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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE DIRECTOR**
Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

FROM : **THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
This Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR RESPONSES TO INTERVIEW QUESTIONS OF ABS-CBN NEWS "KABAYAN WITH NOLI DE CASTRO"**

This refers to the request for a briefer on the operations of Altai Philippines Mining Corporation (Altai) in relation to the interview of ABS-CBN News program "Kabayan with Noli de Castro."

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 MGB MIMAROPA Region, for bulk testing purposes, expired on 29 January 2023 and 24 February 2023, respectively; and,
3. Altai has voluntarily suspended since 06 February 2023 its exploration and related activities per letter dated 14 February 2023.

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.

For the Director's information and ready reference.

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cc: **The Director**
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Regional Executive Director
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