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June 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
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Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED JUNE 13, 2023 FROM MR. RONELBERT A. SUGUITAN RE: RTN AQUATIC RESOURCE ASSESSMENT 2022**

Respectfully forwarded is the letter dated June 13, 2023 of Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corporation (RTNMC) Resident Mine Manager Ronelbert A. Suguitan together with the Aquatic Resource Assessment report for CY 2022 in compliance with the terms and conditions of their Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC-CO-1312-0043) under No. 7 stating that "The proponent shall continue to monitor the aquatic biota of all surface water resources in the area."

The aforementioned report contains data and information on the result of a recent assessment of the condition of aquatic biota of all surface water resources in the area located in Barangays Rio Ruba and Ocayan, Bataraza, Palawan. The study reveals that the primary physicochemical parameters (pH and DO) of the freshwater bodies are within the acceptable range prescribed under DAO 2016-08 or the Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standard of 2016, for Class A, B, and C water bodies. Aside from this, all water quality parameters in the marine areas are within the standards of Class SC water bodies, suitable for the propagation and growth of fish and other aquatic resources.

Further, this office commends the initiative of the mining company in conducting regular monitoring of water quality parameters in the upland and marine waters to ensure the quality of water is properly maintained.

For information, and record.


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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV
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Ermita, Manila

Subject : **RTN Aquatic Resource Assessment 2022**

Dear Regional Executive Director Claudio:

This is to respectfully submit to you, for reference, a copy of the subject Report.

This Report contains information on the results of the recent assessment/monitoring of the condition of the aquatic biota of all surface water resources in our area, an activity of which is specified in our Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC-CO-1312-0043) condition No. 7, to wit: "The proponent shall continue to monitor the aquatic biota of all surface water resources in the area." Hence, our submission of the Report corresponds to our compliance with the said ECC condition.

We hope that you find the documents in order.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
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Resident Mine Manager

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