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**Office of the President
Republic of the Philippines
8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline**

Isang makakalikasang araw!

This is with reference to the copy of the Complaint from Ms. Gladlie Fabunan <fabunangladlie@gmail.com>, which our Office has received by this on Office with Ticket Reference Number; PCC Code No. PCC-CAM-01-10-2023-042, with the subject, "Mining in Sibuyan Island, Romblon".

In the said complaint, Ms. Fabunan sought to clarify how the mining project in Sibuyan Island was granted permission to continue its operations.

As far as our Office is concerned, we have already conducted a site inspection on 01 February 2023 relative to the alleged construction and continuous operation of a causeway of Altai Philippines Mining Corporation (APMC).

Thereafter, a Notice of Violation was issued against APMC on 02 February 2023 for violation of Section 4 of P.D. 1586 for the construction/operation of a causeway project located at Sitio Bato, Brgy. España, San Fernando, Sibuyan Island, Romblon without a valid Environmental Compliance Certificate.

On 06 February 2023, a Joint Order was issued by DENR – MGB – EMB MIMAROPA Region directing APMC to **CEASE AND DESIST** from the construction and operation of its causeway as a precautionary measure against potential irreparable damage to the environment.

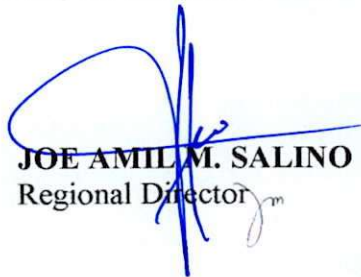
On 07 February 2023, a Technical Conference was conducted which was attended by representatives of APMC and personnel of this Office. During the Technical Conference, APMC has committed to comply with the following commitments, to wit:

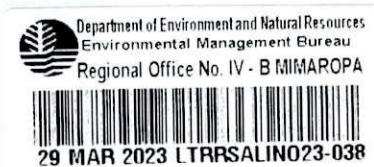
1. Altai Philippines Mining Corporation will write to EMB – Central Office to clarify as to whether the ECC Application for the causeway project should be filed with the EMB - Central Office or Regional Office.
2. Altai Philippines Mining Philippines Corporation shall secure PRA Permit from the Philippine Reclamation Authority and Area Clearance from DENR.
3. Altai Philippines Mining Corporation shall secure a clearance from the Office of the Secretary prior to the final approval of the technical scoping checklist as required under DENR Memorandum Order No. 2023-01 since a protected area (Mt. Guiting-Guiting) is located within the province.

4. Altai Philippines Mining Corporation also committed to file a Position Paper within ten (10) days from the conduct of the technical conference.
5. Altai Philippines Mining Corporation also expressed its willingness to comply with all the requirements pursuant to Presidential Decree 1586 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

As regards Ms. Fabunan's concern on the permits issued in favor of APMC, this Office has resolved to endorse the complaint to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau – Central Office which has the proper jurisdiction and competency to answer the inquiries.

For your information and reference.


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