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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
Field Operations – Luzon and Visayas and
EMB Director in concurrent capacity

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR Region IV-B
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FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : **RALLY OF VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
RESISTING DESTRUCTIVE LARGE-SCALE MINING**

DATE : **OCT 04 2023**

This is to provide you a copy of the report regarding the rally held by various environmental groups –Alyansa Tigil Mina, Bayay Sibuyanon, Cavitenon Alyansa Laban sa Seabed Quarrying, and Partido Manggagawa– at the DENR Central Office on 21 September 2023. Aside from resisting all destructive large-scale mining in the country such as the mining in Sibuyan, the group also raised alarm over reclamation projects, and the seabed quarrying in Cavite which is allegedly operated by DIL Mines.

With reference to the above, you are hereby instructed to verify the issues in your respective jurisdictions and furnish this Office of any update or action taken citing tracking number **OUFOE-2023-001236** for monitoring and record purposes.

For compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

cc: The Chief, Stakeholders Management and Conflict Resolution Division

Let's Go Green!



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28 September 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment

FROM : THE DIVISION CHIEF
Stakeholders Management and Conflict Resolution Division
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**SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF DRAFT MEMORANDUM TO THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FIELD OPERATIONS-LUZON AND
VISAYAS AND CONCURRENT EMB DIRECTOR, REGIONAL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS 4A AND 4B REGARDING THE
RALLY OF ALYANSA TIGIL MINA, BAYAY SIBUYANON,
CALASAQ, AND PARTIDO MANGGAGAWA RESISTING
DESTRUCTIVE MINING IN THE COUNTRY HELD ON 21
SEPTEMBER 2023**

Respectfully submitting the attached draft memorandum for the Assistant Secretary Field Operations – Luzon and Visayas and concurrent EMB Director, Regional Executive Directors 4A and 4B in line with the recently held rally of some environmental groups at the DENR Central Office.

For your signature.


JULIE G. IBUAN

Encls: as stated



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FOR : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
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FROM : **THE CHIEF**
Stakeholders Management and Conflict Resolution Division – Field Operations Group

SUBJECT : **RALLY REPORT CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

DATE :

This is to provide you a copy of the attached detailed report of the rally conducted by around 60 individuals from different environmental groups such as Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM), Bayay Sibuyanon, Cavitenon Alyansa Laban sa Seabed Quarrying (CALASAQ), and Partido Manggagawa on 21 September 2023, in front of the gate of DENR Central Office.

For your information and further instruction.


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



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RALLY REPORT

WHAT: RALLY/PROGRAM OF VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS RESISTING DESTRUCTIVE LARGE-SCALE MINING

WHEN: September 21, 2023 from 09:30 AM to 10:33 AM

WHERE: Entrance Gate, DENR Central Office, Quezon City

WHO: VARIOUS GROUPS

1. Jaybee Garganera
Secretary General, Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM)
2. Rodne Galicha, President, Bayay Sibuyanon
3. Xiency Cervantes, Member, Caviten Alyansa Laban sa Seabed Quarrying (CALASAQ)
4. Partido Manggagawa

DENR-Field Operations Group-SMCRD

1. Atty. Joseph Bautista
2. Robelyn Ceballo

Around 60 individuals from different environmental groups –Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM), Bayay Sibuyanon, Caviten Alyansa Laban sa Seabed Quarrying (CALASAQ), and Partido Manggagawa– assemble at the front gate of the DENR Central Office in Quezon City this morning at around 9:30 and conducted a rally/program to oppose destructive large-scale mining in the country.

After securing a copy of the group's press release, the undersigned had a brief exchange with ATM's Secretary General and was informed that the program would be short.

Among the messages written on the group's placards:

1. Responsible mining is fake news;
2. Uphold green and resist greed;
3. DENR pumanig sa tao; wag sa dambuhalang negosyo;
4. Ganid na minero, pahirap sa tao;
5. Kalikasan protektahan; Labanan ang kasakiman;
6. Karahasan at kahirapan sa ilalim ng Martial Law. Hindi Confidential, Huwag Kalimutan; and
7. No to reclamation projects; no to seabed quarrying.

Xiency Cervantes of CALASAQ expressed her concerns regarding the immediate and long-term effect of seabed quarrying in Cavite. She mentioned that the alleged irresponsible

quarrying of DIL Mines prejudiced the condition of marine resources in the area. As such, the livelihood of the fisherfolks was likewise prejudiced.

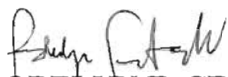
The program concluded at 10:33 AM.

Photos from the Rally/Program






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Date Submitted:
21 September 2023

Noted by:


ATTY. JOSEPH C. BAUTISTA
Atty. III, FOG-SMCRD



ALYANSA
TIGIL
MINA

Press Release

September 21, 2023

Envi group calls on DENR to resist greed of mining companies

Expressing their opposition to destructive large-scale mining, members of Alyansa Tigil Mina trooped to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and called on the agency to “uphold green and resist greed”.

Chanting “Pumanig sa Tao, ‘Wag sa Negosyo”, the protestors urged DENR Sec. Toni Yulo-Loyzaga to stop seabed quarrying activities and cancel mining contracts in Sibuyan, Romblon and Brooke’s Point, Palawan instead of catering to the interests of mining companies.

Jaybee Garganera, ATM National Coordinator criticized the “greed” that drives mining corporations to disregard the impact of mining on the environment and communities as he questioned the rhetoric of mining companies that they are for “responsible” mining.

“Responsible mining is a myth. In reality, there is no evidence that it exists. We do not know what that means since there are no parameters to measure such,” Garganera said.

The protestors posted a replica of a large logo of the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP) to register their criticism of the recently-concluded COMP International Conference and Exhibition, of which Sec. Loyzaga was a speaker.

“The conference’s buzzword “sustainability” is another vague term that shrouds the real negative impacts of mining, namely loss of biodiversity, flora and fauna; soil degradation; health hazards; displacement of communities and many others,” he added alluding to the COMP’s theme: “Seeing Green: Shaping a Sustainable Minerals Development Industry”.

“We seriously doubt if the mining industry is capable of ‘seeing green’ as what we see is their greed playing out in several mining-affected communities,” he said.

ATM’s protest action is one of many activities during their “Mining Hell Week”, a week-long event to raise awareness and discuss vital issues surrounding mining. It also highlights the calls in mining-affected communities to stop damaging mining operations. #



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