

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

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NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated JUNE 13, 2023, which reads as follows:

- "G.R. No. 265146 (Veronica R. Batan, Elmor A. Borda, and Alfreo B. Pascual vs. Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Altai Philippines Mining Corporation).—Acting on the Petition for Writ of *Kalikasan* (with Prayer for the Issuance of a Temporary Environmental Protection Order), the Court Resolved to
 - (a) **ISSUE** a **WRIT OF** *KALIKASAN* against the respondents;
 - (b) **REQUIRE** the respondents to file a **VERIFIED RETURN/COMMENT** on the petition within a **NON-EXTENDIBLE** period of ten (10) days after service of the writs;
 - (c) **REFER** the case to the **COURT OF APPEALS** for further reception of evidence pursuant to A.M. No. 09-6-8-SC; and
 - (d) **DENY** the prayer for the *ex-parte* Temporary Environmental Protection Order.

The Court further Resolved to **NOTE** the Entry of Appearance dated May 29, 2023 filed by Esguerra & Blanco, entering its appearance as counsel for respondent Altai Philippines Mining Corporation and **GRANT** said counsel's request to be served with copies of all notices, orders, and other processes at 4th and 5th Floors, S&L Building, Dela Rosa corner Esteban Streets, Legaspi Village, Makati City." Gesmundo, C.J. and Hernando, J., on official leave. Lopez, J., J., on leave. (adv79 & 153)

By authority of the Court:

MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS
Clerk of Court



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VERONICA R. BATAN, ELMOR A. BORDA, AND ALFREO B. PASCUAL,

Petitioners,

- versus -

G.R. No. 265146

MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ALTAI PHILIPPINES MINING CORPORATION,

Respondents.

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WRIT OF KALIKASAN

- TO: * MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU [MGB] (x) MGB Compound, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
 - * DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES [DENR] (x)
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 - * ALTAI PHILIPPINES MINING CORPORATION (x) 1901 Tycoon Center, Pearl Drive, Brgy. San Antonio, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, on June 13, 2023, adopted a resolution in the above-entitled case, to wit:

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^{*} Already furnished with copy of petition

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NOW, THEREFORE, You, respondents, are hereby required to file a **VERIFIED RETURN/COMMENT** on the petition before this Court within a **NON-EXTENDIBLE** period of ten (10) days from receipt hereof.

GIVEN by authority of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, this 13th day of June 2023, in Manila, Philippines.

MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS

Clerk of Court \(\mu \)

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Presiding Justice
ATTY. ANITA JAMERLAN REY (x)
Executive Clerk of Court IV
Court of Appeals
Manila



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