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(EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER RDC  
MIMAROPA FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2023  
IN PASAY CITY)

RDC Resolution No. **2023-083-1198**

FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PETROLEUM  
ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN

WHEREAS, the creation of Petroleum Engineering R&D Center in the region intends to (1) establish an enhanced petroleum exploration workflow from basin evaluation, petroleum system, exploration play fairways mapping through prospect maturation, and drilling; (2) develop an enhanced reservoir characterization workflow using hybrid methods; (3) produce some oil and gas industry-standard proppants through waste upcycling and utilization; and (4) yield waste-derived nano-absorbents for oil spill remediation and recovery;

WHEREAS, the Center will be a great boost not only in the Petroleum Engineering Research Development Extension of Palawan State University (PSU), but also in the industry as a whole;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Center is in alignment with the MIMAROPA Regional R&D Agenda under Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Sector, approved for adoption through the issuance of RDC Resolution No. 2022-080-1111: Approving and Adopting the MIMAROPA Research and Development Agenda 2023-2025 last 02 December 2022;

WHEREAS, MIMAROPA RDC expressed their strong support to the passage of DOST priority legislation bills particularly the House Bill 4581 or Science for Change Program (S4CP) Bill to the Congress through the RDC Resolution No. 2021-076-1012, s. 2021, last 03 September 2021;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Petroleum Engineering Research and Development Center in the Province of Palawan will be part of Niche Centers in the Regions (NICER), one of the sub-programs of S4CP;

WHEREAS, during the RRDIC meeting held on 03 May 2023 in Makati City, PSU presented the proposed establishment of the Center seeking endorsement to the RDC; and,

WHEREAS, during the RRDIC 2nd Quarter Meeting held on 03 May 2023 in Makati City, a resolution was passed recommending the approval of the Establishment of Petroleum Engineering Research and Development Center in the Province of Palawan to the RDC subject to the revision of the proposal following the comments of the RRDIC (RRDIC Resolution No. 10, s. 2023);

**NOW, THEREFORE, ON A MOTION DULY SECONDED,** be it

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** That RDC MIMAROPA favorably endorses the establishment of a Petroleum Engineering Research and Development Center in the Province of Palawan;

**RESOLVED FINALLY,** That all the concerned regional line agencies, local government units, public and private higher education institutions, and non-government organizations be copied with this resolution for information and support;

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Done this 1st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three in Pasay City.

Certified Correct:



**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
Acting RDC Secretary

Attested:



**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**  
Vice Chairperson  
Regional Director, NEDA MIMAROPA

Approved:



**GOV. JOSE R. RIANO**  
Chairperson  
Governor, Province of Romblon