



**Republic of the Philippines
Municipality of San Fernando
Province of Romblon**



August 20, 2022

MA. ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

THRU: **LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**
Regional Executive Director

Dear Sec. Loyzaga,

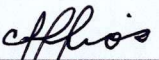
We the undersigned Municipal Officials of the Municipality of San Fernando, Romblon hereby state as follows:

1. That, most of us are the same Municipal Officials of who signed the Joint Resolution No. 01, Series of 2022 dated July 28, 2022;
2. That, the primary reason for our supporting that joint Resolution is because of our great concern that the environment, among others, of our beloved Municipality would be adversely affected by the operation of any mining company in our area;
3. That, it is our greatest desire that the present Ecological Balance and Biodiversity in our Island of Sibuyan be maintained;
4. That it is our understanding that certain requirements stipulated in the Local Government Code and other Issuances of Government were not complied with in the processing of mining permit applications;
5. That, after we have reached out to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) of DENR at the Regional Office and Central Office last August 8 and 9, 2022, respectively, most of our concerns about the environment dangers of mining operation had been clarified;
6. That, we are aware that our Mining Law stipulates strict compliance with very stringent requirements before any Mining Permits are approved/ allowed and non-compliance therewith would result to revocation of any mining permit issued.
7. That, to have a very strong and effective stand and position against irresponsible and destructive mining, we agree that it is best that we act in accordance with the provisions of existing laws and in consonance with our Provincial Officials and Mayors who have publicly and strongly opposed destructive and irresponsible mining in the Province;

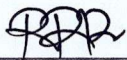
In view of the above, we have revisited our previous understanding about mining operations in general and about the current nickel Mining Operations in our Municipality and have decided to support the official position of the Provincial Government of Romblon spelled out in their Resolution No. 07-2022-20 dated July 15, 2022 and that of the League of Mayors of Romblon in their Resolution No. LMP Resolution No. 02-2022 dated July 12, 2022 which strongly oppose Destructive, Irresponsible and unregulated Mining in the Province of Romblon, to ensure that the Environment is effectively safeguarded and the lives of affected families protected.

We also earnestly request, your Honor, to support us in the protection of our environment by ensuring that permits processed and approved by your Office are issued in strict accord with the Laws of this Land and giving foremost concern to the protection of our Environment.

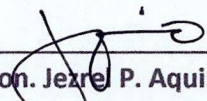
Very Truly Yours,




Hon. Cynthia R. Rios
SB Member, San Fernando



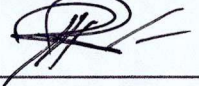
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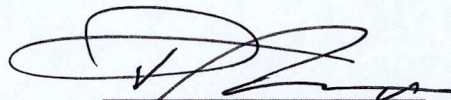
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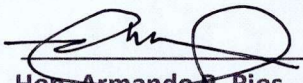
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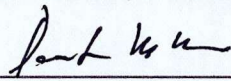
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Hon. Daxie Benedict R. Rios
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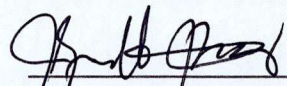
Hon. Armando R. Rios
ABC President, San Fernando



Hon. Dante M. Marin
SB Member, San Fernando

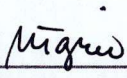


Hon. Romel R. Repil
SB Member, San Fernando




Hon. Freddie R. Abelita
SKMF, San Fernando

Noted:



Hon. Nanette B. Tansingco
Municipal Mayor, San Fernando



Hon. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona
Congressman
Lone District of Romblon



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ROMBLON HELD AT THE RITPO BOARD ROOM, ROMBLON INVESTMENT AND TOURISM PROMOTIONS OFFICE, ROOM 201, 385 GJ BUILDING, QUEZON AVENUE CORNER WEST AVENUE, QUEZON CITY, ON JULY 15, 2022 AT 9:30 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

ATTENDANCE:

Hon. Armando M. Gutierrez - Vice Governor
Presiding Officer (Present)

For the 1st District

Hon. Narciso R. Bernardo, Jr. - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Maria Rhosarean A. Solis - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Rachel M. Bañares - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Herminio R. Mortel - SP Member (Present)

For the 2nd District

Hon. Natalio F. Beltran III - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Venizar F. Maravilla, MD - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Fred R. Dorado - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Rubelyn S. Solis - SP Member (Present)

Ex-Officio Members

Hon. Daphne R. Robiso - SP Member/PFSK President (Present)
Hon. Asher C. Visca - SP Member/Liga ng mga Brgy. Pres. (Present)
Hon. Elmer N. Fortu - SP Member/PCL Interim President (Present)

Sectoral Representative

Hon. Lettie F. Magango - SP Member/IPMR (Present)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2022-20

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AND PROHIBITING ALL FORMS OF ENVIRONMENTALLY DESTRUCTIVE AND IRRESPONSIBLE MINING IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, ENSURING HERETO THE RIGHTS OF ITS CONSTITUENTS TO A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Sponsors:

HON. NATALIO F. BELTRAN III
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
HON. RACHEL M. BAÑARES
Chairman, Committee on Tourism, Culture and Arts
HON. NARCISO R. BERNARDO, JR.
Chairman, Committee on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Police Matters

Co-Sponsors:

HON. VENIZAR F. MARAVILLA, MD, HON. RUBELYN S. SOLIS
HON. FRED R. DORADO, HON. MARIA RHOSAREAN A. SOLIS
HON. HERMINIO R. MORTEL, HON. ASHER C. VISCA
HON. DAPHNE R. ROBISO, HON. LETTIE F. MAGANGO, HON. ELMER N. FORTU

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides in Article XII, Section 2 that all lands of the public domain, waters, minerals, coal, petroleum and other natural resources are owned by the State and that the exploration, development and utilization of natural resources shall be under the full control and supervision of the State;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that "[e]very local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the **preservation and enrichment of culture**, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants";

WHEREAS, the Province of Romblon is one of the few places in the Philippines with well-preserved natural environment, cleanest inland body of water, and is home to endemic plants and animal species;

WHEREAS, there are continuous threats to the peaceful coexistence between the peoples of Romblon and its environment such as several attempts on mining exploration and excavation in some areas in the Province;

WHEREAS, the Province of Romblon recognizes the power of the State to promote and regulate mining under Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, under Republic Act No. 7076 otherwise known as the People's Small-scale Mining Act of 1991, and under laws and policies relative thereto. However, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan strongly stands firm in opposing any form of environmentally destructive mining in any part in the province;

WHEREAS, in recognizing the authority of government institutions and stakeholders under the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and other laws and policies relative thereto, the Provincial Government of Romblon, as the primary duty-bearer in protecting and safeguarding the rights of its people to a safe and healthy environment, shall ensure that all mining application and/or operations are in strict compliance with the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and other laws and policies relative thereto, and are observing the protection of the environment, ensuring equitable and fair share of the local communities, and socially and morally responsible for any negative effect of mining activities.

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of Hon. Rachel M. Bañares, jointly seconded by Hon. Natalio F. Beltran III, Hon. Narciso R. Bernardo, Jr. and Hon. Herminio R. Mortel, the body has –

RESOLVED, as it is hereby Resolved, that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Romblon hereby unequivocally stands firm its position to **oppose and prohibit any form of environmentally destructive and irresponsible mining in the Province of Romblon and ensures the rights of its constituents to a safe and healthy environment**, and by environmentally destructive and irresponsible mining, it refers to the following:

- A. Forms/types of mining that would have negative impacts on the air, water, and land, and tangible and intangible heritage of the communities;
- B. Forms/types of mining that would affect the lives and livelihood of the local communities;
- C. Forms/types of mining that would have irreversible effect to the environment and the health of the local communities;

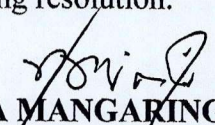
- D. Forms/types of mining that would have no economic impact to local communities and are not keen in owning social responsibilities;
- E. Mining in areas that falls under Section 19 of Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and mining in other areas deemed prohibited by other laws and policies.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no application for mining exploration, excavation, and other similar activities that categorically falls on the abovementioned definition shall be allowed and be approved in the Province of Romblon.

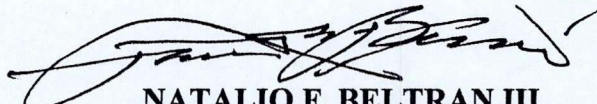
RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Honorable **ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA**, Congressman of the lone district of Romblon, the Honorable **JOSE R. RIANO**, Governor, and all Municipal Mayors in the seventeen (17) municipalities of the province.

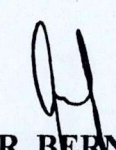
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


NIÑA MANGARING-MINDO
Board Secretary III
Acting Secretary

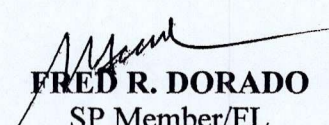
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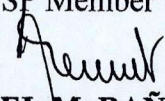

NATALIO F. BELTRAN III
SP Member

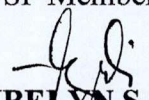

NARCISO R. BERNARDO, JR.
SP Member

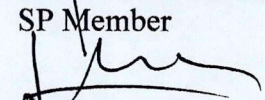

VENIZAR F. MARAVILLA, MD
SP Member

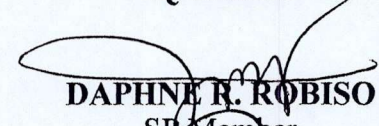

MARIA RHOSAREAN A. SOLIS
SP Member

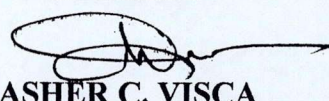

FRED R. DORADO
SP Member/FL

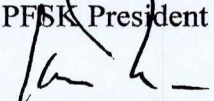

RACHEL M. BAÑARES
SP Member

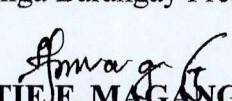

RUBELYN S. SOLIS
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HERMINIO R. MORTEL
SP Member

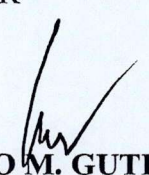

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Liga ng mga Barangay President


ELMER N. FORTU
SP Member
PCL Interim President


LETTIE F. MAGANGO
SP Member
IPMR

ATTESTED:


ARMANDO M. GUTIERREZ
Vice Governor
Presiding Officer



LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (LMP)

ROMBLON CHAPTER

LMP RESOLUTION NO. 02-2022

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING DESTRUCTIVE, IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNREGULATED MINING IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS EFFECTIVELY SAFEGUARDED AND THE RIGHTS OF AFFECTED FAMILIES PROTECTED

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7942, "AN ACT INSTITUTING A NEW SYSTEM OF MINERAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION, AND CONSERVATION" ("RA 7942") states that:

"All mineral resources in public and private lands within the territory and exclusive economic zone of the Republic of the Philippines are owned by the State. It shall be the responsibility of the State to promote their rational exploration, development, utilization and conservation through the combined efforts of government and the private sector in order to enhance national growth in a way that effectively safeguards the environment and protect the rights of affected communities."

WHEREAS, There is a pending application for mining exploration in the Province of Romblon, particularly the Municipality of San Fernando, and several protests have been launched by different sectors against it;

WHEREAS, The League of Municipalities of the Philippines - Romblon Chapter ("LMP Romblon") recognizes the authority of RA 7942, and other issuances relative thereto;

WHEREAS, In recognizing the authority of RA 7942 and other issuances relative thereto, it is believed to have addressed the following primordial concerns: environmental protection, economic growth and social responsibility;

WHEREAS, The pivotal consideration in this matter is the compliance with the provisions of RA 7942 and other issuances relative thereto;

WHEREAS, The LMP Romblon will remain steadfast and vigilant in ensuring that all mining operations in the Province of Romblon shall be in accordance and in strict compliance with RA 7942 and other issuances relative thereto to ensure responsible mining to effectively safeguard the environment and to protect the rights of affected families;

WHEREAS, The LMP Romblon will always be in opposition to all forms of destructive mining and all that are not in accordance with the laws;

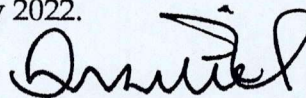
NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing premises considered, BE IT URGENTLY RESOLVED, by this august body, representing the LMP Romblon, TO STRONGLY OPPOSE DESTRUCTIVE, IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNREGULATED MINING IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS EFFECTIVELY SAFEGUARDED AND THE RIGHTS OF AFFECTED FAMILIES PROTECTED;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That copies of the Resolution be furnished the Honorable Congressman, ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA, the Honorable Governor, JOSE R. RIANO and the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru the Honorable Vice Governor, ARMANDO R. GUTIERREZ.

APPROVED.

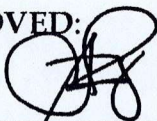
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution which was duly approved by the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP)-Romblon Chapter during its meeting held at Luxent Hotel, Quezon City on 12 July 2022.

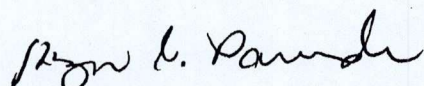


HON. LISETTE M. ARBOLEDA
Secretary
Municipality of Looc

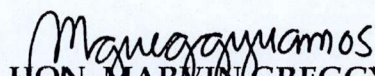
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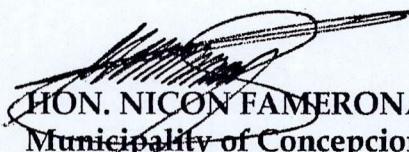
HON. GERARD S. MONTOJO
President
Municipality of Romblon



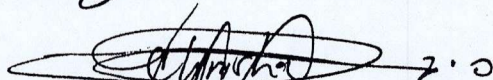
HON. RIZA G. PAMORADA
Municipality of Alcantara



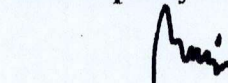
HON. MARVIN GREGG R. RAMOS
Municipality of Cajidiocan



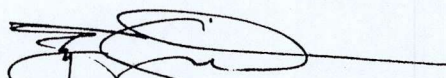
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Municipality of Concepcion



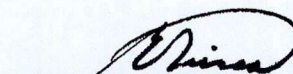
HON. CHRISTIAN GERVACIO
Municipality of Ferrol



HON. ARSENIO GADON
Municipality of San Andres



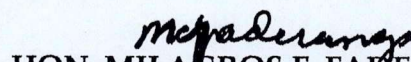
HON. EGDON SOMBILON
Municipality of San Jose



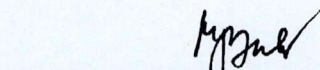
HON. ELSIE D. VISCA
Municipality of Santa Fe



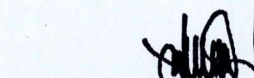
HON. ESTEBAN S.F. MADRONA
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Municipality of San Agustin



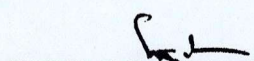
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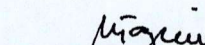
HON. MARIETTA F. BABERA
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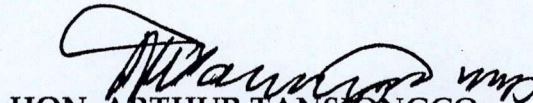
HON. ELMER FRUELDA
Municipality of Corcuera



HON. LORLIE FABON
Municipality of Santa Maria



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Municipality of Magdiwang



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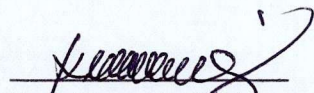
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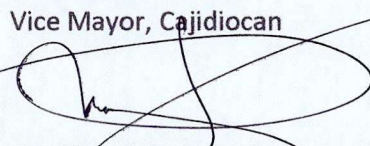
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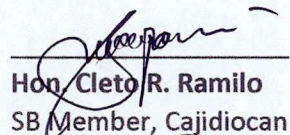
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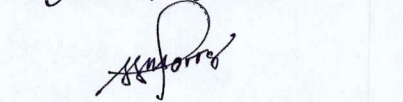
We also earnestly request, your Honor, to support us in the protection of our environment by ensuring that permits processed and approved by your Office are issued in strict accord with the Laws of this Land and giving foremost concern to the protection of our Environment.

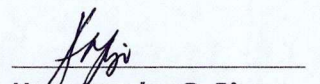
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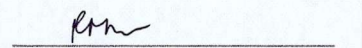

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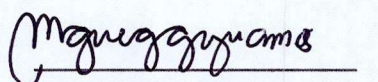

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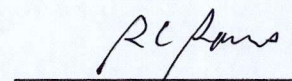

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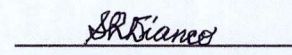

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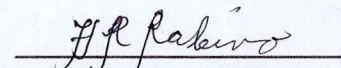

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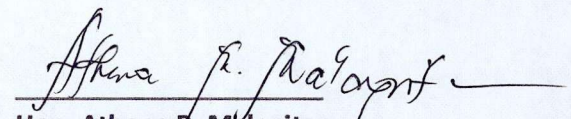

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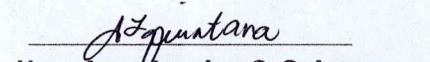

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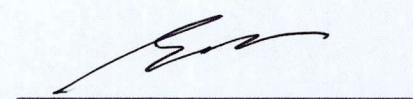

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Hon. Anne Loraine C. Quintanaon
SKMF, Cajidiocan

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Hon. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona
Congressman
Lone District of Romblon



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ROMBLON HELD AT THE RITPO BOARD ROOM, ROMBLON INVESTMENT AND TOURISM PROMOTIONS OFFICE, ROOM 201, 385 GJ BUILDING, QUEZON AVENUE CORNER WEST AVENUE, QUEZON CITY, ON JULY 15, 2022 AT 9:30 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

ATTENDANCE:

Hon. Armando M. Gutierrez - Vice Governor
Presiding Officer (Present)

For the 1st District

Hon. Narciso R. Bernardo, Jr. - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Maria Rhosarean A. Solis - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Rachel M. Bañares - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Herminio R. Mortel - SP Member (Present)

For the 2nd District

Hon. Natalio F. Beltran III - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Venizar F. Maravilla, MD - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Fred R. Dorado - SP Member (Present)
Hon. Rubelyn S. Solis - SP Member (Present)

Ex-Officio Members

Hon. Daphne R. Robiso - SP Member/PFSK President (Present)
Hon. Asher C. Visca - SP Member/Liga ng mga Brgy. Pres. (Present)
Hon. Elmer N. Fortu - SP Member/PCL Interim President (Present)

Sectoral Representative

Hon. Lettie F. Magango - SP Member/IPMR (Present)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2022-20

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AND PROHIBITING ALL FORMS OF ENVIRONMENTALLY DESTRUCTIVE AND IRRESPONSIBLE MINING IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, ENSURING HERETO THE RIGHTS OF ITS CONSTITUENTS TO A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Sponsors:

HON. NATALIO F. BELTRAN III
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
HON. RACHEL M. BAÑARES

Chairman, Committee on Tourism, Culture and Arts
HON. NARCISO R. BERNARDO, JR.
Chairman, Committee on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Police Matters

Co-Sponsors:

HON. VENIZAR F. MARAVILLA, MD, HON. RUBELYN S. SOLIS
HON. FRED R. DORADO, HON. MARIA RHOSAREAN A. SOLIS
HON. HERMINIO R. MORTEL, HON. ASHER C. VISCA
HON. DAPHNE R. ROBISO, HON. LETTIE F. MAGANGO, HON. ELMER N. FORTU

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides in Article XII, Section 2 that all lands of the public domain, waters, minerals, coal, petroleum and other natural resources are owned by the State and that the exploration, development and utilization of natural resources shall be under the full control and supervision of the State;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that "[e]very local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the **preservation and enrichment of culture**, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants";

WHEREAS, the Province of Romblon is one of the few places in the Philippines with well-preserved natural environment, cleanest inland body of water, and is home to endemic plants and animal species;

WHEREAS, there are continuous threats to the peaceful coexistence between the peoples of Romblon and its environment such as several attempts on mining exploration and excavation in some areas in the Province;

WHEREAS, the Province of Romblon recognizes the power of the State to promote and regulate mining under Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, under Republic Act No. 7076 otherwise known as the People's Small-scale Mining Act of 1991, and under laws and policies relative thereto. However, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan strongly stands firm in opposing any form of environmentally destructive mining in any part in the province;

WHEREAS, in recognizing the authority of government institutions and stakeholders under the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and other laws and policies relative thereto, the Provincial Government of Romblon, as the primary duty-bearer in protecting and safeguarding the rights of its people to a safe and healthy environment, shall ensure that all mining application and/or operations are in strict compliance with the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and other laws and policies relative thereto, and are observing the protection of the environment, ensuring equitable and fair share of the local communities, and socially and morally responsible for any negative effect of mining activities.

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of Hon. Rachel M. Bañares, jointly seconded by Hon. Natalio F. Beltran III, Hon. Narciso R. Bernardo, Jr. and Hon. Herminio R. Mortel, the body has –

RESOLVED, as it is hereby Resolved, that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Romblon hereby unequivocally stands firm its position **to oppose and prohibit any form of environmentally destructive and irresponsible mining in the Province of Romblon and ensures the rights of its constituents to a safe and healthy environment**, and by environmentally destructive and irresponsible mining, it refers to the following:

- A. Forms/types of mining that would have negative impacts on the air, water, and land, and tangible and intangible heritage of the communities;
- B. Forms/types of mining that would affect the lives and livelihood of the local communities;
- C. Forms/types of mining that would have irreversible effect to the environment and the health of the local communities;

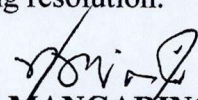
- D. Forms/types of mining that would have no economic impact to local communities and are not keen in owning social responsibilities;
- E. Mining in areas that falls under Section 19 of Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and mining in other areas deemed prohibited by other laws and policies.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no application for mining exploration, excavation, and other similar activities that categorically falls on the abovementioned definition shall be allowed and be approved in the Province of Romblon.

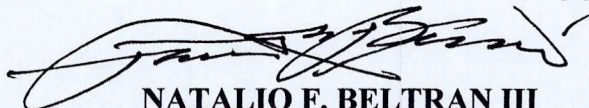
RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Honorable **ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA**, Congressman of the lone district of Romblon, the Honorable **JOSE R. RIANO**, Governor, and all Municipal Mayors in the seventeen (17) municipalities of the province.

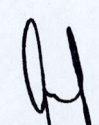
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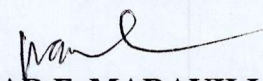
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

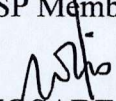

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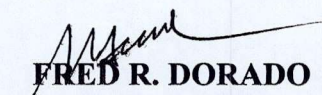
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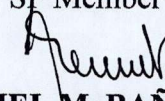

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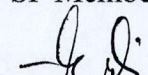

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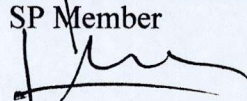

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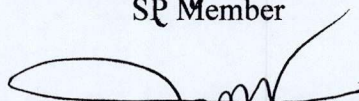

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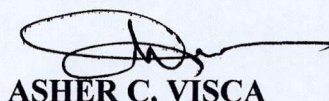

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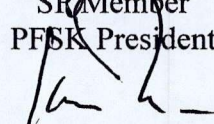

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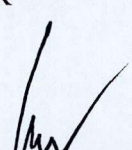

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ATTESTED:


ARMANDO M. GUTIERREZ
Vice Governor
Presiding Officer



LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (LMP)

ROMBLON CHAPTER

LMP RESOLUTION NO. 02-2022

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING DESTRUCTIVE, IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNREGULATED MINING IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS EFFECTIVELY SAFEGUARDED AND THE RIGHTS OF AFFECTED FAMILIES PROTECTED

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7942, "AN ACT INSTITUTING A NEW SYSTEM OF MINERAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION, AND CONSERVATION" ("RA 7942") states that:

"All mineral resources in public and private lands within the territory and exclusive economic zone of the Republic of the Philippines are owned by the State. It shall be the responsibility of the State to promote their rational exploration, development, utilization and conservation through the combined efforts of government and the private sector in order to enhance national growth in a way that effectively safeguards the environment and protect the rights of affected communities."

WHEREAS, There is a pending application for mining exploration in the Province of Romblon, particularly the Municipality of San Fernando, and several protests have been launched by different sectors against it;

WHEREAS, The League of Municipalities of the Philippines - Romblon Chapter ("LMP Romblon") recognizes the authority of RA 7942, and other issuances relative thereto;

WHEREAS, In recognizing the authority of RA 7942 and other issuances relative thereto, it is believed to have addressed the following primordial concerns: environmental protection, economic growth and social responsibility;

WHEREAS, The pivotal consideration in this matter is the compliance with the provisions of RA 7942 and other issuances relative thereto;

WHEREAS, The LMP Romblon will remain steadfast and vigilant in ensuring that all mining operations in the Province of Romblon shall be in accordance and in strict compliance with RA 7942 and other issuances relative thereto to ensure responsible mining to effectively safeguard the environment and to protect the rights of affected families;

WHEREAS, The LMP Romblon will always be in opposition to all forms of destructive mining and all that are not in accordance with the laws;

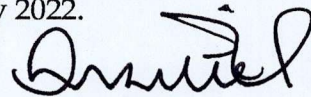
NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing premises considered, BE IT URGENTLY RESOLVED, by this august body, representing the LMP Romblon, **TO STRONGLY OPPOSE DESTRUCTIVE, IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNREGULATED MINING IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON TO ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS EFFECTIVELY SAFEGUARDED AND THE RIGHTS OF AFFECTED FAMILIES PROTECTED;**

RESOLVED FURTHER, That copies of the Resolution be furnished the Honorable Congressman, **ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA**, the Honorable Governor, **JOSE R. RIANO** and the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru the Honorable Vice Governor, **ARMANDO R. GUTIERREZ**.

APPROVED.

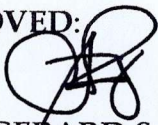
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution which was duly approved by the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP)-Romblon Chapter during its meeting held at Luxent Hotel, Quezon City on 12 July 2022.

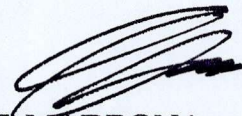


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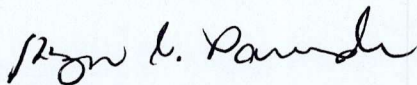
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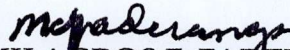
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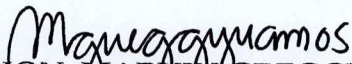
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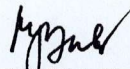
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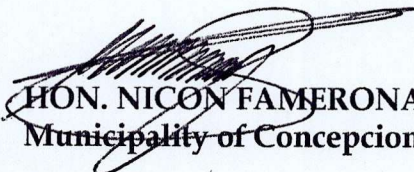
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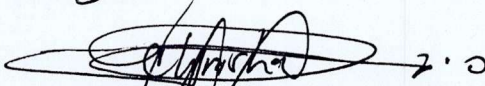
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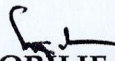
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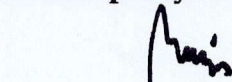
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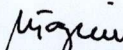
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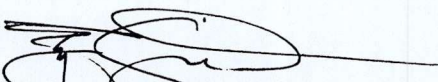
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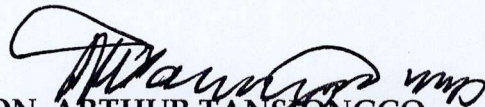
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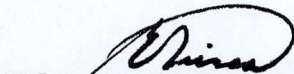
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