TVIRD Mining Group Corners 1-2 Victory in 2026 Presidential Mineral Industry and Environment Awards

Balabag Gold & Silver Project clinches top honors while the Siana Gold Project receives PMIEA Gold Award



Beyond mining, mere compliance: *The TVIRD Group sustains its operations not just through mining but also by sustaining its beneficiary communities. (In photo): Balabag safety personnel turns safety and first aid training into a learning experience for elementary students of Barangays Dipili and Depore, Zamboanga del Sur.*

Long after the last truck leaves and the day's work is done, the true measure of responsible mineral development is found somewhere beyond the mine: in resilient communities that continue to prosper, in thriving ecosystems taking root on rehabilitated ground, and in families who see their livelihood and nature flourishing side by side.

By that measure, TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc. (TVIRD) has much to share. Its Balabag Gold and Silver Project in Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur won the 2026 Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award (PMIEA) for Surface Mining Operations – the highest recognition in the Philippine minerals industry. The honor was conferred during the testimonial dinner of the 72nd Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference (ANMSEC) on November 20 at the Baguio Country Club.

The Balabag Project led the TVIRD Group's victory while the Siana Gold Project – operated by the company's wholly-owned Greenstone Resources Corporation, in Tubod, Surigao del Norte – earned the Gold Award by a very close margin in the same category. The Siana Project was likewise recognized as the winner in the Mineral Processing – Extraction Category with Balabag as its runner-up.

In addition to the Presidential Award, Balabag likewise received the Best Mining Forest Second Runner-up Award under the Metallic Category for its mine rehabilitation and ecological conservation work while Siana was given the Safest Surface Mining Operation Runner-Up Award for its exceptional safety practices.

Meantime, three TVIRD Group personnel were recognized among the 2026 Mines' Best Personalities awardees: Fortunato N. Eviota, Jr. (Best Miner for Surface Mining), Rolando B. Calubag (Best Processing Plant Operator) and Brian B. Pugate (Best Plant Supervisor). Their awards reflect the dedication and expertise of the people who drive TVIRD's operations every day.

Driven by Strong Global Markets

"More than an industry, mining is a catalyst for sustainable development and shared prosperity," explained TVIRD Group President Michael G. Regino. "We are honored to be part of creating lasting opportunities, empowering communities, and ensuring that the benefits of progress endure well beyond the life of the mine," he said.

Business remains brisk for the company as its gold and silver production continues to ride the coattails of global demand for responsibly sourced precious metals. According to Mines and Geosciences Bureau data, the group generated a combined 2,684 kilograms of gold and an industry-leading 19,475 kilograms of silver in 2025.

"As our operations continue to grow, so does our responsibility to ensure that progress is inclusive and its benefits are shared," explained the executive.

The PMIEA validates companies on social development, environmental protection, and safety and health. At the TVIRD Group, all three underscore that mining activities create stronger communities, a healthier natural environment, and partnerships built on trust.

Harnessing Precious Metals

At the Balabag Project, mineral processing is built to maximize gold and silver recovery from every ton of ore while continuously improving productivity, operational efficiency, and the sustainable use of resources. It is driven by an integrated recovery system that includes Carbon-in-Leach technology and a Merrill-Crowe Circuit.

To improve operational performance, TVIRD continuously refined its processing practices, resulting in greater efficiency and enhanced value from every ton of ore. These combined improvements increased milling capacity by 25 percent, from 2,000 to 2,500 tonnes per day while water recycling from the Tailings Storage Facility conserved more than 290,658 cubic meters of water.

Through knowledge-sharing platforms and collaborative industry forums, Balabag shares its technical expertise and best practices, helping raise standards across the mining industry. Because leadership and operational excellence are not only defined by what you accomplish, but by how you empower others to move forward.

Where Mining Meets Lasting Impact

In the hills of Bayog, the impact of responsible mining reaches the far corners of the community: from children arriving at their classrooms with hearts full of possibilities, schools with feeding programs that keep hunger from standing in the way of learning, and young scholars stepping into opportunities once beyond reach – to farmers learning new techniques at the SIDLAK demo farm, and residents gaining skills that build enterprise and self-reliance.

Behind these moments are sustained investments in education, healthcare, livelihood, infrastructure, and employment – all in partnership with local government units, community organizations, and other stakeholders. They have helped families look to the future with greater confidence and hope.

For the company's indigenous Subanen hosts, the story is one of preserving what matters most while creating new possibilities. Through royalties and long-standing partnerships, improved tribal halls have become places where traditions are kept alive while serving as a venue for the tribe's elders to make community decisions and teach the younger generation.

New livelihood also helps families thrive closer to home without sacrificing their cultural identity. Here, progress has never meant leaving tradition behind. But rather, it has created space for heritage and opportunity to grow together.

All these are testament to something much larger. It is a clear indication that the Subanen community is empowered to shape their own future. Over the years, the shared commitment between company and community has helped Bayog rise from a third-class municipality to first-class status – a reflection not only of economic growth, but of people growing alongside it.

Caring for What Comes Next

Responsible mining also asks a different question: what will remain when today's work is finished? At Balabag, the answer continues to take root. More than 1.25 million trees now stand across rehabilitated areas. Moreover, water is recycled, biodiversity is protected, and once-disturbed landscapes are steadily recovering as wild birds return to familiar perches while native trees cast new shade. It is a story of nature gradually re-establishing itself.

Project proponents here believe that stewardship is not a single project but a daily responsibility, and the same approach runs across the TVIRD Group. Its programs pair environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, and progressive rehabilitation with the responsible management of natural resources.

Guided by science-based practices and working closely with regulators and the academe, the company strives to ensure that economic development and environmental stewardship go hand in hand in its host communities.

A Culture Grounded in Safety

Across the TVIRD Group, safety is a shared responsibility and a core value that goes beyond compliance. It is a commitment that every employee, contractor, and partner returns home safely at the end of each day.

Both Balabag and Siana have recorded almost 36 million safe man-hours without any lost time due to injury. The group's Emergency Response Team (ERT) training also involves residents – including teachers and young students – expanding the safety commitment beyond the mine's gates and helping build stronger and more resilient host communities.

That same culture was highlighted in this year's Safest Mines Awards, where Siana and Balabag took the top two places among surface mining operations. These recognitions reflect how a culture of safety empowers people to protect their township and the environment.

Built for Reliability

At the Siana Gold Project, operational reliability is the backbone of responsible mining. The site runs a continuous 24-hour cycle in which open-pit extraction, hauling, mineral processing, and managing mine waste

and tailings function as one integrated system that is designed for efficiency, accountability, and long-term stability.

But what makes Siana truly distinct is its ability to operate a thriving gold mine in a shared landscape with neighboring communities – a unique set-up that reflects a synergistic example of responsible mineral development that protects lives and advances sustainable livelihood.

“At Siana, safety drives every movement across the mine. Its initiatives demonstrate how safety, operational excellence, and care for both employees and the community work hand in hand to advance responsible mining,” shared Greenstone President Anthony B. Quijano.

Through coordinated haul routes, real-time fleet monitoring, intelligent equipment dispatch, and proactive traffic management, heavy equipment operates with precision, efficiency, and care. Supporting this is a modern fleet of GPS-equipped articulated dump trucks, using real-time data on location, payload, and fuel consumption to improve productivity while creating a safer workplace.

The results speak for themselves: from 2023 to 2025, the company recorded zero fatalities, zero lost-time accidents, and nearly 16 million safe man-hours at Siana.

In addition, the site’s Powerplant Department manages an 8-megawatt backup facility that keeps the plant running and prevents costly production disruptions. It also developed a 5.37-megawatt solar farm, as part of its transition toward cleaner and more efficient mining operations. It is the first of its kind in the Caraga Mining Region – and which the company plans to expand to 9.9 megawatts.

A Recognition Shared by Many

Reflecting on this milestone, Balabag General Manager Engr. Noel Manrique emphasized that the recognition was made possible through a shared vision and collective effort across the organization.

“It was a cohesive team effort to become a top awardee in the PMIEA. In a sense, TVIRD always strives further and aims higher. We achieved this milestone through teamwork and a competitive spirit – which we have developed across the organization. It has been a key factor in our success,” Engr. Manrique said.

The 2026 PMIEA recognizes operational excellence, but its greatest significance lies in what it represents: years of shared commitment among employees, indigenous peoples, host communities, government partners, and

stakeholders who have worked together to show that responsible mining can create lasting value for both people and the environment.

For TVIRD, the true measure of its success has never been solely based on what it extracts from the Earth, but also the trust it earns, the partnerships it strengthens, the environment it safeguards, and the opportunities it creates.

But more than that, it is about ensuring that when future generations look back, they will clearly see what responsible mining has given back in return: a legacy carried forward by every student in the classroom, every teacher guiding the next generation, every family pursuing new opportunities, every Subanen preserving their heritage, and every living creature proving that nature, too, continues to thrive.

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Press Photos



1 ***A conscious choice.*** *Employee-volunteers of the TVIRD Group commemorate Philippine Arbor Day with an annual tree-planting activity, promoting environmental awareness, sustainability, and a shared commitment to a greener future.*



2 *Balabag Project employees and visitors enjoy the pick-and-pay harvesting of strawberries in the project site's garden farm.*



3 ***A moment of progress:*** *TVIRD Balabag IEC Senior Specialist JM Cenia looks back with Principal Mercy on the many moments they have shared while working together to improve the facilities of Depore Elementary School through the company's SDMP.*



4 ***More than a partnership:*** *The TVIRD Group sees the community as an integral part of its growth. Beyond collaboration, the relationship is built on creating lasting opportunities and sustainable development for generations to come.*



5 *The TVIRD Balabag Emergency Response Team shows their rescue and recovery skills under time pressure, cornering the championship at the Mine Safety Field Competition in Baguio City for the second consecutive year at the 2025 ANMSEC.*



6 ***Women making waves.*** *Mary Jane Domo, a graduate of Greenstone's technical livelihood training program, is making her mark as a mechanic in the mining field. (in Photo): Domo checks the engine oil level of an Articulated Dump Truck – one of the many maintenance tasks she now carries out with confidence.*



7 ***Empowering young minds:*** *spreading smiles and a better future through education. (In Photo): Greenstone IEC Senior Supervisor Lanz Goña hands-out school supplies to a young student in one of the company's supported institutions.*



8 *Strength and teamwork on display as Greenstone's ERT takes on the Tug-of-War competition during the 8th Caraga Mining Summit.*



9 ***Harnessing the power of the sun.*** *Greenstone Solar Farm Project Head Engr. Rico Hernandez (right) closely supervises the construction of the Siana solar plant, which is intended to reduce the company's reliance on grid power.*

About TVI in the Philippines

TVI Resource Development Philippines, Inc. ("TVIRD") is owned in part by TVI Pacific Inc. (TSX: TVI), a publicly listed Canadian mining company focused on the exploration, development, and production of precious and base metals from district-scale, large-system, high-margin projects located in the Philippines. Concurrent ownership of ventures is shared with partner company Prime Resource Holdings Inc.

The Agata Nickel Laterite Mine is the third successful mining project that TVIRD brought on stream in a period of 10 years, while its Balabag Gold-Silver Mine further cements its position as a steady producer of precious metals in the country. With the commercial operations of its Siana Gold Mine, the company remains committed to exploration and mining practices that promote transparency, responsible stewardship of the environment, and the inalienable rights to life, dignity and sustainable development of its host communities.

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