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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
DENR Region IV B
L & S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Manila

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Field Operations Luzon & Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : **COMPLAINT AGAINST MINING IN SIBUYAN ISLAND, ROMBLON**

DATE : **MAR 14 2023**

This pertains to the email dated 12 January 2023 from the Presidential Action Center endorsing complaint emails regarding abovementioned subject.

May we refer the matter to your Office for appropriate action. Furnish this Office and parties concerned of the actions taken citing document tracking number DENR CO-OSEC 2022-000186 for monitoring and record purposes.

For compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

c.c.

Office of the Secretary

Presidential Complaint Center
pcc@malacanang.gov.ph



Office of the DENR Secretary <osec@denr.gov.ph>

Re: Mining in Sibuyan Island, Romblon

Presidential Complaint Center (PCC) <pcc@malacanang.gov.ph>

Thu, Jan 12, 2023 at 2:46 PM

To: DENR OSEC <osec@denr.gov.ph>

Cc: GLADLIE FABUNAN <fabunangladlie@gmail.com>

Sir/Madam:

Respectfully forwarding the email received through the Presidential Complaint Center official email, for appropriate action, consistent with existing laws, rules and regulations on the matter, seeking intercession relative to issues and concerns which may be best addressed/coordinated by that Office.

A reply direct to the party/ies concerned, copy furnished the Center citing the PCC Code Number, will be highly appreciated. Expeditious action is requested in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11032, otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, as implemented and enforced by the Anti-Red Tape Authority. Please be reminded that failure to timely respond to the public's concern shall be a ground for administrative sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

Please feel free to email us if you have any questions, comments, queries and suggestions.

Your feedback is valuable to us especially during these challenging times. Please let us know your experience by clicking the link below:

[PCC Client Satisfaction Survey](#)

Thank you very much!

/ccc

PRESIDENTIAL COMPLAINT CENTER

Office of the President of the Philippines

J.P. Laurel St., Malacañang Complex, San Miguel, Manila

Email: pcc@malacanang.gov.ph

Tel: 8249-8310 local 8175

Monday - Friday (except National Holidays and Work Suspensions)

8:15 AM - 5:00 PM

OFFICIAL PCC TRANSMITTAL TO FOLLOW

Code No. PCC-CAM-01-10-2023-042

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From: "GLADLIE FABUNAN" <fabunangladlie@gmail.com>

To: "Presidential Complaint Center, PCC" <pcc@malacanang.gov.ph>

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 7:25:59 PM
Subject: Mining in Sibuyan Island, Romblon

Good day po.

Ako po ay magtatanong sana kung bakit po natuloy ang pagmimina ng nickel sa aming isla ng Sibuyan na sakop ng probinsya ng Romblon. Ang aming pong isla ay maliit lamang, binubuo lamang ng 3 bayan. Ang Mt. Guiting-guiting po ay ideniklara na protected area by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 746 kaya bakit po napayagan na magmina dito? Pwede po ba kaming matulungan ng office of the president na mapatigil ang pagmimina? ang kabuhayan po ng mga tao dito ay pagsasaka at pangangisda. Malinis po ang aming mga ilog na masisira ng dahil sa pagmimina. Mabigyan nyo po sana ng pansin ito at maaksiyonan. Kaming mga mamamayan po ang lubos na mapipinsala ng pagmimina lalo na ang aming mga ilog at ang dagat kung saan kami umaasa. Salamat po.

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Nickel laterite ore deposits which constitute the Altai-Mining concessions in Sibuyan are low-grade deposits located close to the surface. Mining companies must extract large volumes of soil for a relatively small volume of minerals. The mineral deposits are extracted by open pit mining method where the land is dug up, pulverized to a fine powder, mixed with acid to concentrate the minerals, and finally extracted by smelting the solution. The benefit of open pit mining comes from cheaper extraction costs: lower labor, shallow deposits, lower excavation and transportation costs, no large machinery. However, the extraction method uses an enormous amount of water for processing, to suppress dust, and for slurry transport. The water is sourced from groundwater, streams, rivers, etc. , and after being used, if it is not held in a tailings pond to settle the more noxious byproducts, the water is often dumped back to the environment no longer useable for drinking or agriculture. After the minerals have been removed from the soil and soaked in acid, it is a very fine sterile



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For the children's brighter, greener future. Mt. Guiting-guiting Natural Park (MGGNP) Protected Area Superintendent Malvin Rocero (right) teaches students of Cambalo Elementary School in Cajidiocan, Sibuyan, Romblon, the proper way of planting and taking care of mangrove trees which serve as breeding ground for diverse life forms, and as first line of defense against storm surges and tsunamis. The mangrove planting activity was held simultaneously with coastal and river cleanup to celebrate World Wetlands Day and MGGNP's 24th anniversary as a protected area.. (Photo by DENR MIMAROPA)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in MIMAROPA Region held on February 18 simultaneous coastal and river cleanup and mangrove planting activities to celebrate the 24th anniversary of Mt. Guiting-guiting Natural Park (MGGNP) as a protected area by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 746.

Located in Sibuyan Island in Romblon, Mt. Guiting-guiting boasts of a rich biodiversity, dense forest cover, and natural water system that provide and sustain life in the three municipalities that cover the great mountain range, namely, Magdiwang, Cajidiocan and San Fernando. The DENR and the local government units prepared activities for the whole month of February to allow the communities to recognize the value of Mt. Guiting-guiting to give back to it.

"By planting mangroves, we enrich Sibuyan's mangrove forest reserve. By cleaning up rivers and seas, we free the wetlands and bodies of water around it from trash," said
