

**MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2021**  
**MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE (MRFC) MEETING**  
**CITINICKEL MINES AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CMDC)**

via Zoom

26 March 2021 | 9:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE:**

**MRFC Members:**

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| Roland A. De Jesus             | – | Chairperson, Assistant Director, MGB and Regional Director in concurrent capacity MGB – MIMAROPA |
| Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO IV | – | Vice – Chairperson and Regional Executive Director DENR – MIMAROPA                               |
| Grace Pascua                   | – | Regional Director, National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP)                               |
| Nunilon R. Tanguilig           | – | Representing Atty. Michael Drake P. Matias Regional Director, EMB MIMAROPA                       |
| Perlita I. Quiling             | - | Representing Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta Executive Director, PCSDS                                  |
| Hon. Marcito C. Acoy           | - | Municipal Mayor of Sofronio Española   |
| Ferdinand M. Pallerá           | - | CMDC   |

**Guests and Participants:**

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| Pamela P. Miguel         | - | CMDC |
| Froilan P. Morta         | - | CMDC |
| Monica A. Alaska         | - | CMDC |
| Jason N. Manajero        | - | CMDC |
| Carl Jay C. Tan          | - | CMDC |
| Nalma A. Asmad           | - | CMDC |
| Jealyn B. Bactol         | - | CMDC |
| Arlyn Joy A. Bagnate     | - | CMDC |
| Armando A. Tuling        | - | CMDC |
| Nick Japhers G. Gabinete | - | CMDC |
| Carlo D. Javares         | - | CMDC |
| Quenie May S. Caabay     | - | CMDC |
| Carla Joy Barcela        | - | CMDC |
| Hans Apollo Nayanga      | - | CMDC |
| Marie Lorbie A. Bucaling | - | CMDC |
| Lourdes F. Espedido      | - | CMDC |

**MMT Members:**

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| Conrado M. Corpuz      | - | CENRO Brooke's Point, MMT Team Leader |
| Venus V. Jesoro        | - | MGB MIMAROPA                          |
| Dessa Jie B. Madarcos  | - | MGB MIMAROPA                          |
| Lister C. Sianen       | - | MGB MIMAROPA                          |
| Kevin Kenneth E. Perez | - | MGB MIMAROPA                          |

**Secretariat (MGB MIMAROPA):**

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| Joel V. Balquiedra    | - | MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat |
| Al Janry P. Tuazon    | - | MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat |
| Rocelyn F. Rebullante | - | MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat |

Hanna Lee B. Arriesgado - MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat  
Joanne Michelle B. Bagasbas - MGB MIMAROPA, Secretariat

## **I. PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to Order by Regional Director Roland A. De Jesus, Chairperson of the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC), upon confirmation of a quorum from the Secretariat.

## **II. MEETING PROPER**

### **A. Approval of the Provisional Agenda**

The Chairperson requested the Committee members to peruse the Provisional Agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 MRFC meeting, for any comments and/or additional issues/concerns/topics for inclusion in the discussion.

Mr. Ferdinand M. Pallera requested for the inclusion for discussion the claim of Mr. Jose Rommel Agustin Mulio as the overall prime minister of the chieftains in the Philippines. Regional Director Grace Pascua asked for a separate meeting to discuss the concerning IP issues concerning the company.

On the motion of RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, and duly seconded by Ms. Perlita Quiling (PCSDS), the Chairperson approved the agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 MRFC meeting with above cited additional items for discussion.

### **B. Review and approval of the draft Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 MRFC meeting and the matrix of issues and concerns arising therefrom.**

The Chairperson requested for the perusal by the body of the draft minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 MRFC meeting dated 16 December 2020 as well as the draft matrix of matters arising therefrom.

With no corrections on the draft of minutes of meeting and the corresponding matrix of issues and concerns, upon motion for approval by RED Ferrer and duly seconded by Engr. Tanguilig, the Chairperson approved the above-cited documents.

### **C. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 MRFC Meeting**

#### **1. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Concerns**

The Chairperson introduced newly – appointed Regional Director Grace Pascua of the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) to the body.

RD Pascua emphasized the importance of one – on – one discussion with the company to fully settle the pending issues and highlighted that the NCIP's envisioned direction for MIMAROPA is overall engagement.

Mr. Pallera responded with the company's commitment and cooperation in resolving the standing issues and in uplifting the lives of the IPs.

#### **2. Reconstitution of the Regional Investigation and Assessment Team (RIAT)**

Engr. Joel V. Balquiedra informed the body of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) response letter dated 09 February 2021 requesting for copies of complaint letters from the farmers, map of mining operations,

118 and other pertinent documents to provide for better understanding of the  
119 issues on hand and correspondence dated 12 March 2021 indicating the  
120 proposal for initial testing.

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122 Engr. Balquiedra requested for the MRFC's approval for the soil and water  
123 sampling as proposed by the BSWM. Engr. Balquiedra further presented the  
124 map showing the farmlands relative to the control/monitoring points and  
125 mining operations area.

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127 The Chairperson advised the RIAT to communicate with the Environmental  
128 Management Bureau MIMAROPA (EMB MIMAROPA) to obtain and  
129 compare the baseline with the current soil characteristics of the subject  
130 areas.

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132 Engr. Balquiedra requested for the company's participation in the meeting  
133 with BSWM. Accordingly, obtaining of the samples will be undertaken with  
134 the presence of the farmers and undertaking will be led by the concerned  
135 Municipal Administrative Office (MAO) as MMT member.

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137 Mr. Pallera asked for the presentation of the map and the available  
138 baseline data under the company's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
139 to the BSWM in the upcoming meeting.

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141 **3. Revised Final Mine Rehabilitation/Decommissioning Plan (FMR/DP)**

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143 Engr. Uy apprised the body that the company had followed up through an  
144 official letter with MGB Central Office on 16 March 2021. The Chairperson  
145 committed to follow up with MGB CO MSESDD as to the status of the  
146 company's submitted FMR/DP.

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148 **D. Presentation of Technical Reports**

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150 1. Report on the highlights of the entry and exit meetings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
151 2020 Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT) validation

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153 CENRO Conrado M. Corpuz, designated MMT Leader for PNMP, discussed  
154 the highlights of the entry and exit meetings during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020  
155 MM validation which are as follows:

- 156 • *Inquiry on the company's suspension status raised by NGO –*  
157 *PANLIPI and AVPP*
- 158 • *Presentation of mitigating measures relative to the clearing*  
159 *operations under the issued Special Tree Cutting and Earthballing*  
160 *Permit (STCEP)*
- 161 • *Update on the RIAT Activity*
- 162 • *Update on the farmers' compensation*
- 163 • *Realignment of funds for the CoVID – 19 vaccine procurement*

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165 CENRO Corpuz proceeded with the discussion of summarized field  
166 findings for the monitoring – validation in PNMP. With the absence of  
167 CENRO Leonard T. Caluya, designated MMT Leader for TNMP, Engr. Venus  
168 V. Jesoro presented the MMT findings and corresponding  
169 recommendation for TNMP on his behalf.

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171 2. Report on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 Ambient Air and Water Sampling Activities

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173 Ms. Quiling presented the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 air and water  
174 sampling which are all within the prescribed DENR standards. Engr.  
175 Tanguilig asked if there's a water discharge from Balitien siltation pond.  
176 The monitoring of said siltation structure was agreed to be prioritized in

the next MMT. On the part of the company, Engr. Jainal Uy Jr. explained that the water flowing previously to Balitien SP is now redirected to Old Communal Dam.

3. Compliance to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 MMT's field findings/observations and recommendations and Presentation of physical and financial accomplishments including updating of established funds.

Pollution Control Officer (PCO) Monica Alaska presented TNMP's compliance to the recently conducted MMT monitoring's field findings/observations while Mr. Jason Manajero, company agriculturist, reported the project's current physical and financial accomplishments based on approved AEPEP. Status update of the company compliance for its implementation of mine rehabilitation and Temporary Revegetation Program (TRP) were discussed by Mr. Manajero. As for PNMP, all environmental – related reports were presented by PCO Carl Jay Tan.

The Chairperson asked the MMT whether the company's reported environmental accomplishments were validated on ground for which CENRO Corpuz emphasized the MMT's recommendations.

Safety and health compliances and accomplishments for TNMP and PNMP were discussed by Engr. Carla Joy Barcelá.

Accomplishments and compliance for the implementation of the company's social development and management programs/projects/activities were presented by Ms. Arlyn Joy Bagnate. Engr. Olivares confirmed with the company that BLGU – San Isidro had no resolution for the non – realignment of 2021 ASDMP for the CoVID – 19 vaccine procurement for the community. Ms. Bagnate replied affirming the BLGU – San Isidro had not yet prepared a resolution as the 2021 ASDMP for TNMP is not yet approved. For the fund realignment under ASHP, Engr. Uy remarked that they are waiting for the top management's approval. Ms. Pamela Miguel disclosed that the company would be purchasing Aztrazeneca vaccine for its employees.

## **E. Other Matters**

1. Claim of Mr. Jose Rommel Agustin Julio

Mr. Pallera detailed the background of the issue with the received summon issued by Makati Trial Court instructing the CMDC to file a response to the claim of Mr. Jose Rommel Agustin Mulio aka *Datu Casaligan* as the country's overall prime minister.

The Chairperson inquired with Regional Director Pascua for the NCIP's records of chieftains. RD Pascua responded that the NCIP, in resolving like issues, would conduct a ground validation confirming the person's identity with the concerned community and further reiterated the IP's concept of self – governance which is contradictory to such claim of Mr. Agustin. Relatedly, RD Pascua remarked that they would be checking with their agency's national office as to the latter's stand and knowledge on the standing issue.

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232 2. Schedule of separate meeting with the company  
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234 RD Pascua apprised the body that she had asked the NCIP Provincial  
235 Officer to be ready with the meeting and proposed the meeting date on  
236 the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April 2021.  
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238 The Chairperson instructed the MRFC Secretariat to inform all companies  
239 of the virtual meeting with NCIP. RD Pascua requested for the  
240 participation of MGB MIMAROPA in the series of the meetings with the  
241 mining companies.  
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244 **III. ADJOURNMENT**  
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246 All matters properly discussed and there being no other matters/issues for  
247 deliberation, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM.  
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250 Attesting to the correctness of the foregoing:  
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254 **VENUS V. JESORO**  
255 Secretariat  
256 MRFC/MGB MIMAROPA  
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263 **FERDINAND P. OLIVARES**  
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272 **ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESO V**  
273 Assistant Director  
274 Regional Director in concurrent capacity, and  
275 Chairperson, MRFC for CMDC