At the time of auditing the 2025 financial statements, we were unable to contact the management or accountants of the aforementioned associate company. Therefore, the provision of relevant financial records for that company was delayed, preventing the auditors from assessing the value of the impairment provision for the investment.

3. Opinions on the unit's performance

As of December 31st, 2025, the Company's accumulated losses amounted to VND 135,942,775,750. Loans and financial lease liabilities of VND 2,230,000,000 were overdue. Furthermore, the gold ore mining project in Luong Son District, Hoa Binh Province, under mining license No. 80/QD/UBND dated November 12th, 2009, of Gia

Long Hoa Binh Joint Stock Company (subsidiary), has expired and has not been renewed. These events, along with the issues mentioned in the "Basis for Refusal to Express an Opinion" section above, present significant uncertainties that could lead to substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. At the time of publication of this Report, we do not have sufficient grounds to express an opinion on whether the Company's going concern assumption is adequately established.

- Currently, our company is focusing on renewing the gold mining project of Gia Long Hoa Binh Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary), therefore, the main operations (mining) at both the subsidiary and the parent company are temporarily interrupted. However, other core business activities continue to operate continuously and normally. Therefore, we commit to and guarantee the company's ability to continue operating both now and in the future.

The above is our company's explanation regarding the disclaimer opinion on the parent company's financial statements and consolidated financial statements for 2025. We look forward to receiving your department's and committee's input and support on the issues raised above.

Best regards!

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