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MR. EFRAMIL LANDUAN *et al.*

The Indigenous Peoples of Brooke's Point, Palawan
Brooke's Point, Palawan

Dear Mr. E. Landuan *et al.*:

This refers to your 18 October 2023 Letter demanding that this Office:

1. Issue a Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) against the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (Ipilan), operator of Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV As Amended 2000 granted to Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation (Celestial) located in Brooke's Point, Palawan; and
2. Suspend the mining operations under MPSA No. 017-93-IV As Amended 2000.

Please be informed that Celestial/Ipilan filed on 15 September 2023 an appeal before the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Commission En Banc to challenge the 11 August 2023 CDO issued by the NCIP MIMAROPA Regional Office.


Pursuant to Executive Order No. 392, the Administrative Code of the Philippines, the timely filing of an appeal stops the execution of the CDO and prevents it from attaining finality.

Please be guided accordingly.

Thank You.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

cf.:

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