



## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
MGB MIMAROPA Region

FROM : The Regional Director  
EMB MIMAROPA Region

SUBJECT : **STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF MINES TAILINGS IMPOUNDING FACILITY/DAMS**

DATE : 19 December 2023

This is in reference to the National EMB Management Conference held at Quezon City on 14 December 2023 RE: Structural Integrity of Mines Tailings Impounding Facility/Dams.

Please be informed that apart from those discussed during the said conference, it was emphasized that the Mine Tailings Facility/Dams of establishments within your respective region shall strictly comply with mine safety rules and regulations. As such, it is noteworthy to mention that last 06 February 2023, this Office had written (letter attached) to Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC) located at Brgy. Rio Tuba, Bataraza, Palawan regarding the said concern, of which reads, among others as:

*“ ... that the Structural Design must be approved by a competent government agency concerned thru the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Mine Safety Standards prior to commissioning thereon. Said design and structural integrity shall be presented/discussed with the Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) and Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee for comments/recommendations. ”*

Further, on 13-15 November 2023 MRFC Meeting held at Baguio City, the aforementioned concerns were again raised and partly discussed but still needs to categorically elaborate the accumulative impact of all Tailings Facilities/Dams (1-3) to the environment thereon before this Office can arrive in an informed decision (on the current situation on the aforementioned subject, of which Tailing Dam 4 is currently processing its permit).

In this regard, may we be enlightened by your Office so that the members of MRFC be appraised of the same and ensure that the mine tailing dams/facilities are scientifically proven to be safe and structurally sound.

Your preferential attention on this matter is highly appreciated.

  
**JOE AMIL M. SALINO**

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*The Director and Concurrent Assistant Secretary for Field Operations*  
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*The Regional Executive Director*  
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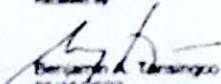




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28 March 2023

**Mr. Benjamin Armand A. Tansingo**  
VP-Environmental Management  
**Coral Bay Nickel Corporation**  
Brgy. Rio Tuba, Bataraza, Palawan

Received by  
  
Benjamin A. Tansingo  
08/15/2023

Dear **Mr. Tansingo**,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to Engr. William P. Cufiada dated 26 October 2022 regarding the submission of Geotechnical Engineering Design Review Report of CBNC's Tailings Storage Facility No. 2.

Please be advised that the Structural Design must be approved by a competent government agency concerned thru the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Mine Safety Standards prior to commissioning thereon. Said design and structural integrity shall be presented discussed with the Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) and Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee for comments/recommendations.

Further, please be reminded to submit status report regarding the operation and maintenance of your TSF-2 and include the same to the regular submission of the Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR).

We hope to have guided you accordingly.

Very truly yours,

**JOE AMIL M. SALINO**  
Regional Director



Agenda signed  
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