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November 24, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

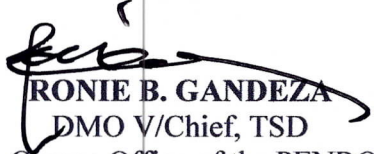
**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 DENR By The Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard,  
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**FROM :** Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer


**SUBJECT :** **SPOT REPORT RE: PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/PROTEST RALLY  
CONDUCTED BY THE RESIDENTS OF BROOKE'S POINT  
AGAINST THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL  
CORPORATION AT BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT,  
PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated 27 October 2023 of CENRO Brooke's Point endorsing the attached Spot Report dated 26 October 2023 of the personnel of CENRO Brooke's Point, Palawan relative to the monitoring activity initiated by that office regarding the above subject.

For information, record.

  
**RONIE B. GANDEZA**  
DMO V/Chief, TSD  
In-Charge Office of the PENRO

RGT/EMU  
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**Spot report re: Public Assembly / Protest Rally conducted by the residents of Brooke's Point against the Mining Operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation at Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan**

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**R4B CENRO BrookesPoint** <cenrobrookespoint@denr.gov.ph>

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM

To: DENR Mimaropa Region <mimaroparegion@denr.gov.ph>, R4B PENRO Palawan <penropalawan@denr.gov.ph>

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Brooke's Point, Palawan

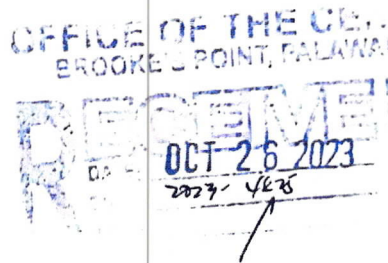
October 26, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**FROM :** The Undersigned Personnel

**SUBJECT :** **SPOT REPORT RE: PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/PROTEST RALLY CONDUCTED BY RESIDENTS OF BROOKE'S POINT AGAINST THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION AT BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN**



Respectfully submitting herewith is the spot report relative to the above-cited public assembly/protest rally with the following information/facts to wit:

- WHAT :** Public Assembly/Protest Rally against the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation
- WHERE :** Along National Highway of Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan, at the Mining Haul Road (MHR) 1&2 National Highway area of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC).
- WHEN :** The one-day Protest Rally was held last October 24, 2023 per the permit granted to the group/rallyist
- WHO :** Residents from the different barangays in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan composed of different community sectors (e.g. Youth, Women and others) headed by Brooke's Point Municipal Vice Mayor Atty. Mary Jean D. Feliciano, Mr. Rudy Cataluña, and Pastor Job Z. Lagrada
- WHY :** The company is still operating despite having no Business Permit for CY 2023 issued by the Local Government Unit of Brooke's Point, Palawan, and there was an issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) from the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) dated August 11, 2023
- HOW :** Pursuant to Batas Pambansa No. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985, the Local Chief Executive of Brooke's Point, Palawan, Hon. Cesareo R. Benedito, Jr. issued/granted a Permit to Conduct Public Assembly/Rally to the group/rallyist through Mr. Rudy Cataluña from Maasin Crossing (provincial road going to New Panay) down to the approach of Tagdidili Bridge, Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan valid on October 24, 2023 for one (1) day only.





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Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
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**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

October 27, 2023

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**THRU :** The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
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THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION AT  
BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN**

**DENR PENRO  
PALAWAN RECORDS  
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DATE: 10/27/2023 CN: 23-10416

Forwarded/endorsed herewith is the Spot Report dated October 26, 2023 of the personnel of CENRO Brooke's Point, Palawan relative to the monitoring activity facilitated by this Office concerning the above-cited public assembly/protest rally conducted by the residents of Brooke's Point, Palawan headed by Municipal Vice Mayor Atty. Mary Jean D. Feliciano, Mr. Rudy Cataluña and Pastor Job Lagrada against the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) on October 24, 2023. The public assembly/rally took place along the National Highway of Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan, at the Mining Haul Road (MHR) 1&2 of the company.

Based on the submitted report, Hon. Cesareo R. Benedito, Jr., Municipal Mayor/Local Chief Executive (LCE) of the Municipal LGU of Brooke's Point, Palawan, issued Memorandum Order No. 2023-122 granting permission to conduct a public assembly/rally on October 24, 2023, pursuant to Batas Pambansa No. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985. However, during the public assembly/rally, a heated argument and commotion broke out between the protesters and the security personnel of INC, resulting in minor injuries and scratches on different body parts of both parties when the protesters attempted to set up bamboo barricades along the hauling road of the company. Nevertheless, the protesters managed to install the barricades, as well as the Notice of Cease and Desist Order (CDO) from the NCIP in the area. However, these were later detached and destroyed by the security personnel of INC after the rally dispersed at around 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Moreover, the issues and concerns raised by the protesters/anti-mining advocates are the following:

- The Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued by NCIP;
- No Business Permit issued by LGU Brooke's Point; and
- Low volume of fish catch and the usual recurring issues from an anti-mining close-minded individual

For your information, record and further instruction.

For and in the absence of  
the CENRO:

[Signature]  
**MARIVIC C. QUITAIN**  
LMO III, Chief, RPS  
In-Charge, Office of the CENRO

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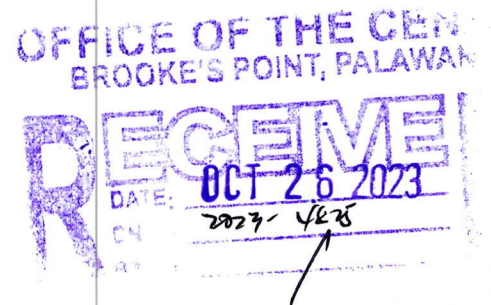
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At about 10:30 in the morning of October 24, 2023, the anti-mining group of protesters led by Municipal Vice Mayor of Brooke's Point Hon. Atty. Mary Jean D. Feliciano, Rudy Cataluña, and Pastor Job Z. Lagrada, arrived at the Mining Haul Road (MHR) 1 & 2 national highway area carrying placards and other protest materials.

The protesters tried to set up barricades using bamboo poles at the Hauling Road 1 and 2 of the company but the security personnel of INC also tried block and stop them. There was a heated argument that eventually went into commotion that resulted to some minor injuries, scratches on different parts of the body to both the protesters and the security guards of INC. The protesters managed to erect the bamboo frame and they installed the notice of CDO from the NCIP. They have also set up barricade obstructing the passage of hauling trucks and equipment from the mine pit going to the causeway.

At around 4:00 in the afternoon of the same date, after the protest/rally has ended and the protesters have already dispersed, the bamboo frames installed with notice of CDO from the NCIP were detached and destroyed by the security personnel of the INC.

Attached herewith are the photos and copy of Memorandum Order No. 2023-122 entitled Permit to conduct public assembly/rally dated October 24, 2023 granted to the protesters through Rudy Cataluña for ready reference.

For information and record.

  
**RATIB M. MELOSIN**  
Forest Technician I

  
**ENRICO L. AURINO III**  
Forest Ranger



PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY CONDUCTED BY THE  
RESIDENTS OF BROOKE’S POINT AGAINST THE MINING OPERATION OF  
IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION ON OCTOBER 24, 2023



  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT**  
**Office of the Municipal Mayor**

Email Address: [brooke@brookepoint.gov.ph](mailto:brooke@brookepoint.gov.ph)



**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

NO. 2023-122

TO : **RUDY L. CATALUÑA**  
SMAP President  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

SUBJECT : **PERMIT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY**

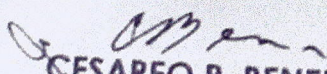
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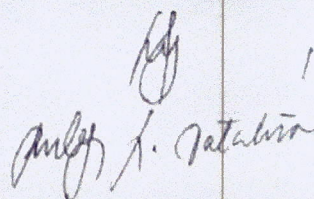
The Batas Pambansa Blg. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985 ensures the free exercise of the people's right to hold a public assembly and to petition the government. It further provides that "It shall be the duty of the mayor or any official acting in his behalf to issue or grant a permit unless there is a clear and convincing evidence that the public assembly will create and present danger to public order, public safety, public convenience, public morals or public health".

In view thereof, your request to conduct public assembly/rally from Maasin Crossing (provincial road going to New Panay) down to the approach of Tagdidili Bridge, Purok 5, Brgy. Maasin, this municipality on October 24, 2023 (Tuesday) is hereby permitted.

This permit is granted to facilitate the exercise of the right to free expression and peaceful assembly while ensuring public safety during the rally. Hence, you are expected to conduct the rally in an orderly and responsible manner.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
**CESAREO R. BENEDITO JR.**  
Municipal Mayor

  
10-19-2023



**SPECIAL DISTINCTION**

**4 YEAR AWARDEE**  
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