



MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

EMB MIMAROPA Region

THRU: THE CHIEF Deliver

PEMU Palawan

FROM : THE OIC – CHIEF

EMS Brooke's Point

SUBJECT : REPORT RE: COMPLAINT OF JONATHAN MIANO JR.

AGAINST IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION LOCATED IN BRGY. MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN Complaint Aksyon Kalikasan Reference No.: ACK2021102-03

DATE : **NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

In compliance with the Directive to conduct the aforementioned subject dated November 4, 2021 from the Office of the Regional Director – EMB MIMAROPA Region, the undersigned conducted the investigation.

On November 9, 2021, the undersigned coordinated with CENRO Conrado M. Corpuz, and validated whether the said project has a valid tree cutting permit or not. As per CENRO Corpuz, the project's tree cutting permit has been expired for ____ years. He added that the project area is being closely monitored by Forest Rangers and Forest Protection Officers. He recommended to identify the exact location mentioned by the complainant.

The undersigned also coordinated with Barangay Maasin to gather information about the complainant. The barangay checked their record if the name of the complainant is on the list but they have failed to find it. As per Mrs. Dionisia Estrada, Barangay Kagawad, they have also conducted an ocular inspection on the project site about a few months ago. Based on the inspection conducted, the project has only been focused on the care and maintenance of the site.

In addition, through a phone call, the undersigned communicated with Engr. Phillip Badenas, Pollution Control Officer of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC), to confirm if the said allegation. He assured the undersigned that there are no such activities being conducted within the project area at the present time. The undersigned also insisted to visit the site, but Engr. Badenas recommended to postpone the ocular inspection due to the inclement weather condition for safety purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Re-investigation is recommended once the weather condition get better;
- 2. Drone shots were taken during the previous inspection conducted on July 1, 2021. Hence, it is recommended to take updated drone shots on the next inspection to distinguish if there is a difference then and now; and
- 3. The extent of the project area is wide; thus, it is recommended to get in touch with the complainant to identify the exact location where the trees are allegedly cut.

Attached herewith are the pictures taken from coordination with the said barangay and with INC.

For your information and further instructions.

ENGR. GRIZZEL BEA A. SABADO



