



## Letter Reply to Atty. Dante R. Bravo, President, Ipilan Nickel Corporation, Regarding the Ready Remittance of the 1% Royalty Share to the Pala'wan ICCs-IPs of BICAMM Ancestral Domain

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Dear ATTY. BRAVO:

Good day!

This has reference to the letter dated August 14, 2023 regarding the ready remittance of the 1% royalty share to the Pala'wan ICCs/IPs of the BICAMM Ancestral Domain to settle the payments for the ongoing operations, removal of the Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) and the issuance of the Certificate of Precondition (CP) for the ongoing MPSA and renewal timeframes.

While we welcome this development, our office will be referring to the comments of the Pala'wan ICCs/IPs of BICAMM Ancestral Domain with regards to this offer. It should also be noted that per the instruction provided by the Ancestral Domains Office during the Commission En Banc deliberation of this concern, the issue of royalty payments should be tackled separately from the issue of your company operating within an ancestral domain without certification precondition, the withdrawal of consent of the BICAMM representatives, and the alleged commission of bribery to IP leaders and members.

During our previous coordination with the BICAMM AD and their legal counsel, Atty. Marlon Bosantog, it was agreed that the IPs are willing to return to the negotiating table to continue with the FPIC process for the ongoing operations subject to demands that will be finalized by the ICCs/IPs during a formal meeting between the AD representatives and the NCIP.

Furthermore, it should also be noted that the referred 2008 memorandum of agreement signed between CNMEC and the four concerned barangays, is without the signature of the then NCIP Chairperson, and have already expired in 2018 as explicitly stated in the MOA. Thus, for the consent to be formalized into a CP for ongoing operations, another set of FPIC activities is needed to be conducted to ascertain the consent given and to finalize the benefits to be provided to the ICCs/IPs.

The same is true for the 2022 MOA, as there were misrepresented information during the FPIC process that were based by the IP community for their decision and their inputs in the MOA that is needed to be settled prior to the issuance of a CP for the MPSA renewal.

We write this letter with the hope that INC/CNMEC would commit to its obligations as future partners of the ICCs/IPs in the utilization of their ancestral domain, this includes following the issuances from the NCIP and the process that IPRA and its other related procedures require.

Thank you.

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**NOTE: With this, we really appreciate receiving an acknowledgement from you, thank you.**

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