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**Dear Mr. J.D. Danico:**

This refers the 31 March 2023 electronic mail addressed to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Presidential Action Centers expressing your concern and issues against the activities of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (Ipilan) in Brooke's Point, Palawan.

The said letter was received by this Office through electronic mail on 19 April 2023 from the DENR Action Center for appropriate action.

Please be informed that the mining area operated by Ipilan is covered by an existing Mineral Production Sharing Agreement under MPSA No. 017-93 IV as Amended 2000 and an Environmental Compliance Certificate granted to Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation (Celestial).

Hence, by virtue of an approved Three-Year Development/ Utilization Work Program for CY 2021-2023, Annual Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program and other pertinent documents, the operation of Celestial/Ipilan is legal.

Environmental concerns raised in your letter shall be addressed through the approved work and environmental programs as well as the regular monitoring by this Office and the Multi-partite Monitoring Team whose members include the representative from the community, among others.

Hoping that we have clarified the matter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:

  
**ELLENGRACE R. GALISTE**

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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

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