



**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
DENR MIMAROPA

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Field Operations – Luzon and Visayas, and Environment

SUBJECT : **RALLY REPORT CONDUCTED VIGIL RALLY OF BANTAY  
SIBUYAN KALIKASAN YOUTH (BSKY) 10-11 OCTOBER 2023**

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In this regard, we are referring the concerns raised by BSKY for appropriate action. In addition, kindly prepare and provide a status report to BSKY, regarding the actions of the Region on the alleged violation of APMC, copy furnish this Office and SMCRD-FOG, for monitoring purposes. Attached is a copy of the detailed rally report for your ready reference.

For compliance.

  
**ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I**



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## RALLY REPORT

**SUBJECT** : Vigil Rally of Bantay Sibuyan Kalikasan Youth (BSKY)  
**DATE/VENUE** : 10-11 October 2023/DENR Central Office Main Gate  
**PARTICIPANTS** : Bantay Sibuyan Kalikasan Youth (BSKY)  
Alyansa Tigil Mina  
**REFERENCE** :

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The Bantay Sibuyan Kalikasan Youth (BSKY) conducted a *Prayer Vigil* in front of the DENR Central Office from 6:00PM of October 10 to 10:00AM of October 11, 2023.

### Highlights of the activity:

- The program started with an opening remarks from Ms. Vivien Carmona, Chairperson of BSKY, followed by her motivational speech expressing their opposition against the mining operations of Altai Philippines Mining Corporation in Sibuyan Island;
- After the motivational speech, the vigil (rosary) started until morning of 11 October 2023. The rallyist had their breakfast in front of DENR main gate and dispersed after their post meeting. Ms. Julie G. Iban and Atty. Joseph C. Bautista from the Stakeholders Management and Conflict Resolution Division (SMCRD) Field Operations Group facilitated the requested dialogue from the protesters;
- Among the concerns raised by BSKY are the non-participation from Anti-mining groups during the site validations conducted by the DENR MIMAROPA. They were suggesting that a representative from their group should be invited during the like instances. In addition, they were expressing disappointments on the lifting of the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) against ALTAI with informing and consulting the facts with them. They were just surprised that the CDO was already lifted and the mining company resumed its operation.
- BSKY also inquired about the status of the actions of the DENR regarding the violations committed by Altai Philippines Mining Corporation. Atty. Bautista informed them that there was instruction already relayed to MIMAROPA regarding the issue.

### The agreements reached were as follows:

- DENR Central Office to issue a memorandum to DENR MIMAROPA to inquire about the status and the timeline of the actions of the DENR on the alleged violations of Altai Philippines Mining Corporation in the area.
- SMCRD to provide updates regularly to BSKY regarding the status of the action of DENR.
- Close coordination with DENR MIMAROPA on the status of hiring of experts and funding for the composition of the validation team



### Photo documentation



SMCRD during the Dialogue with BSKY Leader, Ms. Carmona and some members.



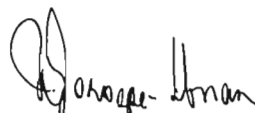
A mass and prayer vigil were conducted at the gate of DENR from October 10, 6PM to October 11, 10AM

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FROM : **THE CHIEF**  
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DATE :

This is to provide you a copy of the attached detailed report of the vigil rally conducted by BSKY on 10-11 October 2023, in front of the gate of DENR Central Office.

In addition, attached is the Memorandum addressed to the Regional Executive Director of DENR MIMAROPA, for your signature, requesting status updates on the actions of the Region regarding the alleged violation of Altai Philippines Mining Corporation in Sibuyan Island.

For consideration, please.

  
**JULIE GOROSPE-IBUAN**

Cc : *The OIC-Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau*