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August 30, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Quezon, Palawan

ATTN

The PASU, MMPL

FROM

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

SUBJECT

LETTER DATED 22 JULY 2022 OF MACRO ASIA MINING

CORPORATION RE: PAMB CLEARANCE (MMPL)

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR MPSA NO. 220-2005-IVB

AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED SITE EVALUATION/VALIDATION OF MPSA NO. 220-2005-IVB

(RDATS NOS. 2022-91335; P-2022-91921)

Referred is the Memorandum dated 18 August 2022 from the OIC-Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services with attached letter dated 22 July 2022 of Mr. Omar Teogenes Alfonso, Project Geologist of the Macro Asia Mining Corporation regarding the above cited-subject.

In view thereof, please comply with the instructions enumerated therein and submit the same for further action of the Regional Office on the matter.

Likewise, considering that the area is within the AOR of CENRO Brooke's Point, coordinate with them regarding the above for a joint inspection/verification and submission of report with geotag pictures, drone and map of the area indicating the alleged overlapping.

For compliance.

FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

Copy furnished:

The Regional Executive Director, DENR MIMAROPA The Regional Director, MGB MIMAROPA Mr. Omar Teogenes Alfonso, Macro Asia Mining Corporation

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MEMORANDUM

TO

THE PENR OFFICER

Palawan

ATTENTION

THE CENR OFFICER

Quezon, Palawan

THE PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENT (PASu)
Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL)

FROM

THE OIC-ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR

FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT

LETTER DATED 22 JULY 2022 OF MACRO ASIA MINING CORPORATION RE: PAMB CLEARANCE (MMPL) CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR MPSA NO. 220-2005-IVB AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED SITE EVALUATION/VALIDATION OF MPSA NO.220-2005-IVB

DENR PENRO

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This has reference to the letter dated 22 July 2022 of Mr. Omar Teogenes Alfonso, Project Geologist of the Macro Asia Mining Corporation and memorandum dated 20 July 2022 of PENRO Palawan regarding the above-subject.

In this regard, you are hereby instructed to comply with the following:

- Facilitate the timely completion of the conduct of area verification of the approved MPSA within MMPL in coordination with the proponent, taking into consideration the boundaries of the protected area, the actual condition and inventory of resources in the area;
- 2. Verify the attached map of the mining tenements vis-à-vis the boundaries of the MMPL and its proposed amendment;
- 3. The PAMB Clearance is required pursuant to Section 12 of RA 11038 and Rule 12.1 of the DAO 2019-05. The subject matter should be included as one of the agenda of the MMPL PAMB Meeting taking into consideration that the MPSA was approved prior the proclamation of MMPL. Results of the area verification should be also be presented to the PAMB'
- 4. The MMPL-PAMO to submit report in Completed Staff Work format with categorical comments and recommendations; and

5. The MMPL-PAMO together with the MMPL-PAMB to fast track the legislation of MMPL in order to finalize the proposed amendments to its boundaries.

For and in the absence of the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services:

LINO M. DIMAPILIS

Chief, Enforcement Division

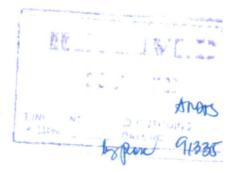
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July 22, 2022

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director DENR by the Bay Bldg., 1515 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

Re:PAMB Clearance (MMPL) Certificate of Exemption for MPSA No. 220-2005-IVB

Dear RED Claudio:

We are writing in connection to the requirement of Mining Projects within a Protected Area to secure a **Protected Area Management Bureau (PAMB) Clearance** from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Please be informed that MacroAsia Corporation (rights transferred in 2021 to MacroAsia Mining Corporation or MMC) entered into an agreement with the Republic of the Philippines through the DENR/MGB with Mineral Production Sharing Agreement denominated as MPSA 220-2005-IVB granted on December 01, 2005, for a nickeliferous area encompassing an area of 1,113.9 hectares located in Barangays Ipilan, Mambalot and Maasin in Brooke's Point, Southern Palawan. The approval of said MPSA is prior to Proclamation No. 1815, s. 2009 (Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape), which was signed on June 23, 2009. The said Proclamation states that:

"Any valid contract, permit or license for the extraction or utilization of natural resources therein already existing prior to this Proclamation shall subject to national interest and existing laws, rules and regulations, be respected until its expiration. Areas covered by such contracts, permits or licenses which are found not viable for development after assessment and/or exploration shall automatically form part of the MMPL. Likewise, all property and private rights within the MMPL already existing and/or vested prior to this Proclamation shall be respected in accordance with existing laws."

In this regard, may we request from your good office to consider the premises stated in the Proclamation for a **PAMB Clearance Certificate**. Should there be a need for an **area verification of the MPSA viz the MMPL final area**, our Company, thru its Operator, Calmia Nickel Inc. (CNI), is willing to shoulder the necessary costs that may be incurred incidental to the field verification. If it is amenable to your Office, the Company is also willing to shoulder the cost of engaging the services of a Geodetic Engineer (GE) deputized



by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) to provide technical expertise in the field verification and/or relocation.

Also attached in this letter is a map of the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape with the location of the Company's MPSA Area and the Approved Survey Plan of the MPSA, both of which are from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA for your reference.

Should that office wish to further clarify any details, please feel free to contact Engr. Herminio A. Aquino II of Calmia Nickel, Inc. at 09177006267 or thru haquino.calmianickel@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your usual prompt action and kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

OMAR TEOGENES A. ALFONSO

Project Geologist