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February 21, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.,  
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila


**FROM** : The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** : **SPOT REPORT RE: PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/PROTEST RALLY  
CONDUCTED BY RESIDENTS OF BROOKE'S POINT  
AGAINST THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL  
CORPORATION AT BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT,  
PALAWAN**

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated February 20, 2023, of CENRO Leonard T. Caluya with enclosures about the occurrence of a public assembly/protest rally, participated by the residents from the different barangays in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan against the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation. The Protest Rally started on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023 and accordingly will last on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month. The permit for such Public Assembly was issued by Hon. Cesareo R. Benedito, Jr. to the group through their spokesperson Pastor Job Z. Lagrada, hence, a program was held citing their issues and concerns about the mining operation of the company.

In view hereof, respectfully informed that we are still monitoring the said Public Assembly to address the concerns of the said group in coordination with the local government officials. Rest assured that we will submit an updated report on the matter as soon as possible.

For information and record.

  
FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC



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 COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE  
 Brooke's Point, Palawan

February 20, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Provincial Environment and  
 Natural Resources Officer  
 Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

**FROM** : The Community Environment and  
 Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** : **SPOT REPORT RE: PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/PROTEST  
 RALLY CONDUCTED BY RESIDENTS OF BROOKE'S  
 POINT AGAINST THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN  
 NICKEL CORPORATION AT BARANGAY MAASIN,  
 BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN**

DENR PENRO  
 PALAWAN RECORDS  
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 DATE: 2023-02-20 CN 23-1477

Respectfully submitting herewith is the spot report relative to the above-cited public assembly/protest rally with the following information/facts to wit:

**WHAT** : Public Assembly/Protest Rally against the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation

**WHERE** : Along National Highway of Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan, in front of the Office of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) and the Hauling Road of the company.

**WHEN** : The Protest Rally started on February 18, 2023 and accordingly will end on February 21, 2023 per the permit granted to the group/rallyist

**WHO** : Residents from the different barangays in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan composed of different community sectors (e.g Youth, Women and others) with their spokesperson Pastor Job Z. Lagrada

**WHY** : The company is still operating despite having no Business Permit for CY 2023 issued by the Local Government Unit of Brooke's Point, Palawan

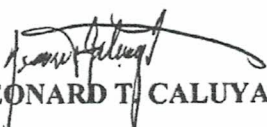
**HOW** : Pursuant to Batas Pambansa No. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985, the Local Chief Executive of Brooke's Point, Palawan, Hon. Cesareo R. Benedito, Jr. issued/granted a Permit to Conduct Public Assembly/Rally to the group/rallyist through their spokesperson Pastor Job Z. Lagrada from Maasin Crossing (provincial road going to Sitio Panay) down to the approach of Tagdidili Bridge, Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan valid from 6:00 AM of


protesters carrying placards with statements like "KALIKASAN INGATAN PARA SA KABATAAN", "AGRIKULTURA HINDI PAGMIMINA", "SAGIPIN ANG KALIKASAN", "PAGMIMINA TUTULAN", "INC BANTA KAYO SA AMING KABUHAYAN", "NO TO MINING IN BROOKE'S POINT", "MINAHAN SALOT NG KALIKASAN" among others assembled in front of the office of Ipilan Nickel Corporation. At around 9:30 AM, they set up barricades using bamboo poles at the Hauling Road 1 and 2 of the company obstructing the passage of hauling trucks and equipment from the mine pit going to the causeway. The group also held a program citing their issues and concerns relative to the mining operation of the company. In the evening, the protesters held a prayer vigil spearheaded by Pastor Job Z. Lagrada. The group likewise set up temporary sheds wherein the other protester mainly comprised of males decided to sleep over/stay for the night. The activities of the group continued on the following day, February 19, 2023 (Sunday) and accordingly will last till February 21, 2023.

Meanwhile, PNP Brooke's Point Municipal Police Station and the Officials of Barangay Maasin are ordered to strictly enforce the provision of BP No. 880 and ensure that the public assembly/rally is being held/conducted peacefully.

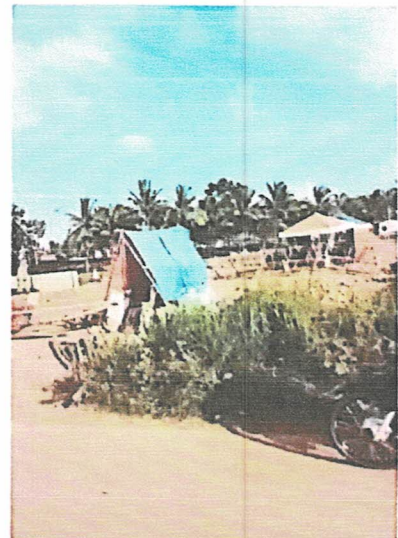
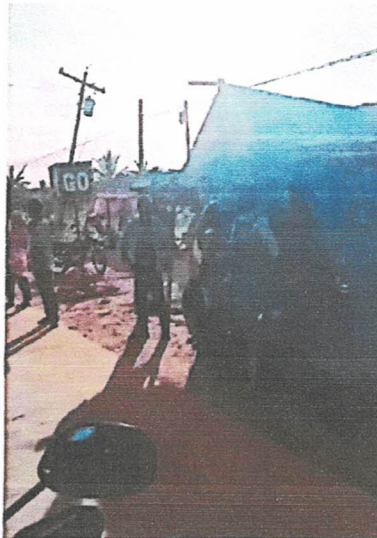
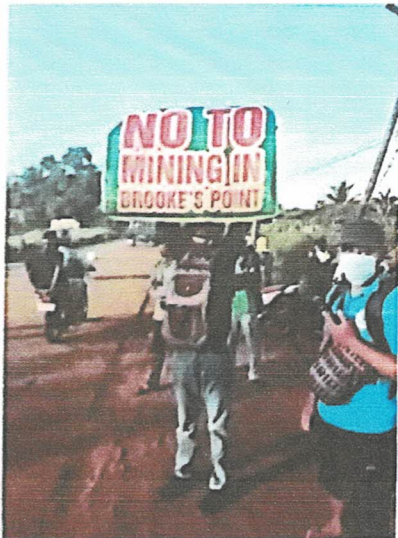
Attached herewith are the photos and copy of Memorandum Order No. 2023-054 entitled Permit to conduct public assembly/rally dated February 16, 2023 granted to the protesters through Pastor Job Z. Lagrada for ready reference.

For information and record.

  
LEONARD T. CALUYA

 DENR-GENRO  
BROOKE'S POINT  
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**PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY CONDUCTED BY THE RESIDENTS OF BROOKE'S POINT AGAINST THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION ON FEBRUARY 18-19, 2023**





Republic of the Philippines  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT**  
**Office of the Municipal Mayor**  
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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 2023-054

**TO : PASTOR JOB Z. LAGRADA**  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

**SUBJECT : PERMIT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY**

**DATE : FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

Pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985 ensures the free exercises of the people's right to hold a public assembly and to petition the government. It further provides that "It shall be the duty of the mayor or any official acting in his behalf to issue or grant a permit unless there is a clear and convincing evidence that the public assembly will create and present danger to public order, public safety, public convenience, public morals or public health".

In view thereof, your request to conduct public assembly/rally from Maasin Crossing (provincial road going to New Panay) down to the approach of Tagdidill Bridge, Purok 5, Bgy. Maasin, this municipality from 6:00 A.M. of February 18, 2023 (Saturday) until 10:00 A.M. of February 21, 2023, is hereby permitted. However, it shall be your duty and responsibility to take all reasonable measures and steps to the end that the intended public assembly shall be conducted peacefully.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
**CESAREO R. BENEDITO, JR.**  
Municipal Mayor

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 2023-055

**TO :** PMAJ RAFFY C ESPERIDA  
Chief of Police  
Brooke's Point Municipal Police Station  
**The PUNONG BARANGAY AND BARANGAY OFFICIALS**  
Barangay Maasin  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

**SUBJECT :** STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 880  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ACT OF 1985

**DATE :** FEBRUARY 16, 2023

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Pursuant to powers vested in me under Republic Act 8551 otherwise known as the Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998, Brooke's Point Municipal Police Station is hereby ordered to **STRICTLY ENFORCE** the provisions of Batas Pambansa Blg. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985 to the requested public assembly/rally from Maasin Crossing (provincial road going to New Panay) down to the approach of Tagdidili Bridge, Purok 5, Bgy. Maasin, this municipality from 6:00 A.M. of February 18, 2023 (Saturday) until 10:00 A.M. of February 21, 2023 (Tuesday).

The Punong Barangay and Barangay Officials of Barangay Maasin are likewise ordered to ensure that the provisions of BP 880 are strictly enforced within their respective territorial jurisdiction.

For strict compliance.

  
**CESAREO R. BENEDITO, JR.**  
Municipal Mayor