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OIC, Regional Executive Director 3rd flr., 1515 DENR by the Bay Bldg., Roxas Boulevard, Brgy. 668, Ermita, Manila

Dear Sir,

Greetings from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples!

This letter pertains to the issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) against the continued operations of Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation (CNMEC) through its operator Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) operating in the ancestral domain of the Pala'wan ICCs/ IPs of Barangay Barong-barong, Ipilan, Calasaguen, Aribungos, Mambalot, and Maasin (BICAMM AD), covered by Mineral Production Sharing Agreement No. 017-93-IVB Amended 2000.

In view thereof, we would like to seek assistance from your office for the enforcement and implementation of the above-mentioned CDO. Following a briefing that will be held in your office at around 8:30 AM on August 28, 2023, it will take place at 9:00 AM in Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan.

Should you have any inquiries regarding this matter, kindly coordinate with the undersigned through contact number 09260551383 or Ms. Diany Krishnel S. Huele through her contact number 09106092493.

We would like to express our gratitude for the continued support and cooperation you have extended for the benefit of our ICCs/IPs.

Very Truly yours,

DR. MARIE GRACE T. PASCUA, CESO III

Regional Director