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**Mr. Elmor A. Borda, et.al.**

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**Dear Mr. E.A. Borda:**

This refers to the 17 May 2023 letter inquiring about our action against the activities of Altai Philippines Mining Corporation (Altai).

Please be informed that:

1. Altai has an approved Exploration Period granted by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Central Office (MGB-CO) on 12 July 2022;
2. The Mineral Ore Export Permit and Ore Transport Permit issued to Altai by the MGB-CO and the MIMAROPA Region, for bulk testing purposes, has expired on 29 January 2023, and 24 February 2023, respectively; and
3. Altai has voluntarily suspended since 6 February 2023 its exploration and related activities per letter dated 14 February 2023.

Thus, in view of the above facts, the operation of Altai **within** its contract area under MPSA No. 304-2009-IVB is in order pursuant to the existing mining law and its implementing rules and regulations. This Office has no jurisdiction over other issues outside the MPSA contract area.

Hoping that we have clarified the matter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE**  
Regional Director

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The Regional Executive Director  
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