



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region  
**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

February 21, 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: EXTENSION OF PUBLIC  
ASSEMBLY/ RALLY AGAINST THE MINING  
OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION AT  
BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN  
UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

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

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

**WHERE :** From Maasin Crossing (provincial road going to Sitio Panay) down to the approach of Tagdidili Bridge, Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan

**WHEN :** Extended from 10:00 AM of February 21, 2023 until February 28, 2023

**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

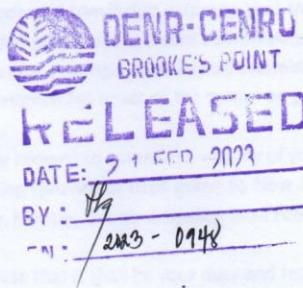
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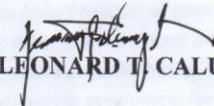
**HOW** : Pursuant to Batas Pambansa No. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985, the Local Chief Executive of Brooke's Point, Palawan, Hon. Cesareo R. Benedito, Jr. issued Memorandum Order No. 2023-056 with subject Extension of Permit to Conduct Public Assembly/Rally from Maasin Crossing (provincial road going to Sitio Panay) down to the approach of Tagdidili Bridge, Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan until February 28, 2023 addressed to Pastor Job Z. Lagrada, spokesperson of the group of protesters.

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

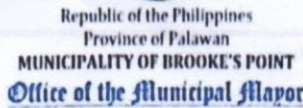
Attached herewith is the copy of Memorandum Order No. 2023-056 entitled Extension of Permit to conduct public assembly/rally dated February 21, 2023 granted to the protesters through Pastor Job Z. Lagrada for ready reference.

For information and record.



  
LEONARD T. CALUYA





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## MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 2023-057

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 21, 2023


The undersigned's issued Memorandum Order No. 2023-54, dated February 16, 2023, re: **PERMIT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY** will end its validity at 10:00 A.M. today. However, the organizers have sought for an extension of the permit granted to them.

The counsels of Ipilani Nickel Corporation (INC) had informed this office on the alleged public assembly participants' showing disregard for the law and the safety and wellbeing of the public but no official report has been submitted to this office as to the validity of the information; hence, so as not to abridge the freedom or the right of the people to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances, the undersigned has to act on the matter and grant the request for extension.

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 Big. 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 Tagdili Bridge, Purok 5, Bgy. Maasin, this municipality, which will be extended until February 28, 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.**

  
EESAREO R. BENEDITO, JR.  
Municipal Mayor



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**Office of the Municipal Mayor**

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 2023-056

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

SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF PERMIT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY

DATE : FEBRUARY 21, 2023

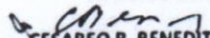
The counsels of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) had informed this office that your group or the public assembly participants' showing disregard for the law and the safety and wellbeing of the public; however, no official report has been submitted to this office as to the validity of the information.

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"*. So as not to abridge the freedom or your right to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances, the undersigned has to act on the matter on your request for extension.

In view thereof, your request to extend the validity of your permit to conduct 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, until February 28, 2023 (Tuesday) is hereby granted.

This is also to reiterate that 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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