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Dear Mr. K. A. S. Fabro:

This refers to the electronic mail dated 25 May 2021 regarding your queries concerning Pyramid Hill Mining and Industrial Corporation (Pyramid) intended for a news story in Mongabay.com.

Please be informed that Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 173-2001-IV was granted on 16 January 2001 to Pyramid, covering a 25-year period. It covers an area of 5,149.9001 hectares situated in Sofronio Espanola and Narra, Palawan which includes portion of Brgy. Panitian, Sofronio Espanola, Palawan.

The forest land clearing reported by Palawan NGO Network Inc. is not government-approved or Pyramid's initiative. The Community Environment and Natural Resources Office - Brooke's Point, Palawan reported that there was an illegal tree cutting incident within the MPSA area of Pyramid and its management condemns the illegal activity of the individuals who took advantage of its reduced manpower. In a Letter dated 05 January 2021, this Office reminded Pyramid that as an MPSA contractor, it has a responsibility to police the contract area from any illegal mining operations pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21 (copy attached).

We hope that we have provided sufficient information regarding your concerns.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ENGR. GENY MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

Enc'l: As stated

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05 January 2021

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Dear Mr. A. A. Del Rosario:

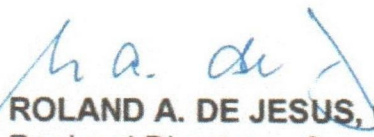
This refers to the attached Memorandum dated 22 December 2020 from the Regional Executive Director of Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA Region forwarding the Memorandum Report dated 05 November 2020 of CENRO - Brooke's Point, Palawan regarding the picture of a felled tree posted in the Facebook Page of Palawan NGO Network, Inc.

Based on the said Memorandum Report, the incident happened on the holiday season within the contract areas of Pyramid Hill Mining and Industrial Corp. (PHMIC) covered by Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 173-2001-IVB. In a letter dated 29 October 2020, the President of PHMIC explained that due to the reduced manpower of the company during the holiday season, PHMIC's measures/actions concerning such incidents are only limited to monitoring and reporting to concerned authorities.

Be reminded that PHMIC, as an MPSA Contractor, has the primary responsibility to police the contract area from any illegal mining operations pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESOV
Regional Director

Enc'l: As stated

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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