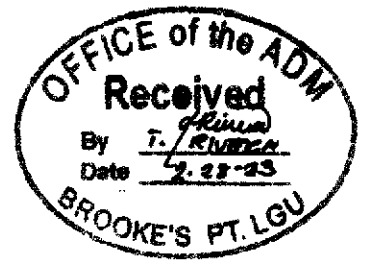


Date: February 27, 2023

To: HIS EXCELLENCY FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.
President of the Republic of the Philippines

Thru: HONORABLE CESARIO R. BENEDITO
Municipal Mayor, Brooke's Point, Palawan

From: Registered Voters/Residents of Brooke's Point, Palawan
Represented By Richard Magdaug Lopez



Subject: Gives greater control to local residents of Brooke's Point, Palawan in permissioning/allowing the operation of IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION (INC) and exploration activities of other mining company like MACRO ASIA MINING CORPORATION (MMC) in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan.

YOUR HONOR AND HIGHEST REPUTATION:

Copy of signature campaign to **STOP** the operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) and exploration activities of other mining company in Brooke's Point, Palawan adopting the People Initiative Act of RA 6735 is hereto attached for the consideration and approval of our dear President Marcos, to issue an order for the cancellation of permit issued by Mines and Geosciences Bureau to the mining company mentioned above, and **LEGALLY BAN THE MINING OPERATION IN BROOKE'S POINT PALAWAN FOR ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS.**

On January 5, 2023, the town was declared under a month-long state of calamity, 17 barangays moved to 32 evacuation centers, six villages were isolated due to flooding and several road sections were not passable, floods destroyed bridge and blocked feeder roads in some barangays. As a result, vast areas of Agricultural land were damaged by the flood with the presence of laterite. The neighboring towns; Sofronio Española and Rizal were also affected by the floods, these happened due to environmental activity of the mining company, needless to say there is necessity to cancel all operation and exploration of mining in Brooke's Point that precisely caused major environmental damage.

The residents of Brooke's Point, Palawan invoked environmental justice to rehabilitate the forest in order to recover the death of cutted trees. Thus, it is necessary to repair the mountainous form of land, (if not the original form of land Created by our Almighty) that the mining companies created such as (a bowl that catches the rain) which causes floods (of muds with logs) and landslides requiring the replanting of the loss of trees. As we can visibly see and experiencing, for just an overnight continuous rain, flood follows... Again, the Authorities of Environment, **MUST** oblige these miners (who are not true Palaweños) to repair and rehabilitate the sites they destroyed and by not allowing them just to leave as if nothing happened.

The suffering people of Brooke's Point praying that their land be healed and let breath from the stress caused by these mining's, choice to improve agricultures' high value crops under the concept of green community to fight climate change and promote tourism industry. To attain this goal the Department of Agriculture will provide technical, financial/capital and marketing assistance for fishermen, farmers and indigenous people. Hence, this petition.

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