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11 January 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The PENRO and
Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Province of Palawan

Attn : The CENRO
Brooke's Point, Palwan

FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

SUBJECT : Reiterative Petition to Cancel Mineral Production Sharing Agreement No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000 granted to Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation

This refers to the attached Memorandum dated 07 January 2022 by the Undersecretary for Attached Agencies, Mining and Muslim Affairs – Department of Environment and Natural Resources forwarding the 21 December 2021 letter of Mr. Alfredo S. Manuel, President of Compania Minera Del Grande Inc. on the above subject, for our appropriate action.

Based on the above Memorandum, one of the violations of Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation/Ipilán Nickel Corporation was the ***“Illegal cutting of 7,000 trees covering more than 20 hectares of land within MPSA area in Brooke's Point, Palawan despite the cancellation of its ECC.”***

Hence, we are forwarding a copy of the said Memorandum for your Office to address the above allegation.

For the CENRO's action, please.


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Enc'l: As stated

cf: The Undersecretary
Attached Agencies, Mining and Muslim Affairs
Supervising Undersecretary for Forest Management Bureau
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

The Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

The Director
Mines and Geoscience Bureau
North Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

The President
Compania Minera Del Grande Inc.
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MEMORANDUM

TO : **ATTY. WILFREDO G. MONCANO**
Director
Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

ATTENTION : **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
MGB, MIMAROPA Region
L&S Bldg. Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Attached Agencies, Mining and Muslim Affairs
Supervising Undersecretary for Forest Management Bureau

SUBJECT : **REITERATIVE PETITION TO CANCEL CELESTIAL NICKEL MINING EXPLORATION'S MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT (MPSA) NO. 017-93-IV (NOW IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION) COVERING A CONTRACT AREA OF 2,835.06 HECTARES IN BROOKES POINT, PALAWAN**

DATE : January 7, 2022

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Date :	JAN 10 2022
Name/Signature :	9:45 am
Division/Section :	HN
MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU - MIMAROPA REGION	

This refers to the letter dated December 21, 2021 of Mr. Alfredo S. Manuel, President for Compania Minera Del Grande Inc. addressed to DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, regarding their reiterative petition for the cancellation of MPSA No. 017-93-IV of Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration (now Ipilan Nickel Corporation) due to numerous violations of environmental laws as well as the provisions of its MPSA. Notably, among the violations are as follows;

1. Illegal cutting of 7,000 tress covering more than 20 hectares of land within MPSA area in Brookes Point, Palawan despite the cancellation of its ECC;
2. It failed to timely conduct and conclude its exploration over the area and commence commercial operations;
3. It failed to timely file its Mining Feasibility Study and conduct mining operations and other activities in accordance with duly approved work plans; and
4. It failed to deliver the just revenues due to the government.

In view hereof, please conduct immediate investigation on the violations committed by Ipilan Nickel and take appropriate action on the matter in accordance with existing policies, rules and regulations. Submit report with your recommendation to this Office within five (5) days after completion of investigation. Thank you.

Cc: Mr. Alfredo S. Manuel
President
For Compania Minera Del Grande Inc.
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Las Piñas, Metro Manila

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