



February 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services
FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer
SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION ON ALLEGED ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES OF ALTAI PHIL. MINING CORPORATION IN SITIO BATO, BRGY. ESPAÑA, ROMBLON.**

Respectfully submitting the copy of memorandum report of DENR personnel of Sibuyan Sub-Station regarding the above subject matter.

Please be informed that advance soft copy of the report was sent thru email to ISA II Philippe Zar Meñez on February 3, 2023 for my information.

For your information and reference.


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February 2, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO : MANUEL B. ROMERO
OIC Sibuyan Sub-Station and Concurrent PASu, MGGNP

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATION ON THE ALLEGED
ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES AT SITIO BATO,
BARANGAY ESPAÑA, SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON**

In connection with the reported clearing of poles by Sibuyan Sub-station personnel and alleged illegal cutting of trees as posted on social media (Facebook) due to the exploration activity of the ALTAI Philippines Mining Corporation (APMC), you are hereby directed to conduct immediate investigation at Sitio Bato, Brgy. España, San Fernando, Romblon. The Investigation Team shall be composed of the following personnel:

1. Rolly Morales, Forester I/Team Leader
2. Rebecca M. Delgado, ECOMS II/Member
3. Ernie Forcadas, FT I/Member
4. Ludwin Ruado, FR/Member
5. Henry Carbonilla, FR/Member

The team shall coordinate with APMC and the concerned LGU prior to the conduct of the investigation and submit report within three (3) days.

For strict compliance.

ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.

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February 3, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC, PENR Officer
Odiongan, Romblon

THRU : OIC, Sibuyan Sub-Station &
Concurrent PASu, MGGNP

FROM : Investigation Team

SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION ON ALLEGED ILLEGAL CUTTING OF
TREES OF ALTAI PHIL. MINING CORPORATION AT
SITIO BATO, BRGY. ESPANA, SAN FERNANDO,
ROMBLON.**

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The team receive a Memorandum from OIC, PENR Officer Arnoldo A. Blaza Jr. dated February 2, 2023 to conduct immediate investigation on the alleged cutting of trees of Altai Phil. Mining Corporation at Sitio Bato, Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon.

ACTIONS

In compliance with the instruction, the team traveled immediately to Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon on February 3, 2023 and conducted the following:

- a. Coordinated at the office of APMC in Brgy. Taclobo, San Fernando, Romblon with Jamie C. Yap Sr. HR Admin APMC on February 3, 2023 to conduct investigation in the alleged illegal cutting of trees at the area of 20 hectares in Sitio Bato Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon.
- b. That before proceeded in the area were also coordinated with Engr. Arnulfo Santiago, Project Manager APMC.
- c. The team conducted investigation and verification on the alleged cutting report at the area of 20 hectares.
- d. Took geo-tagged photos and conducted recorded tracks of the access road.
- e. That the team returned in the office of APMC at Brgy. Taclobo, San Fernando, Romblon for further investigation and gathering of legal documents.

FINDINGS

1. The stockpile of soil be found at lot number 2469 located at Sitio Bato, Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon
2. The road access opening with a 1.5 kilometers in length from circumferential road and with 10-12 meters wide.
3. That team discovered clearing of saplings (with diameter of 14cm below) and indicated that were trees illegally uprooted and excavated for their construction of access road, found 2 stump of trees cut using by chainsaw, and the team found disappearance of forest stand trees that be seen in last geo tagged-photos of monitoring conducted on January 18, 2023.
4. Based on the verbal statement of Engr. Arnulfo Santiago, Project Manager that their cutting permit is under process and the illegally cut trees using chainsaw were done by forest violators and a sabotage by individuals against mining.

LEGAL BASIS

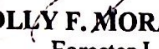
Violation of Section 77 of PD 705, as amended by R.A. 7161.



COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

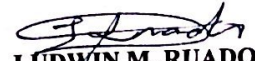
As a result of the investigation, the undersigned recommends to conduct and assigned personnel weekly to monitor the activities of APMC.


For information and further instruction.


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