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May 27, 2022

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Attention : **Engr. Ronelbert A. Suguitan**
OIC-Resident Mine Manager

Dear **Mr. M. A. G. Zamora**:

This refers to the submitted 2022 Annual Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programs (AEPEP) of Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corporation (RTNMC) for its Nickel Mining Project and Gotok Limestone Quarry Project covered by MPSA No. 114-98-IV Amended I and MPSA No. 213-2005-IVB, respectively, located in the Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan.

After evaluation of the said programs by this Office and approval of the same by the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee on January 13, 2022, the Certificates of Approval denominated as AEPEP No. 2022-02-MIMAROPA and AEPEP No. 2022-03-MIMAROPA (copies attached) are hereby issued to RTNMC.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.

OIC – Regional Director

Enc'l: As stated



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Certificate of Approval

AEPEP No. 2022-03-MIMAROPA

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau - MIMAROPA Region having reviewed the Annual Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (AEPEP) for CY 2022, hereby issue this **Certificate of Approval** to **Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp. (RTNMC)** for its **Gotok Limestone Quarry Project** located in Barangays Sandoval and Iwahig, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan subject to the following conditions, in addition to the provisions stipulated under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2010 – 21, the Consolidated Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the “Philippine Mining Act of 1995.”


1. This Certificate is valid only for the activities stipulated in the approved AEPEP CY 2022 (hereto attached as Annex A and made an integral part hereof);
2. RTNMC shall allocate for its annual environment-related expenses a percentage based on the AEPEP that may approximate a minimum of three to five percent (3 – 5%) of its direct milling cost depending on the environmental/geologic condition, nature and scale of operations, and technology employed;
3. The budget allocation of this AEPEP amounts to eighteen million, eight hundred six thousand, thirty-five and 52/100 pesos only (PHP 18,806,035.52) which is equivalent to 16.82% of RTNMC's mining expenses (PHP 111,807,583.35) for 2022;
4. RTNMC shall strictly conform to the policy of MGB on prompt submission of AEPEP, which is thirty (30) calendar days prior to the beginning of every calendar year;
5. To ensure and check the performance of and compliance with the approved AEPEP, the Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT) shall monitor every quarter or more frequently, as may be deemed necessary, the activities stipulated in the AEPEP;
6. The expenses for such monitoring shall be chargeable against the Monitoring Trust Fund (MTF) of the Mine Rehabilitation Fund (MRF) as provided in Section 181 of DAO No. 2010 – 21;

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7. RTNMC shall submit to MGB MIMAROPA a quarterly report of its environmental expenses within ten (10) days after the end of every quarter using the prescribed format;
8. RTNMC shall implement its Care and Maintenance Program (CMP) in case of suspension/stoppage of its operations;
9. Additional conditions may be imposed to effectively implement the approved AEPEP based on the results of monitoring or environmental audit by the MGB Central Office and MGB MIMAROPA Region or the MMT;
10. The recommendation/s and directive/s or instruction/s of the MRFC and MMT members should be considered and put into effect by the proponent in the implementation phase of the subject AEPEP;
11. Transfer of ownership or assignment of the project carries with it the same conditions in this Certificate for which written notification shall be made by the company to the MGB MIMAROPA Region within fifteen (15) days from such transfer; and
12. That all other necessary permits (*i.e.* discharge permit, *etc.*) from all concerned government agencies must be secured in relation to project operation.

Non-compliance with the above conditions shall be sufficient ground for the suspension, cancellation, revocation or termination of this Certificate and/or be basis for the applicability of penalty prescribed in the Penal Provisions of R.A. 7942.

Issued this 14th day of January 2022 at Manila, Philippines.


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AEPEP No. 2022-02-MIMAROPA

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau - MIMAROPA Region having reviewed the Annual Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (AEPEP) for CY 2022, hereby issue this **Certificate of Approval** to **Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp. (RTNMC)** for its **Nickel Mining Project** located in Barangays Rio Tuba, Ocayan and Taratak, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan subject to the following conditions, in addition to the provisions stipulated under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2010 – 21, the Consolidated Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the “Philippine Mining Act of 1995:”


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3. The budget allocation of this AEPEP amounts to ninety-five million, three hundred seven thousand, nine hundred fifteen pesos only (PHP 95,307,915.00) which is equivalent to 10.86% of RTNMC’s mining expenses (PHP 877,605,110.00) for 2022;
4. RTNMC shall strictly conform to the policy of MGB on prompt submission of AEPEP, which is thirty (30) calendar days prior to the beginning of every calendar year;
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