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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR-Region IV-B MIMAROPA
1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : FOLLOW-UP ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MGB, EMB, AND
DENR AS TO THEIR JOINT ORDER DATED 06 FEBRUARY 2023

DATE : JUN 06 2023

Referred to your office is the attached Memorandum dated 02 June 2023 of Atty. Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs regarding the above-mentioned subject.

Kindly submit the required reports on the soonest time possible. Furnish this Office and the parties of the action taken citing document tracking number DENRCO-OUPPIA-2023-001552 for record and monitoring purposes.

For compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, *CESO I*

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**VERY URGENT
MEMORANDUM**

FOR/TO : **The Undersecretary**
Field Operations- Luzon, Visayas and Environment

The Regional Executive Director
IV-B MIMAROPA

The Regional Directors
EMB IV-B MIMAROPA
MGB IV-B MIMAROPA

The PENR Officer
Province of Romblon

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **FOLLOW-UP ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MGB,
EMB, AND DENR AS TO THEIR JOINT ORDER DATED
06 FEBRUARY 2023**

DATE : **JUN 02 2023**

This refers to the herein letter dated 17 May 2023 signed by the representatives of the coalition Bantay Kalikasan ng Sibuyan, following up the status of their letter-complaints dated 17 January 2023 and 30 January 2023 re: issues and concerns surrounding Altai Mining's licensing and permits for mining operations in San Fernando, Romblon and the irregularities and anomalies surrounding the Altai Mining's Ore Transport Permit (OTP) and Mineral Ore Export Permit (MOEP) involving an excessive 50,000 WMT of nickel lateritic ore.

In this regard, we are referring the concern to your Office and to submit status on the investigation and the cases that were intended to be filed in accordance with Items No. 5 and 6 on the joint orders issued on 06 February 2023. Kindly inform this Office and the concerned parties on the action/s taken thereon.

For your information and immediate appropriate action, please.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES



Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs <ouppia@denr.gov.ph> ¹⁵⁵²

follow up letter as per attached

Veronica Batan <vicky@batanhome.com>

Mon, May 22, 2023 at 11:38 AM

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Dear Usec David, Usec dela Pena, Usec Leones,

Good day!

As part of the discussion on May 19, 2023 in your office, we are sending you the copy of our follow letter to DENR, MGB, EMB and PPA as to the result of investigations or legal actions if any on #5 and 6 on the joint orders stated in the CDO issued on February 6, 2023.

Your immediate actions and response to the letter will be much appreciated.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Veronica Batan
Bantay Kalikasan nang Sibuyan

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17 May 2023

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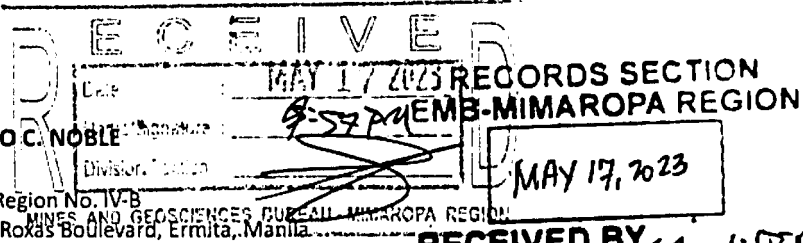
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SUBJECT: Follow-up on actions taken by the MGB, EMB, and DENR as to their Joint Order dated 06 February 2023.

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,¹ 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.²

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.

¹ 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.


² 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,


ELMOR A. BORDA


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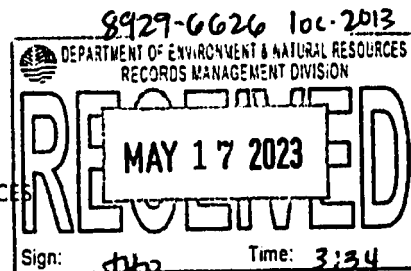

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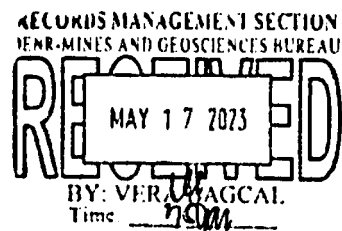

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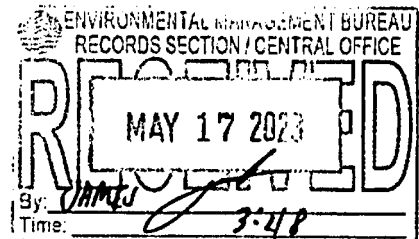
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SUBJECT: Follow-up and inquiry on Letter dated 30 January 2023 sent to PPA and actions taken on APMC's illegal construction and operation of its port in Brgy. España, San Fernando, Romblon.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned representatives of the coalition **BANTAY KALIKASAN NG SIBUYAN**, write to follow-up the status of our letter-complaint dated 30 January 2023 where we raised issues and concerns surrounding Altai Mining's illegal construction and operation of its port in Brgy. España, San Fernando, Romblon.

We are aware that your office has issued a notice of explanation dated 03 February 2023 to Altai Mining for them to explain their acts of constructing a port on Sibuyan Island in Romblon without the necessary permit.¹ We also understand that Altai Mining was ordered to respond to the said notice within five (5) days from its receipt thereof.

We write once again to your office to follow-up on the status of the investigation and if there are any cases intended to be filed regarding Altai Mining's illegal construction and operation of its port. As of this writing, there still seems to have been no meaningful update or response from your office as to the developments of the investigation.

Having brought attention to your office this matter in our January 30 letter, we are further requesting that if an investigation or legal action is initiated, or if such are already being conducted, **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.

Lastly, may we also inquire if there is any investigation that is ongoing on Altai Mining's illegal construction and operation of its port, as contained in our January 30 letter?

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

¹ Mantaring, J. R. (2023, February 5). PPA wants mining company to explain 'illegal' port on Sibuyan Island. *CNN Philippines*, retrieved from <https://www.cnnphilippines.com/news/2023/2/5/mining-company-explain-illegal-port-sibuyan-island--.html>.

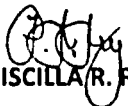
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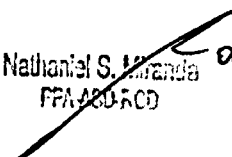

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