

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 3rd QUARTER 2022
MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
Citininickel Mines and Development Corporation
(MPSA No. 229 – 2007 – IVB)
Hybrid Meeting
06 October 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

MRFC Members:

1. Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble	Chairperson and Regional Director MGB MIMAROPA Region
2. Engr. Nunilon R. Tanguilig	Representing Mr. Joe Amil M. Salino Regional Director, EMB MIMAROPA Region
3. Ms. Levita A. Lagrada	Representing Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta Executive Director, PCSDS
4. Atty. Noel E. Aquino	Representing Hon. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates Provincial Governor, LGU – Palawan
5. Hon. Abner Rafael N. Tesorio	Mayor, LGU – S. Española, Palawan
6. Hon. Gerandy B. Danao	Mayor, LGU – Narra, Palawan
7. Mr. Teofilo T. Tredez	Representing Atty. Nesarío G. Awat NGO – PANLIPI
8. Fr. Jasper A. Tabangay	Social Action Director, AVPP
9. Engr. Jainal M. Uy, Jr.	Resident Mine Manager, CMDC

Not Present:

1. Ms. Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV	Co-chairperson and Regional Executive Director DENR MIMAROPA Region
2. Ms. Marie Grace T. Pascua, PhD	Regional Director, NCIP IV

Guest and Other Participants:

1. Hon. Felipe L. Argueza, Jr.	Councilor, <i>Sangguniang Bayan</i> – Narra
2. Hon. Benedicto C. Acosta, Sr.	Councilor, <i>Sangguniang Bayan</i> – Narra
3. Ms. Sunshine C. Austria	Executive Assistant I, LGU – Narra
4. Ms. Shiela S. Nalda	MENRO, LGU – Narra
5. Mr. Joefred P. Diaz	MENRO, LGU – S. Española
5. Atty. Gioan Fernand A. Legaspi	OIC – President, CMDC
6. Ms. Pamela P. Miguel	Administrative Manager, CMDC
7. Mr. Carl Jay C. Tan	PCO, CMDC - PNMP
8. Ms. Nalma A. Asmad	Envi. Officer, CMDC PNMP
9. Engr. Nicetas Ruth E. Rosal	Safety Engineer, CMDC – PNMP
10. Ms. Monica A. Alaska	PCO, CMDC - TNMP
11. Mr. Armando A. Tuling	Community Relations Officer, CMDC

MMT

1. Engr. Hanna Lee B. Arriesgado	Sr. Science Research Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA
2. Engr. Lister C. Sianen	Science Research Specialist II, MGB MIMAROPA
3. Ms. Mercedita B. Almorfe	Supervising EMS, EMB MIMAROPA

Secretariat (MGB MIMAROPA):

1. Engr. Alvin S. Requimin
2. Engr. Al Janry S. Tuazon
3. Engr. Venus V. Jesoro

Division Chief, MSESDD, MGB MIMAROPA
Sr. Science Research Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA
Sr. Envi. Mngt. Specialist, MGB MIMAROPA

I. Preliminaries

Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble, Chairperson and MGB MIMAROPA Regional Director, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. upon confirmation of a quorum (9 out of 11) by the Secretariat.

II. Meeting Proper

A. Provisional Agenda

Among the items that were included in "Other Matters" were as follows:

- Participation of the MRFC and MMT to the 68th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference (ANMSEC) requested by Engr. Alvin S. Requimin (MGB MIMAROPA);
- Palawan Landscape Restoration Network per Atty. Noel E. Aquino (PG – ENRO);
- Provision of necessary documents to the MRFC members per request of Fr. Jasper A. Tabangay (AVPP);
- Update on the suspension of the CMDC;
- Action plan of CMDC on the areas covered by a new Special Tree Cutting Permit (STCP) as raised by Mr. Teofilo T. Tredez (PANLIPI);
- Status of cut logs from the mining areas per Mr. Tredez;
- IP concerns on the areas covered by the STCP;
- Financial documents pertaining to royalty payments;
- Updates on the request of LGU – Sofronio Española re: MOA, etc.; and
- Tax deficiency of CMDC as requested by Hon. Gerandy B. Danao (MLGU – Narra).

Atty. Aquino moved for the approval and adoption of the provisional agenda, duly seconded by Engr. Nunilon R. Tanguilig (EMB MIMAROPA), with the additional abovementioned matters for discussion.

B. Draft minutes of the 2nd Quarter 2022 MRFC Meeting

Fr. Jasper A. Tabangay suggested to enumerate the issues/concerns raised to be included in the "Other Matters" in the minutes of the meeting document.

With minor corrections, Engr. Tanguilig moved for the approval of the minutes of the 2nd Quarter 2022 MRFC meeting, duly seconded by Atty. Aquino.

After the approval of the minutes, Ms. Levita A. Lagrada (PCSD) commented that an amended SEP clearance was already issued to

CMDC. The Chairperson suggested for the company to provide the concerned LGUs a copy of the said clearance. He then proposed for a protocol for which any issued permits/clearances to the company, CMDC will furnish the provincial and municipal LGUs concerned a copy. The concerned municipal LGU should then provide a copy of the permits/clearances, likewise, to the concerned barangay LGUs.

Likewise, Mr. Tredez raised an issue pertaining to the approved minutes of the previous meeting. He stated that his comment on the company's SEP clearance being related to its suspension was not reflected in the minutes and insisted that such should be in the approved minutes. The Chairperson responded that the meeting document should be referred to as the highlights and not as the minutes of the meeting.

Atty. Aquino moved for the suspension of the meeting while the recording was being reviewed by the Secretariat. The Chairperson requested for the body's decision on the matter. Mr. Tredez commented that, if possible, one week prior the MRFC meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting be provided to the members for review.

Atty. Aquino proposed to proceed with the next agenda of the meeting. Ms. Lagrada suggested for conditional approval of the minutes of the meeting. Engr. Jainal M. Uy, Jr. (CMDC) recommended suspending the discussion on the minutes and emphasized that the issue being raised by Mr. Tredez was already resolved.

The Chairperson suggested tackling the issue separately in a technical conference in Palawan, upon invitation of the concerned LGUs, so as not to further drag the discussion of issues beyond the scope of the MRFC.

The Chairperson instructed the Secretariat that the meeting document be available, at most, three (3) weeks after the meeting. He further recommended the hiring of an MRFC secretary tasked solely to prepare the minutes of the meetings.

Fr. Jasper A. Tabangay (AVPP) proposed to include in the matrix of issues and concerns an additional column showing the reference lines in the minutes of the meeting. The Chairperson assured the body that necessary changes will be made in handling the meeting.

C. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2nd Quarter 2022 MRFC Meeting

1. Claim of Mr. Jose Rommel Agustin Julio

The Chairperson stated that MGB MIMAROPA is yet to draft the letter and assured the body that this matter will be acted upon immediately.

2. MMT Field Uniform

The Chairperson asked whether the list of the MMT members was finalized and agreed upon. Engr. Hanna Lee B. Arriesgado (MGB

MIMAROPA) responded that during the 2nd Quarter 2022 MMT monitoring's exit meeting, a document was routed among the MMT members to determine the uniform sizes thus, finalizing the list of the members to be issued with the MMT field uniform.

Engr. Jainal M. Uy, Jr. informed the body of the ongoing preparation of the field uniforms.

3. Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) membership to the MMT

The Chairperson informed the body that the MRFCs' decision of denying the request was already communicated with PCAF, copy furnished the Department of Agriculture, per letter dated 21 July 2022.

4. Inclusion of the Company's Land Use in the Report

As this matter was not included in the matrix of issues and concerns, the Chairperson cautioned the Secretariat and underscored that all instructions during the meeting should be reflected in the matrix of matters arising from the previous minutes of the meeting to determine said directives were complied with or not.

The Chairperson asked Engr. Uy for the company's compliance with the said request. Engr. Uy replied in the affirmative.

5. Request of Mayor Abner Rafael N. Tesorio for Community Assistance

The Chairperson asked the status of compliance with the previous directive for the company to provide Mayor Tesorio of the pertinent reports/documents regarding the royalty payment and the request to consider community assistance for the remaining six (6) indirect impact barangays in Sofronio Española as part of CMDC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Mayor Tesorio responded that CMDC have not yet provided the requested documents. Instead, he requested, through a formal letter, for the volume of nickel extracted and transported by CMDC – PNMP and the corresponding value of nickel from 2011 up to date.

The Chairperson commented in agreement with the information being requested by Mayor Tesorio, that is the volume production rather than the financial statements and confirmed that such data will be provided by MGB MIMAROPA.

On the request to provide community assistance for the remaining six (6) indirect impact barangays in Sofronio Española, Engr. Uy apprised the body that the request was brought to the attention of the top management for approval.

204 Mayor Danao inquired whether said request is rather an obligation of the
205 company. The Chairperson explained that CSR is an initiative from the
206 company's end.
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208 **D. Technical Reports**

209 **1. Presentation of the Highlights of the Field Findings and** 210 **Recommendations during the 2nd Quarter 2022 MMT validation**

211 Engr. Arriesgado and Engr. Lister C. Sianen (MGB MIMAROPA) presented
212 the 2nd Quarter 2022 MMT monitoring observations and
213 recommendations for CMDC's Pulot Nickel Mining Project (PNMP) and
214 Toronto Nickel Mining Project (PNMP). Comments and
215 recommendations of the MRFC members are as follows:
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220 *CMDC – Pulot Nickel Mining Project*

- 221 • The Chairperson commented that targets completely not
222 accomplished for the quarter should still be reflected in red.
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- 225 • The Chairperson also inquired whether the target bamboo culms
226 to be planted is reported under Progressive Rehabilitation or
227 Mining Forest Program (MFP). Engr. Arriesgado responded that
228 the bamboo culms are being used as intercrop in relation to the
229 company's compliance with the required bamboo plantation
230 establishment. The Chairperson asked the Secretariat to check
231 into the MGB Memorandum to determine whether intercropping
232 bamboo would suffice under the Bamboo Plantation Program.
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- 234 • Regarding *Maintenance of Reforestation Areas: MFP*, the
235 Chairperson queried on the 7.60 – hectare accomplishment
236 considering the target of only 5.0 hectares. Atty. Aquino
237 commented that the company probably had a problem in the
238 planning aspect. Mr. Carl Jay C. Tan (CMDC) answered that they
239 have targeted maintaining all the existing reforestation areas.
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- 241 • The Chairperson then questioned whether the company's land
242 use map reflects the reforestation areas' hectarage. Mr. Tan
243 answered in affirmative.
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- 245 • The Chairperson reminded the MMT to be vigilant in the
246 accomplishments being reported by the company as the
247 correction on the questionable hectarage should have been
248 addressed during the monitoring.
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- 250 • The Chairperson inquired on the plan versus the actual size of the
251 constructed siltation pond at Block A. Mr. Tan replied that
252 generally, the company's siltation ponds measure at 10 meters x
253 20 meters and 20 meters x 40 meters at 5.0 – meter depth. The

Chairperson advised the company that such information should be reported for activities involving construction of facilities.

- The Chairperson asked for the company's initiatives resulting to the low volume of solid waste generated. Mr. Tan shared that CMDC conduct segregation at source and another segregation at the Residual Containment Area (RCA) to thoroughly separate the residual wastes.
- Fr. Tabangay reminded the body that during the previous MRFC meeting, it was agreed that the frequency of road watering should also be reported. Engr. Uy responded that requested data will be reported in the next meeting.
- The Chairperson directed the company to present the in – house air quality monitoring data reflecting the date and time conducted.

CMDC – Toronto Nickel Mining Project

- Mayor Danao requested the company to immediately conduct rehabilitation in mined – out areas. Ms. Monica A. Alaska (CMDC) explained that based on the previous year, the summer season covered the 2nd Quarter (April to June) thus, the company had not targeted planting during the period. However, for the year, a series of rain events permitted the conduct of planting.
- Mr. Tredez inquired, based on the AEPEP, if it is possible to have no target for a certain quarter. Atty. Aquino briefly discussed that the rehabilitation will follow upon completion of land preparation and the environmental activities being accomplished by CMDC are rooted from an annual program approved by the body.
- Mr. Tredez requested to provide all MRFC members a copy of CMDC's approved 2022 AEPEP. The Chairperson directed the Secretariat to furnish the MRFC members of the requested document within the day.
- The Chairperson suggested (if there is a need) to have a briefing on the specifics of a mining operations for the new MRFC members, preferably to be conducted in Brooke's Point, Palawan.
- Mayor Danao commented that based on his assessment, the siltation ponds seemed to be insufficient in size and shared that they were not allowed by the company to enter the premises of CMDC to conduct inspection. Mr. Tredez suggested inviting Mayor Danao in the next MMT validation.
- Atty. Aquino explained that there are series of siltation ponds, not just one, within the CMDC's permit area. He likewise

recommended for Ms. Shiela S. Nalda (MENRO – Narra) to brief Mayor Danao on the results of the MMT validation prior to the scheduled MRFC meeting.

- Pertaining to the reiterated MMT recommendation of covering the port side of the loading area with recycled canvass sheet, Mr. Tredez stated that this specific recommendation is still not addressed by the company.
- Atty. Aquino commented that provision of canvass sheet in the subject area will be ineffective for such will not prevent the siltation. He rather proposed for the grading of the loading area to ensure that the runoff will flow inland towards the nearest siltation pond.
- The Chairperson advised the company to determine the most appropriate solution/plan to address the issue for presentation in the next MRFC meeting. This covers both project's causeway.

2. Presentation of Highlights of the 3rd Quarter 2022 Water, Air, and Noise Monitoring and Sampling

- Ms. Mercedita B. Almorfe (EMB MIMAROPA) reported the results of the 3rd Quarter 2022 air and water sampling activities for both projects.
- Engr. Requimin asked the cause of the exceedance in pH reading in Pulot River Delta sampling station for 2nd Quarter 2022. Ms. Almorfe answered that the 2nd Quarter MMT sampling activity was led by PCSD thus, she cannot respond to the query.
- The Chairperson asked the company to check the baseline data for the sampling station to determine whether there is a significant change in pH.

3. Presentation of Compliance with the 2nd Quarter 2022 MMT's Field Findings and Recommendations and Presentation of Physical and Financial Accomplishments, including Updating of Established Funds

Ms. Alaska and Mr. Tan presented the company's compliance with the 2nd Quarter 2022 MMT field findings and recommendations as well as the current status of the 2021 AEPEP implementation in TNMP and PNMP, respectively. Comments and recommendations of the MRFC members are as follows:

CMDC – Toronto Nickel Mining Project

- The Chairperson recommended a drainage canal construction to accommodate the runoff at the causeway. Mr. Tredez commented that the loading side of the port had already descended relative to the current water level. Considering this

comment, the Chairperson remarked that the canvass sheet will not withstand the crashing waves.

- Engr. Uy disclosed that the company intends to expand the piersite seaward due to the decreasing water level in the area caused by sand accretion.
- Ms. Lagrada asked whether the recommendations for the 2nd Quarter 2022, such as the purchase and utilization of coconets in the rehabilitation, should be complied with by the next quarter. Engr. Uy responded that the procurement of coconets was not included in the 2022 AEPEP thus, the budget for such will be carried in the 2023 AEPEP of the company. He added that CMDC had conducted grass planting along the slopes.
- Ms. Lagrada offered the company a scanned copy of the field guide needed in the flora and fauna monitoring.
- The Chairperson asked the company whether the mandatory environmental funds were lodged as trust account or savings account. The company maintains the trust accounts under the Development Bank of the Philippines' Head Office per Ms. Alaska.
- The Chairperson instructed CMDC to present the respective coverages of the old SEP clearance and the amended SEP clearance relative to the company's MPSA hectarage in the next MRFC meeting.
- Mayor Danao asked regarding the runoff flow at Block A. Ms. Alaska responded that the mine block's pit bottom accommodates the majority of runoff in the area. Mayor Danao then asked if the pit bottom will be able to hold all the water flowing from Block A considering Ms. Alaska's remark that the said pit bottom has no discharge. Ms. Alaska further explained that the pit bottom, with a holding capacity of 400,000 m³, had endured a number of heavy rains and the company confirmed no overflow in those instances.

CMDC – Pulot Nickel Mining Project

- The Chairperson commented that the tree species should be the same for the areas being compared in the company's ongoing research of determining the effectiveness of native chicken dung in the planted trees' growth. Mr. Tan remarked that different tree species will be reflected in the report.
- Mr. Jeofred P. Diaz (MENRO - S. Española) inquired how old the planted trees were in PNMP's rehabilitated areas because he had observed some signages indicating 5 – year old trees during the last MMT validation. Clarifying that the identified area was in

Block A, Mr. Tan disclosed that the subject trees were planted in 2021, specifically during the 4th quarter.

- Mr. Tredez pointed out that his assessment of PNMP's rehabilitated areas is better since more native trees were used as planting materials.
- The Chairperson advised the company to properly execute the research considering two plots of the same tree species – one provided with chicken dung and the other without. This will ensure that correct comparison will be made with the consideration that no other factors have contributed to the growth of the experimental subject. The company may draw the baseline data from the comparison between native and non – native species.
- Mayor Danao asked for the company to consider purchasing seedlings from the locals to further provide local employment in the area. Engr. Uy responded that with the company's plan to apply for another Special Tree Cutting Permit (STCP), an increase in the required seedling replacement will be needed requiring more manpower. He added that Mayor Danao's suggestion may be considered for the following year's AEPEP.
- Mayor Tesorio suggested including the drainage canals and bund walls when capturing drone shots. Likewise, the Chairperson recommended to take drone images at varying heights and angles and photos taken on ground at the same time.

E. Other Matters

1. Participation of the MRFC and MMT to the 68th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference

- The Chairperson briefly discussed the initial proposal of the MMTs to conduct a cross visit in a mining company in Surigao. As the mining industry's yearly conference in Baguio City will be held this November 15 – 18, 2022, the MMTs for the other companies decided to participate in the aforementioned event rather than the cross visit. With this, the Chairperson asked the body if they are interested in attending the 68th ANMSEC.
- The unanimous decision of the MRFC is to participate in the said event. The Chairperson requested all MRFC and MMT member agencies to provide the names of the participants by October 11, Tuesday for finalization of the list of attendees. Likewise, he instructed the Secretariat to email all MRFC and MMT members regarding said request.

- Atty. Aquino encouraged Mayor Danao and Mayor Tesorio to attend the 68th ANMSEC to have a better grasp of the mining industry.

2. Palawan Landscape Restoration Network

- Per Atty. Aquino, there is an ongoing ordinance preparation for the establishment of a landscape restoration network that aims to synchronize all rehabilitation efforts in restoring the identified denuded areas in Palawan. In this light, he asked for the company's support to the said endeavor.
- The Chairperson encouraged CMDC to join and support the proposed collective rehabilitation efforts.

3. Provision of Necessary Documents to the MRFC members

- Fr. Tabangay requested the company to provide the MRFC members with a copy of the permits, clearances, and other pertinent documents which include the MPSA, ECC, SEP clearance, and work programs, among others.
- The Chairperson directed the company to provide the body of the requested documents.

4. Update on the Suspension of the CMDC

- Atty. Gioan A. Legazpi (CMDC) remarked that the company's appeal is still pending at the Office of the President.
- The Chairperson asked whether the company directly filed the appeal to the Office of the President for which Atty. Legazpi responded that CMDC initially appealed with the DENR Secretary. Said plea was denied thus, the company elevated such to the Office of the President. He added that they had filed a Motion to Resolve but no action was still taken on the matter.
- Atty. Aquino explained that when the DENR suspension order was appealed on time to the Office of the President, the effect of the appeal stays the decision, that is the Stay Order. This means that the company is allowed to operate.

5. Action plan of CMDC on the Areas Covered by a New Special Tree Cutting Permit (STCP)

- Mr. Tredez asked to include the areas covered by the issued STCP in the succeeding MMT validation.
- The Chairperson inquired whether the concerned areas were monitored by the MMT during the last monitoring.

- Mr. Tan confirmed that newly opened areas under the STCP were part of the MMT monitoring during the 2nd Quarter citing that it was included in Engr. Arriego's report.
- The Chairperson commented that the concerned PENRO/CENRO should be the responsible entity in the monitoring of the STCP.
- Mr. Tredez disclosed that during last quarter's MMT entry meeting, DENR representatives did not agree to include the monitoring of the STCP for it was only issued recently.
- The Chairperson responded that he cannot answer on behalf of the DENR.
- Mr. Tredez further requested to include the areas covered by the STCP in the company's working maps. Mr. Tan assured the body that said areas will be reflected in their maps.

6. Status of Cut Logs from the Mining Areas

- Mr. Tredez queried if the cut logs are correctly preserved. The Chairperson asked whether the subject cut logs were already turned over to the DENR. Mr. Tan answered in affirmative and added that the cut logs were housed on the log deck.
- The Chairperson advised Mayor Tesorio to officially request to the concerned CENRO to immediately make use of the cut logs as the latter disclosed that LGU – S. Española will be needing said materials.

7. IP Concerns on the Areas Covered by the STCP

- Engr. Diaz narrated that LGU – S. Española was not informed regarding the STCP issued to the company, thus the latter struggled in responding to the locals' query on CMDC's tree cutting permit. At the very least, they were not given a copy.
- The Chairperson responded that as part of the previous request for pertinent documents, the STCP should also be provided to the MRFC members.
- Engr. Diaz communicated the query of the IPs from Sofronio Española whether the company had conducted a consultation meeting with them. The IPs also asked to specify to whom the company had the consultation meeting.
- The Chairperson inquired whether the STCP area is within a Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) or Claim (CADC). He further asked what documents the company have secured with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in relation to CMDC's MPSA approval.

- Atty. Legazpi responded that the company has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the NCIP and was issued with a Certificate of Precondition (CP).
- The Chairperson further asked whether a separate MOA will be required for the issuance of an STCP.
- As no NCIP representative can provide a clarification on the matter, the Chairperson asked for Atty. Aquino's stand.
- Atty. Aquino replied that, based on his knowledge, consultation with the IPS is mandatory in the application for Free and Prior Informed Consent and for a CP but not for an STCP. He pointed that it will be the NCIP when Mr. Diaz asked who should communicate said information to the IPs.
- Mr. Diaz requested the company to provide a copy of the STCP within the month. The Chairperson asked CMDC's commitment to ensure the requested documents are given.
- Engr. Uy confirmed granting the request within two weeks after the meeting.
- The Chairperson directed the company to provide the requested document on 21 October 2022, Friday.

8. Financial Documents pertaining to Royalty Payments

- The Chairperson reiterated the previous agreement that MGB MIMAROPA will provide CMDC – PNMP's production volume and corresponding value of nickel from 2011 up to date to LGU – S. Española within the 15 – day period.
- Mayor Tesorio requested for the document that shows 20% tax deduction from the 1% royalty share also from 2011 up to date.
- Atty. Legazpi answered that the issue was already raised to the NCIP. He added that the NCIP required the company to submit documents as proof that the withholding taxes were settled.
- Atty. Legazpi stated that the company can reproduce the requested documents and be provided to LGU – S. Española on 21 October 2022, Friday.
- Mayor Danao asked to be provided as well.

9. Updates on the request of LGU – Sofronio Española re: MOA, etc.

- Mr. Diaz asked for an update on the previous request of LGU – S. Española for a copy of the MOA.

- The Chairperson asked to be clarified as what specifically the MOA is. Mayor Tesorio answered that it is the MOA between LGU – S. Española and CMDC prior to the latter's operation.
- Ms. Pamela P. Miguel (CMDC) narrated that LGU – S. Española had previously endorsed the company without the establishment of a MOA. She added that CMDC's commitments only includes local employment, implementation of Social Development and Management Program, and the likes.
- Mayor Tesorio replied that he will confirm the details of the subject MOA with one *Sangguniang Bayan* member who identified that there exists an agreement.
- The Chairperson directed CMDC to also check the company's files.
- Mr. Diaz apprised the body that for the other documents, the LGU – S. Española will have a separate meeting with CMDC. Engr. Uy asked for an official correspondence on the requested meeting.

10. Tax deficiency of CMDC

- Mayor Danao disclosed that the Municipal Treasurer of Narra reported that the company have tax deficiencies amounting to 94 million.
- The Chairperson asked for proof and emphasized that the allegation is grave, that discussion should not be undertaken without evidence.
- Atty. Aquino asked if the alleged tax deficiency refers to real property tax or business tax. He further narrated that the company divulged that they are covered by an exemption issued by the Board of Investments as part of the tax holiday given to industries including mining. With the legal issue needed to be addressed and avoid dragging the discussion in the MRFC meetings, Atty. Aquino advised to settle it in court.

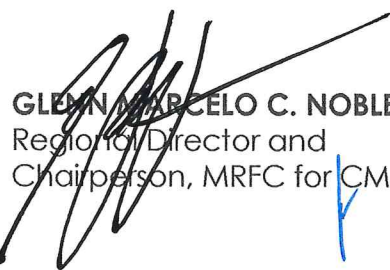
III. Adjournment

All matters properly discussed and there being no other business for deliberation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on the motion of Engr. Tanguilig and duly seconded by Mr. Tredez.

Attesting to the correctness of the foregoing:


VENUS V. JESORO
Secretariat
MGB MIMAROPA

Approved by:


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director and
Chairperson, MRFC for CMDC