



January 6, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

FROM : **The Regional Director**
This Office

SUBJECT : **Request of Ipilan Nickel Corporation for Permit to Cut and Earth-ball Trees of Various Species within Mineral Production Sharing Agreement No. 017-93-IV as Amended 2000 Situated in Brgy. Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan**

This has reference to the Memorandum of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA Region dated November 29, 2022 which was received by this Office on December 28, 2022 requesting for the review, comments, and recommendations for the above-cited subject.

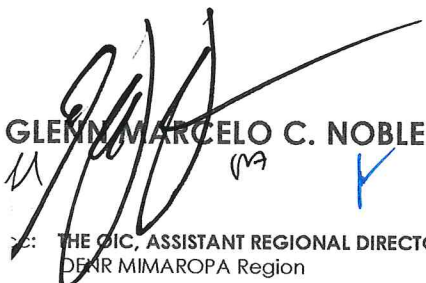
Hereunder are this Office's comments and recommendations:

1. Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) applied for Special Tree Cutting/Earth-balling Permit (STCEP) on eight different blocks containing an area of approximately 23.65 hectares and falls within the approved tenement boundary under Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV as Amended 2000 granted to Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation.
2. INC's current active mining area measures approximately 18 hectares. Pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-19, INC has a maximum allowable disturbed area of up to 60 hectares.
3. Block 1 of INC's tree cutting/earth-balling application is nearest to the MPSA boundary. Pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-19, a 20-meter buffer zone shall be established inward of the said boundary.
4. INC should establish access roads for the identification/validation of potential trees for earth-balling.
5. INC should put in place biodiversity measures as required by DENR Administrative Order No. 2022-04.

**"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT
IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

6. INC should strictly implement its Safety and Health Program for the protection of workers that will be involved in tree cutting and earth-balling activities.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and reference.


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

TO: THE OIC, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES
DEAR MIMAROPA Region

THE PENR OFFICER
Province of Palawan





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MIMAROPA Region

MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
Mines and Geosciences Bureau-MIMAROPA Region

FROM : THE OIC, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR
FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT : REQUEST OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION (INC) FOR
PERMIT TO CUT AND EARTH-BALL TREES OF VARIOUS
SPECIES WITHIN MPSA NO. 017-93-IV-AS AMENDED-2000
LOCATED IN BRGY. MAASIN BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN

DOCUMENT/S ATTACHED : Memorandum dated 09 November 2022 of PENRO Palawan
with enclosures

DATE : NOV 29 2022

This has reference with the Memorandum dated 09 November 2022 of PENRO Palawan forwarding the application of Resident Manager Alex C. Arabis of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) for permit to cut and earth-ball 8,613 trees of various species with total gross volume of 552.9674 cu. m. within Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV-as Amended-2000 located in Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan.

Relative thereto, may we refer the said application of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) for your review, comments and recommendations.


MAXIMO C. LANDRITO

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MIMAROPA Region



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THRU: The OIC, Assistant Regional Director for
Technical Services

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

SUBJECT : RE: APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TREE CUTTING / EARTH-BALLING PERMIT (STC/EP) OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION (INC) – IPILAN NICKEL PROJECT LOCATED AT BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE’S POINT, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarding is the Memorandum dated October 24, 2022 from CENRO Brooke's Point, Palawan with enclosures (2 ring bind) re: application for Special Tree Cutting /and or Earth-Balling Permit (STC/EP) of Ipilán Nickel Mining Corporation (INC) within approved Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (EPEP) No. 195-2021-20 and Final Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Plan (FMRDP) located at Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan.

Review and evaluation of the submitted documents disclosed that:

No. Blocks	No. of Trees	Volume (m³)	Remarks
1	4,532	129.4202	MPSA No. 017-93-IV as amended 2000
2	337	34.3023	
3	520	47.8567	
4	126	17.3116	
5	878	50.9196	
6	1,636	244.8488	
7	262	23.5403	
8	22	4.7679	MPSA No. 017-93-IV as amended 2000
Total	8,613	552.9674	

Total Area Inventoried	:	23.65 hectares
Total number of trees	:	8,613 naturally grown trees
Equivalent volume	:	552, 9674 cubic meter (m³)
Location	:	Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan
Land/Lot Class.	:	Mineral land (MPSA No. 017-93-IV)
Proponent	:	Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC)
Represented by	:	Mr. Ken Stein



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Likewise, attached herewith are copy of Geotagged Pictures, Tally Sheet (TS)/Stand Stock Table (SST) in excel format and Maps in shape file save in compact Disk for ready reference.

Per DAO 2022-10 dated May 30, 2022 "*Revised DENR Manual of Authorities for Technical Matters*" the issuance of STC/EP for naturally-grown trees is delegated to that office.

For information and consideration.

Copy finished:
The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Brooke's Point, Palawan

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