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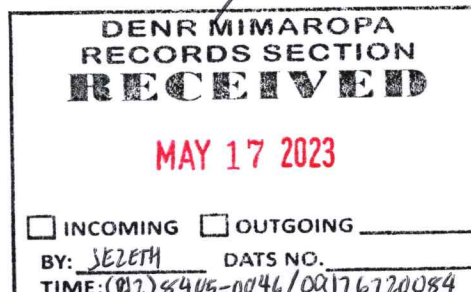
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**SUBJECT: Follow-up on actions taken by the MGB, EMB, and DENR as to their Joint Order dated 06 February 2023.**

Dear Madam and Sirs,

We, the undersigned representatives of the coalition **BANTAY KALIKASAN NG SIBUYAN**, write to follow-up the status of our letter-complaints dated 17 January 2023 and 30 January 2023 wherein we respectively raised issues and concerns surrounding Altai Mining's licensing and permits for its mining operations in San Fernando, Romblon and the irregularities and anomalies surrounding Altai Mining's Ore Transport Permit (OTP) and Mineral Ore Export Permit (MOEP) involving an excessive 50,000 WMT of nickel lateritic ore.

We are aware that your respective offices have issued several notices of violations,<sup>1</sup> including the Joint Order dated 06 February 2023, in seeming response to our letters which brought attention to your offices the illegal and destructive activities of Altai Mining in Sibuyan Island. Said order required, among others, the filing of appropriate legal actions for tree-cutting without a permit and the conduct of investigation on the potential damage to the marine areas of the company's illegally constructed port/wharf.<sup>2</sup>

We understand that the said Joint Order is immediately executory upon receipt.

We write once again to your offices to follow-up on the status the investigation and the cases that were intended to be filed in accordance with Items No. 5 and 6 thereof. As of this writing, there still seems to have been no full-fledged investigation nor the filing of any appropriate legal action initiated by the PENRO Romblon against Altai Mining's illegal and destructive activities.

Having brought attention to your offices this matter in our January 2023 letters, we are further requesting that if such investigation or legal action is initiated, **BANTAY KALIKASAN NG SIBUYAN**, should be an integral part of the said activities for the sake of transparency and neutrality on the part of the investigating body.

<sup>1</sup> Notice of Violation dated 01 Feb 2023 issued by the PENRO-Romblon, Notice of Violation dated 02 Feb 2023 issued by the EMB-MIMAROPA, Notice of Violation dated 03 Feb 2023 issued by the DENR-MIMAROPA and Joint Order dated 06 Feb 2023 issued by the MIMAROPA regional offices of the MGB, EMB and DENR.

<sup>2</sup> Items No. 5 and 6, Joint Order.

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Lastly, may we inquire if there is any investigation that is ongoing on the issuance of the illegally excessive volume of nickel ore per the OTP and MOEP in favor of Altai Mining, as contained in our January 30, 2023 letter?

Your immediate action and response on the contents of this letter in accordance with ARTA will be most appreciated.

Yours truly,

  
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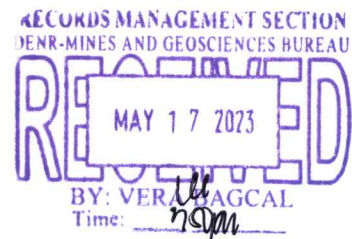
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