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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we look in some detail at the Newmont controversy. From the accusations of pollution, through the legal wrangling to the recently signed “Goodwill Agreement,” the case sheds light on some of the hurdles a multinational corporation encountered doing business in Indonesia.

We provide a chronology of the case as well as an exclusive **Interview** with Noke Kiroyan, Newmont’s new President Director.

In the **From the Editor** section, we provide a viewpoint regarding the implications of the Newmont case and draw some conclusions as to best practices to adopt to avoid similar disputes

In our **Research Report**, we provide some hard data on business confidence in Indonesia with some comparative references to Thailand.

As well, we present our usual feature, **Intelligence**, which includes a look at the progress in Aceh’s reconstruction efforts as well as some inside information on the State Ministry for State Enterprises. **In Brief** looks at the Bank Mandiri verdict, recent charges against the former head of IBRA, and President Yudhoyono’s visit to Burma and Indonesia’s recent negotiations on the Korean Peninsula.

We hope that you find this issue useful and of interest to yourself and your colleagues. Please feel free to contact us here at the *Report* if you have any comments or suggestions; we are genuinely grateful for your feedback.

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