



Earthquake – Surigao City, Surigao Del Norte, Mindanao

An earthquake struck Surigao City at 10:03 PM on Friday 10 February 2017. Its magnitude is reported at 6.7 on the Richter scale. The epicentre was about 14 kilometers to the north-west of Surigao City. The depth of the quake was quite shallow. The earthquake was tectonic in origin according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHILVOLCS). They reported that this seismic event was felt at Intensity Level 6 in Surigao City so the shaking was severe.

Local media reports say that six people have been tragically killed and over 200 people injured. Surigao City has a population of about 160,000. The Provincial Governor has declared a 'State of Calamity'. That will allow emergency funding to be sourced from the Philippine Government to help respond to this destructive natural event.

The city itself is a local centre of politics, commerce, banking and industry. The surrounding areas have abundant mineral deposits including nickel, cobalt, gold, etc. so there are a number of mines in the area that might have been affected.

Surigao City Airport and Seaport were both damaged. In addition, other infrastructure including roads and bridges has been damaged making travel quite difficult.

Our Cebu City office has received some commercial claims so we already have adjusters on the ground in Surigao City.

If you need more information or want us to assist you with claims, our key contact details are shown in this market update.

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