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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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31 March 2023

Senior Undersecretary Elaine T. Masukat

Head

Presidential Management Staff

PMS Building, Arlegui Street

San Miguel, Manila

Attn: Mr. Iggiko M. Francisco

Climate Change Adaptation and
Mitigation-Disaster Risk Reduction Office
iggiko.francisco@pms.gov.ph

EDATS No. OSEC-2023-002156

Dear Senior USEC E. T. Masukat:

This respectfully refers to the 29 March 2023 electronic-mail of Mr. Iggiko M. Francisco requesting for comments on the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000 granted to Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation (CNMEC) based on the Sangguniang Bayan Resolution Nos. 2022-74 and 2022-103 of Brooke's Point, Palawan.

Hereunder are our comments:

1. On the renewal of the MPSA.

The MPSA No. 017-93-IV granted to CNMEC was approved on 18 September 1993 pursuant to Executive Order No. 279. The said MPSA was amended and redenominated as MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000 on 10 April 2000 to conform with the provisions of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7942.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued an Order dated 21 December 2020 (copy attached) confirming that the effective date of the above MPSA shall be reckoned from the date of the execution of the amended MPSA, hence, the MPSA shall expire on 10 April 2025.

2. On the operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (Ipilan) without a Certificate Precondition (CP) from the National Commission of Indigenous People (NCIP).

Based on the 31 March 2006 letter of the NCIP, there is no need for CNMEC to secure a CP as this requirement only applies to applications filed after RA No. 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 was enacted (copy attached).

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3. On its operation without a Protected Area Management Board Clearance.

The MPSA of CNMEC, which was approved on 18 September 1993, predates the proposed Final Boundary of the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) under Proclamation No. 1815 dated 23 June 2009. It is protected under the pertinent provision of the Presidential Proclamation No. 1815 creating the MMPL while recognizing prior or vested rights, as follows:

"Any valid contract, permit or license for the extraction or utilization of natural resources therein already existing prior to this Proclamation shall subject to national interest and existing laws, rules and regulations, be respected until its expiration."

4. On the endorsement of the Local Government Unit of Brooke's Point.


A total of six (6) endorsements were issued by the concerned Sanggunian in favor of MPSA No. 017-93-IV (copies attached), specifically:

- a. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 8492-10 of Palawan;
- b. Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 2010-34 of Brooke's Point;
- c. Sangguniang Barangay Resolution No. 3-2009 of Maasin;
- d. Sangguniang Barangay Resolution No. 26s-2007 of Ipilan;
- e. Sangguniang Barangay Resolution No. 2-2008 of Calasaguen; and
- f. Sangguniang Barangay Resolution No. 08-2008 of Mambalot.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, PhD
Chief, Geosciences Division
OIC – Office of the Regional Director

Encl: As stated

cc: **The Secretary**
Office of the Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
EDATS No. OSEC-2023-002156

The Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

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Letter
3/31/2023



MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU
MIMAROPA Region



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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
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March 31, 2006

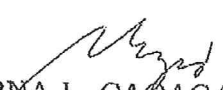

MR. DENNIS C. HERNANDEZ
President, Celestial Nickel Mining Corp.
193 Aerides Street, Pacific Village,
Muntinlupa City

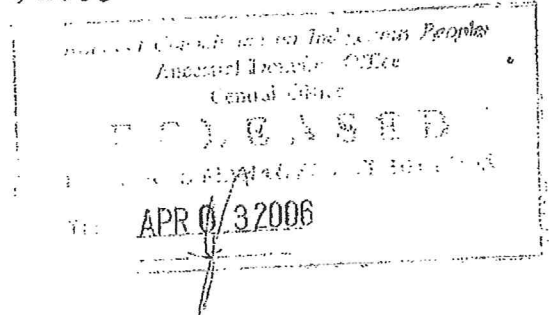
Dear Mr. Hernandez,

This has reference to your request for a certification on whether or not your company is required to secure a Certification Precondition over your Mineral Production Sharing Agreement denominated as MPSA No. 017-93-IV that was approved on August 5, 1993.

Please be informed that since your MPSA was already approved by the DENR-MGB on August 5, 1993, your company has no more need to secure the necessary Certification Precondition (CP) from our office since the requirement for securing the necessary Certification Precondition applies to applications filed after R.A. 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 was enacted.

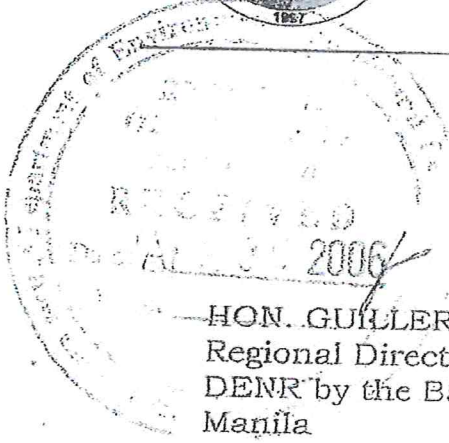
Very truly yours,


MYRNA L. CAOAGAS
ADO Director 





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HON. GUILLERMO G. ESTABILLO, JR.
Regional Director, DENR-MGB-IV, MIMAROPA
DENR by the Bay, 1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita,
Manila

Dear Director Estabillo,

March 31, 2006

National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
Ancestral Domain Office
Central Office

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

DATE: APR 03 2006
BY: [Signature]

This has reference to your endorsement letter received by our office last March 13, 2006, forwarding the letter request for Certification Precondition of Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation, location/sketch plan and technical description of the area covered by Mineral Production Sharing Agreement denominated as MPSA-017-93-IV situated in Brgys. Mambalot and Ipilan, Brooke's Pt. Palawan.

Please be informed that our office cannot accommodate the request since Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation was already awarded an MPSA (MPSA-017-93-IV) on August 5, 1993. There is no more need for the said company to secure the necessary Certification Precondition (CP) from our office since the requirement for securing the necessary Certification Precondition applies to applications filed after R.A. 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 was enacted.

In this regard we are respectfully endorsing back to your office the following documents:

1. MGB Endorsement letter dated 8 February 2006;
2. Letter of Celestial Nickel Mining Corporation dated 8 February 2006;
3. Copy of Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA No. 017-93-IV).

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
MYRNA L. CAOAGAS
ADO-Director



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January 05, 2021

IN RE : Clarification on the Effectivity Date of
Mineral Production Sharing Agreement
No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000
Granted to Celestial Nickel Mining
Exploration Corporation

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Date:	1/8/21
Name/Signature:	g/v
Division/Section:	
MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU - LINGAYEN REGION	

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER

THE PRESIDENT

Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation
7th Floor Corporate Business Center
151 Pase de Roxas corner Arnaiz Street
1228 Makati City

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THE PRESIDENT

Ipilan Nickel Corporation
7th Floor Corporate Business Center
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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mines and Geosciences Bureau
MIMAROPA Region
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Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila 1000

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Please be notified that an Order was issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on December 21, 2020 on the subject, a copy of which is attached.



ATTY. WILFREDO G. MONCANO
Acting Director



Encl.: as stated

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IN RE : Clarification on the Effectivity Date of
Mineral Production Sharing Agreement
No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000
Granted to Celestial Nickel Mining
Exploration Corporation
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ORDER

WHEREAS, on August 05, 1993, the Philippine Government, through DENR, and Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation (Celestial) executed Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV covering the contract area of 2,835.06 hectares located in Brooke's Point, Palawan, in accordance with Executive Order No. 279, the interim mining law during the period;

WHEREAS, on September 18, 1993, the MPSA No. 017-93-IV was approved by the President of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on March 03, 1995, Republic Act (RA) No. 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 took effect;

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2000, MPSA No. 017-93-IV was amended to conform to the provisions of RA No. 7942 and an MPSA was executed by the Philippine Government, through DENR, and Celestial re-denominated as MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000;

WHEREAS, both MPSAs provide for the definition of Effective date as *the date of approval of this Agreement by the President of the Republic of the Philippines.*

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020, Ipilan Nickel Corporation, writing on behalf of and as authorized Operator of Celestial, requested for confirmation on the effectivity or effective date of MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000;

WHEREAS, Section 3.1 of the amended MPSA provides that the Contract shall have a term of 25 years from its Effective Date and may be renewed thereafter for another term not exceeding 25 years and that Effective Date is defined in Section II thereof as *"xxx the date of approval of this Agreement by the President of the Republic of the Philippines;"*

WHEREAS, Sections 8 and 29 of RA No. 7942 provide that the DENR Secretary shall have the authority to enter into mineral agreements on behalf of the Government upon the recommendation of the Director and that proposed mineral agreements shall be approved by the Secretary;



WHEREAS, RA No. 7942 provides that approval of MPSA was already delegated to the Secretary of the DENR and that the date of such approval shall be the date of the execution thereof and so thus, in the case of MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000, the amendment thereof;

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the Effective Date of MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000 shall be reckoned from the date of execution thereof, and that the same amended MPSA shall expire on April 10, 2025.

SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Philippines, DEC 21 2020

ROY A. CIMATU
Secretary



PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 8492 2010

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

PROVINCE OF PALAWAN



Republic of the Philippines
Provincial Government of Palawan
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN
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July 16, 2010

Dr. ROGEL A. SANTOS, PH.D.
Attorney-In-Fact
Exploration Manager
Ipilan Nickel Corporation
Barangay Ipilan,
Brooke's Point, Palawan

Sir:

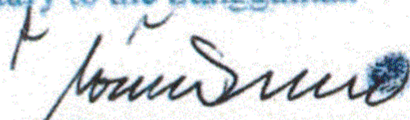
We are forwarding herewith a copy of Provincial Resolution No. 8492, series of 2010 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan, for your information.

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN:

ANGELA R. PEÑA
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian


NORMAN C. NAVARRO
BOARD SECRETARY - V
IN-CHARGE OF OFFICE

Regulatory Fee:

OR. No.	: 2180619
Amount	: P20,000.00
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Date Issued	: July 1, 2010
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Republic of the Philippines
Provincial Government of Palawan
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
Puerto Princesa City

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE RESUMPTION OF THE 141ST REGULAR
SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN HELD AT THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL ON JUNE 29, 2010
CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA**

PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Ponce de Leon,	Vice Governor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. Joselito A Cadlaon,	Chairman Pro-Tempore
Hon. Modesto V. Rodriguez II,	Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Derrick R. Pablico,	Deputy Majority Floor Leader (North)
Hon. Vicky T. De Guzman,	Deputy Majority Floor Leader (South)
Hon. Ernesto A. Llacuna,	Asst. Minority Floor Leader (South)
Hon. Edmundo F. Balerite,	S.P. Member - 1 st District
Hon. Cipriano DC. Barroma,	S.P. Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Alice F. Fabellon,	S.P. Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Evelyn V. Rodriguez,	S.P. Member - ABC President
Hon. Jim Gerald L. Pe,	S.P. Member - Councilors League President
Hon. Mea Aime E. Abdurajik,	S.P. Member - SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Gil P. Acosta,	Minority Floor Leader
Hon. Leoncio N. Ola,	Asst. Minority Floor Leader (North)

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RESOLUTION NO. 8492-10

**AFFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF SANGGUNIANG BAYAN RESOLUTION NO.
34, SERIES OF 2010 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT,
PALAWAN COVERING THE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE
IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION UNDER MINERAL PRODUCTION
SHARING AGREEMENT NO. 017-93-IV LOCATED AT BARANGAY MAASIN,
BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN**

Sponsored by:

THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, for consideration by this August Body is the committee report sponsored and presented by the Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources;

WHEREAS, the subject matter of the committee report is with reference to Resolution No. 34, series of 2010 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Brooke's Point, Palawan, endorsing the proposed mineral development activity of the Ipihan Nickel Corporation located in Barangay Maasin, in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan;

WHEREAS, with respect to the report of the sponsoring Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, it is clear that the mineral development activity subject of Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 34-2010 is within the allowable zone under that municipality's land use plan and zoning regulations;

WHEREAS, it is also clear from the records that the said mineral development activity is duly covered by a Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources denominated as -017-93-IV.

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WHEREAS, from the issuance by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the aforesaid Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) it can be assumed that the activity is supported by the corresponding Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) clearance previously issued by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD).

WHEREAS, further DENR's issuance of the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) means that the mineral development activity is in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the Mining Act of 1995 and other existing and related laws and regulations.

WHEREAS, upon due consideration of the report by the sponsoring committee, and with only one dissenting vote, this august Body voted to affirm the validity of Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 34-2010 of Brooke's Point, Palawan.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of the Honorable Cipriano DC. Barroma duly seconded, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to affirm the validity of Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 34-2010, series of 2010 of Brooke's Point, Palawan and to concur with its findings as to the propriety of the mineral development activity under consideration.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished the Representative Iptan Nickel Corporation, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan, for his information and appropriate action.

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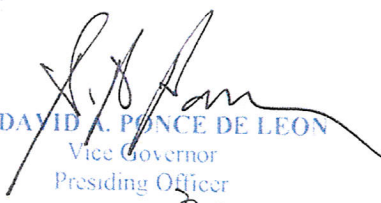
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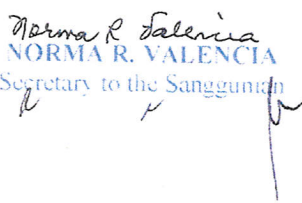
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

ATTESTED


DAVID A. PONCE DE LEON
Vice Governor
Presiding Officer


NORMA R. VALENCIA
Secretary to the Sangguniang

APPROVED


JOEL T. REYES
Governor

06-29-10
Date Approved

**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN RESOLUTION
NO. 2010-34**

**MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Brooke's Point

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BROOKE'S POINT HELD ON MAY 20, 2010
AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.**

PRESENT:

HON. MARK BING M. BARROMASB Member/Temporary Presiding officer
HON. MARY JEAN D. FELICIANOMunicipal Vice Mayor
HON. ALAN E. ORDINARIO.....SB Member
HON. MERRY BETH A. CAABAY-do-
HON. LANI B. TRINIDAD-do-
HON. MARY ANN A. RACUYA-do-
HON. SHARON ABIOG-ONDA.....-do-
HON. BIUSIK J. ATTAM-do-
HON. GEORJALYN JOY A. QUIACHON ...Liga ng mga barangay President
HON. EUGENE ANDREW A. CAABAYSK Federation President

ABSENT:

HON. ELISEO G. CRESPOSB Member (OB)

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-34

Authored by: Coun. Lani B. Trinidad

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATION
OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION IN BARANGAY MAASIN, THIS
MUNICIPALITY.**

WHEREAS, Ipilan Nickel Corporation has an application for its proposed mining operation in Barangay Maasin, this Municipality;

WHEREAS, the impact barangays, through their respective councils, have issued their respective endorsements for the aforesaid mining company to operate;

WHEREAS, Ipilan Nickel Corporation has secured the endorsement of the indigenous peoples impacted by the project duly supervised by the representatives of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS, for purposes of evaluating further the application of Ipilan Nickel Corporation to operate, the Sangguniang Bayan, its Environment Committee, the DENR R-IV and the Environmental Management Bureau held public hearings and consultations in Brooke's Point, Palawan;

WHEREAS, further to the public hearing on 13 March 2010, under the supervision of the DENR/EMB, focused group discussions were held individually on 20 March 2010, for each of the impact barangays;

WHEREAS, Ipilan Nickel Corporation has committed to hire as much as Eighty Percent (80%) of their personnel from the qualified local residents and the qualified IPs from the impact Barangays such as Ipilan, Mambalot, Maasin and Calasaguen. . The latter however, shall be given preferred or priority rights if all things are equal;

WHEREAS, Ipilan Nickel Corporation commits to ensure observance and implementation of Responsible Mining as stated in RA 7942 and the SEP Law;

WHEREAS, this august body respects the Prior Right of all existing mining companies as stipulated in Presidential Proclamation 1815;

WHEREAS, this august body also respects the National Government's Policy in the issuance of Mining Permits;

WHEREAS, regular monitoring of mining activities within the project area by the Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) shall be observed and complied with;

WHEREAS, Ipilan Nickel Corporation agrees that, after due hearing, the Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) can recommend cancellation of the company's mining permit to the Local Sanggunian in cases of gross violation of the provisions of RA 7942, and the SEP Law;

WHEREAS this august body recognizes the project's economic benefits and its social acceptability as evidenced by the various endorsements of the community, and the impact barangays of Ipilan, Mambalot, Maasin, and Calasaguen;

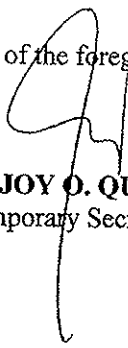
WHEREAS, after careful scrutiny of the documents submitted and the result of the validation conducted, this august body agree as it hereby agrees to endorse the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation in Barangay Maasin, this Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Coun. Lani Trinidad, duly seconded by Coun. Alan Ordinario, be it:


RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to **ENDORSE THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION IN BARANGAY MAASIN, THIS MUNICIPALITY**,

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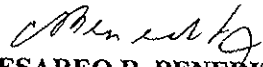
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


GEORJALYN JOY O. QUIACHON
Ex-officio SB Member/Temporary Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARK BING M. BARROMA
SB Member/Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


CESAREO R. BENEDITO, JR.
Municipal Mayor

BARANGAY RESOLUTION NO. 3 2009

BARANGAY MAASIN
MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Brooke's Point
BARANGAY MAASIN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY OF
MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN HELD ON JUNE 3, 2009 AT THE SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Hon. Ronnie A. Fortes | Punong Barangay |
| 2. Hon. David A. Bernas | Barangay Kagawad |
| 3. Hon. Aquilina C. Pinza | -do- |
| 4. Hon. Domingo D. Bernas | -do- |
| 5. Hon. Dionisia T. Estrada | -do- |
| 6. Hon. Albert M. Bernas | -do- |
| 7. Hon. Leonardo B. Ragudos | -do- |
| 8. Hon. Reah L. Austria | SK Chairwoman |

ABSENT:

Hon. Jessie C. Billones
Barangay Kagawad

RESOLUTION NO. 3, Series of 2009

RESOLUTION ENDORSING ALL THE REQUIRED APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATIONS
NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR
THE MINING OPERATIONS OF CELESTIAL NICKEL MINING EXPLORATION CORPORATION
(CNMEC) THROUGH ITS OPERATOR, IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION (INC) UNDER THE MINERAL
PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT DESIGNATED AS MPSA-017-93-IV LOCATED IN BROOKE'S
POINT, PALAWAN.

WHEREAS, CNMEC through INC intends to operate a mine in Brooke's Point, Palawan
under its Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) with the Government of the Republic
of the Philippines designated as MPSA-017-93-IV, the area of coverage of which includes
Barangay Maasin of the Municipality of Brooke's Point;

WHEREAS, CNMEC through INC had, in July 2008, requested from the Sangguniang
Barangay of Maasin for an endorsement of its proposed mining operations in Brooke's Point,
Palawan;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Barangay of Maasin through an earlier resolution passed in
July, 2008 had denied the endorsement request of CNMEC/INC's due to concerns on the
possible adverse effects of the Project on farm productivity;

WHEREAS, CNMEC/INC, have thereafter, continuously pursued its community dialogues,
information, education and communication campaigns, and other activities that would further
enlighten the good residents of Barangay Maasin's of the Project plan and the socio-economic
program of the company;

WHEREAS, CNMEC/INC through its extensive and sustained information, education and
communication campaign efforts have gained widespread acceptance from the surrounding
communities, among which are the consent given by the Indigenous Peoples communities

WHEREAS, CNMEC/INC after having complied and undergone all activities to explain the project's plans and intentions, has formally submitted an appeal to the Sangguniang Barangay of Maasin for reconsideration of its earlier decision and has again requested for an endorsement of its proposed MPSA project;

WHEREAS, after thorough and careful review by the Barangay Council of the proposed Project, the body, by a majority decision has approved to pass a resolution endorsing the said CNMEC/INC MPSA Project.

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to pass this resolution endorsing all applications and documents needed to comply with all the requirements of all Government agencies for the start of operations of CNMEC/INC THROUGH ITS MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT DESIGNATED AS MPSA-017-93-IV in Brooke's Point, Palawan.

APPROVED BY MAJORITY.

1. Municipal Mayor
2. Sangguniang Bayan
3. DILG Office
4. CENRO
5. Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corp.
6. Ipilan Nickel Corporation
7. File

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

RONNIE A. FORTES
Punong Barangay

JENEROSE T. LUAGNA
Barangay Secretary

BARANGAY RESOLUTION NO. 26s 2007

**BARANGAY IPILAN
MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

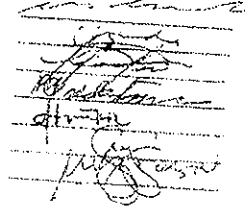
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BARANGAY IPILAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGUNIANG
BARANGAY OF BARANGAY IPILAN, BROOKE'S POINT PALAWAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 19,
2007 AT THE SEESION HALL

Hon. Efren L. Balmonte
Hon. Lorna B. Grande
Hon. Roberto R. Paalan
Hon. Mariano V. Valdestamon
Hon. Adjijun A. Usop
Hon. Segundo L. Ulat Jr.
Hon. Virginia B. Lagrosa

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ABSENT

Hon. Julius C. Paalan
Hon. Wilson P. Verdin

SK Chairman
Barangay Kagawad

RESOLUTION NO. 26 s. 2007

RESOLUTION ENDORSING ALL THE REQUIRED APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS
NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR
THE START OF OPERATION OF CELESTIAL NICKEL MINING EXPLORATION CORPORATION
THROUGH THE IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION IN BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Barangay Council to see to it that Ipilan Nickel Corporation
proceeds with its operation from the final stages of exploration onwards to mine development; including
but not limited to tree cutting, right of way, water rights, fore shore leases, road alignment, port operations,
building of infrastructure (such as: office sites, laboratories, and others)

WHEREAS, the Barangay Council thru its deliberation hereby unanimously endorses the full
support to the project which covers the component activities of the development and mining phases of the
Ipilan Nickel Corporation relative to the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement permit denominated as
MPSA 19-93-IV,

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Kgd. Mariano Valdestamon and duly seconded by Kgd. Lorna
B. Grande, be it;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to endorse all applications and documents needed
to comply with the requirements of all government agencies for the start of operation of Celestial Nickel
Mining Corporation through the Ipilan Nickel Corporation in Brooke's Point, Palawan.

RESOLVED FURTHER that before full mining operations, siltation ponds should have been
constructed.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this resolution be furnished to the following for
information, guidance and immediate action.

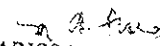
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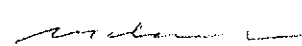
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Bgy. Maasin, Brooke's Point Palawan
Bgy. Ipilan, Brooke's Point Palawan

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution

Attested:


MARISSA D. FLORES
Barangay Secretary


EFREN L. BALMONTE
Punong Barangay

BARANGAY RESOLUTION

BARANGAY CALASAGUEN
MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Brooke's Point
BARANGAY CALASAGUEN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGUNIANG BARANGAY OF CALASAGUEN, MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S
POINT, PALAWAN HELD ON APRIL 2, 2008 AT THE SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. Nasre S. Alpad	Punong Barangay/Presiding Officer
Hon. Leopoldo M. Amoto Sr.	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Alejandro P. Ongcal	-do-
Hon. Almasin B. Ellah	-do-
Hon. Benny L. Pama	-do-
Hon. Mercy A. Artezuela	-do-
Hon. Romeo R. Gabo	-do-
Hon. Nenita T. Osorio	-do-
Hon. Jeepsy Ann Pama	SK Chairwoman

RESOLUTION NO. 2 : Series of 2008

RESOLUTION ENDORSING ALL THE REQUIRED APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS
NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
FOR THE START OF DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF CELETIAL NICKEL MINING
EXPLORATION CORPORATION UNDER MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING
AGREEMENT MPSA-19-93-IV THROUGH ITS OPERATION IPILAN NICKEL
CORPORATION IN BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Barangay Council of Calasaguen to see to it that Ipilan Nickel Corporation proceeds with its operation from the final stages of exploration onwards to mine development; including but not limited to tree cutting, right of way, water rights, fore shore leases, road alignment, port operations, building of infrastructure (such as: office sites, laboratories, and others).

WHEREAS, the Barangay Council of Calasaguen thru its deliberation hereby unanimously endorses the full support to the project which covers the component activities of the development and mining phases of the Ipilan Nickel Corporation relative to the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement permit denominated as MPSA 19-93-IV;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Kagawad. Nenita T. Osorio, and duly seconded by Kagawad. Leopoldo Amoto Sr., be it:

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to endorse all applications and documents needed to comply with the requirements of all government agencies for the start of development and operation of MPSA area through the Ipilan Nickel Corporation in Brooke's Point, Palawan.

RESOLVED FURTHER that copies of this resolution be forward to Ipilan Nickel Corporation with address at Quad Alpha Centrum, 125 Pioneer Street, Mandaluyong City.


RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this resolution be furnished to Municipal Mayor, Sangguniang Bayan, DILG Office and Barangay Calasaguen file all in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan for their information, guidance and appropriate action.


APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

Attested:


NASRE S. ALPAD
Punong Barangay


CHERRY S. MEJOLLO
Barangay Secretary

BARANGAY RESOLUTION NO. 08 2008

**BARANGAY MAMBALOT
MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Brooke's Point
BARANGAY MAMBALOT

Office of the Sangguniang Barangay

February 21, 2008


Mr. Jovenal M. Gonzalez, Jr.
Project Geologist
Ipilan Nickel Corporation
Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point
Palawan

Sir:

Respectfully forwarded herewith a copy of Resolution No. 07 Series of 2008 of
the Sangguniang Barangay of Mambalot for your information and appropriate action

Please acknowledge receipt hereto

Very truly yours,


Leah B. Cadlaon
Secretary to the Barangay

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Brooke's Point
BARANGAY MAMBALOT

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGUNIANG BARANGAY
OF MAMBALOT, MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN HELD ON February 4, 2008 AT
THE SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. Adema Erlinda A. Edep
Hon. Ronald A. Caabay
Hon. Wahid H. Ismael
Hon. Leandro C. Panahon
Hon. Reynaldo M. Dioso
Hon. Florence A. Paladan
Hon. Normelina A. Maceda
Hon. Ronnie B. Dela Cruz

Punong Barangay/Presiding Officer
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ABSENT:

Hon. Baby Senne L. Singueo

SK Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 07 Series of 2008

RESOLUTION ENDORSING ALL THE REQUIRED APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR THE START OF DEVELOPMENT OF CELESTIAL NICKEL MINING EXPLORATION CORPORATION THROUGH ITS OPERATOR IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION IN BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Barangay Council of Mambalat to see to it that Ipilan Nickel Corporation proceeds with its operation from the final stages of exploration onwards to mine development; including but not limited to tree cutting, right of way, water rights, fore shore leases, road alignment, port operations, building of infrastructure (such as office sites, laboratories, and others).

WHEREAS, the Barangay Council of Mambalot thru its deliberation hereby unanimously endorses the full support to the project which covers the component activities of the development and mining phases of the Iplian Nickel Corporation relative to the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement permit denominated as MPSA 19-93-1V;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Kagawad Ronald A. Carbay and duly seconded by Kagawad Reynaldo M. Dioso, be it:

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to endorse all applications and documents needed to comply with the requirements of all government agencies for the start of development of Celestial Nickel Mining Corporation through the Ipiian Nickel Corporation in Brooke's Point, Palawan.

RESOLVED FURTHER that copies of this resolution be forward to Ipilan Nickel Corporation with address at Quad Alpha Centrum, 125 Pioneer Street, Mandaluyong City.

RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this resolution be furnished to the following offices concern for their information, guidance and appropriate action

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Brgy. Mambalat, Brooke's Point Palawan

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above quoted resolution.

Prepared by:

Leah B. Cadlaon
Barangay Secretary

Attested:

Adera Erlinda A. Edep
Punong Barangay