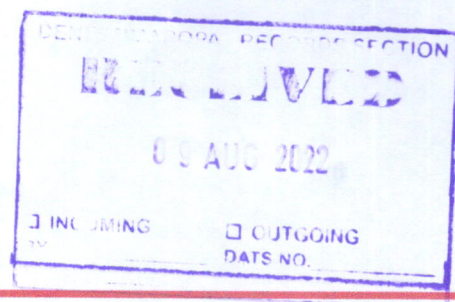




Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**MIMAROPA Region** 728



August 01, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
MIMAROPA Region

**THRU :** The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

**FROM :** The OIC, PENRO

**SUBJECT :** **SUBMISSION OF INSPECTION AND INVENTORY REPORT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES UNDERTAKEN BY THE ALTAI PHILS. MINING CORPORATION LOCATED IN BRGY. ESPAÑA, SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON**

Respectfully submitting the above cited subject-matter. Please be informed that the personnel from Tablas and Sibuyan, Romblon conducted inspection and inventory on July 19, 2022.

Attached are the following pertinent documents.

- a) Inspection and inventory report of Forester James M. Mendoza et.al.
- b) Map showing the drilling site of Altai Phils. Mining Corporation
- c) Copy of MPSA renewal for the Altai Phils. Mining Corporation issued by Engr. Juancho Pablo S. Calvez, OIC, Office of the Director
- d) Copy of Resolution issued by the LGU of San Fernando, Romblon
- e) Received letter from DENR PENRO Romblon to Altai Phils. Mining Corporation
- f) Geo-tagged photos

For information and reference.

  
**ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.**  
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# Document Routing Slip

Document Number: I-2022-91341

Date Endocded: 25-Jul-2022

Sender: James Mendoza, Forester II, et. al.

Address: Brgy. Tabing-Dagat, Odiongan, Romblon

Subject: Memo dated July 20, 2022 re: Submission of inspection and inventory report on the alleged illegal cutting of trees undertaken by the ALTAI Phils. Mining Corporation located in Brgy. España, San Fernando, Romblon

Addressee: The OIC, PENRO

Attachment(s): Memorandum; Geotagged Pictures, Location Map, Letter dated July 12, 2022 from OIC, Director, MGB, Letter dated July 19, 2022 from Mayor Nanette B. Tansingco, M.D. of San Fernando, Executive Order No. 18, s. 2022, Letter dated July 15, 2022 from the In-Charge of Office, PENRO Romblon

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## ROUTING AND ACTION INFORMATION

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for J. Mendoza

11/16:





**MEMORANDUM**

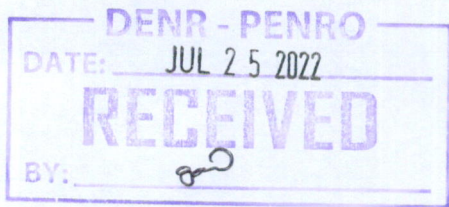
**FOR :** THE OIC- PENRO OFFICER  
DENR, Odiongan, Romblon

**THRU :** The Chief Technical Services Division & PASu MGGNP

**FROM :** FORESTER-II JAMES M. MENDOZA ET. AL.

**SUBJECT :** SUBMISSION OF INSPECTION AND INVENTORY REPORT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES UNDERTAKEN BY THE ALTAI PHILS. MINING CORPORATION LOCATED IN BRGY. ESPANA, SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON

**DATE :** JULY 20, 2022



**REFERENCE**

Per instruction of our OIC-PENR Officer Arnoldo A. Blaza, Jr. to conduct immediate inspection and inventory on the alleged illegal cutting of trees undertaken by the Altai Phils. Mining Corporation located in Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon.

**ACTIONS**

Pursuant to our approved travel, the undersigned immediately traveled to Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon.

- That on July 18, 2022, we coordinated with the Barangay Officials of Taclobo and we were able to talk with Kagawad Mr. Marlon Romero since he is the Officer on duty. That we discuss to him our purpose pertaining to the information about the activities undertaken by the Altai Phils. Mining Corporation;
- That on the same day, we also coordinated to the Barangay Officials of Espana and we talk with Kagawad Arnel Marin and informed about the activities of the Altai Phils. Mining Corporation;
- That on July 19, 2022, the undersigned DENR personnel together with the Municipal Local Government Unit headed by Mayor Nanette B. Tansingco, Vice Mayor Doming Marin, Sangguniang Bayan members, Barangay Espana Mr. Cris Cleope (acting Captain), and representative from the Municipal Police Station of San Fernando, Romblon conducted site inspection and inventory on the alleged illegal cutting of trees undertaken by the Altai Phils. Mining Corporation located in Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon;
- That the team, coordinated with Mr. Mike Sanchez, Project Manager of said Mining Company before we proceeded in the subject area;
- That the undersigned, used a safety gadgets /equipment (boots, hard hat) together with the representatives of other government agencies as a protocol of the said company;
- That during our actual inspection and inventory, we took geo-tagged photos on the area of drill holes being undertaken by the Altai Phils. Mining Corporation.

**FINDINGS**

- The undersigned able to conduct actual inventory of the alleged cutting of trees with the following details;

LOCATION	NUMBER	SPECIES	DIAMETER	PIECES	REMARKS
Drill hole with 5" diameter	7	Miscellaneous	3cm- 8cm	5	Drilling is completed
Drill hole with 5" diameter	8	Miscellaneous	3cm- 10cm	30	Drilling is completed





Drill hole with 5" diameter	17	Miscellaneous	5cm-8cm	10	Newly established with stake observed in the area
Drill hole with 5" diameter	18	Miscellaneous	3cm-8cm	15	Drilling is ongoing
Drill hole with 5" diameter	30	Miscellaneous	5cm-8cm	20	Drilling is ongoing
Drill hole with 5" diameter	35	Miscellaneous	3cm-10cm	25	Drilling is ongoing
<b>Total</b>				<b>105</b>	

-That based from the Map layout the drilling area is within lot number 2469 owned by Mr. Amado Ramiro covering an area of 11. 0268 has. and the area is within CBFM;  
-That the undersigned did not able to measure a tree having a diameter of more than 15 cm.;  
-That Altai Phils. Mining Corporation have a copy of Renewal for their Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 304- 2009- IVB and they started drilling operation on July 15, 2022 at Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

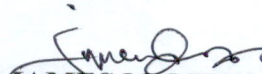
Considering the above findings and observation, the undersigned found out that the cutting of trees is located in lot number 2469 and owned by Mr. Amado Ramiro. That the undersigned recommends the cancellation of the title since the lot is within Timberland area.

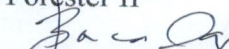
The undersigned recommends the immediate conduct of consultation meeting with the concerned agencies: Central Office of MGB, Regional Office of MGB, EMB, DENR, DAR, MLGU and other stakeholders involved to discuss, clarify, and to resolve the issues and concern pertaining to the activities undertaken by the Altai Phil. Mining Corporation including the protocol in monitoring activities to be conducted by the Task Force Pangangasiwa ng Kalikasan issued by the LGU of San Fernando.

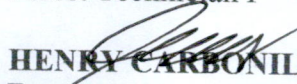
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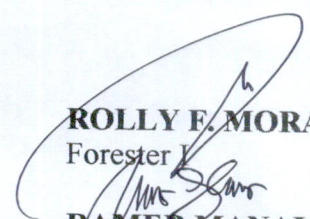
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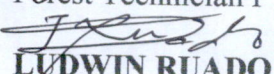
  
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Forest Technician I

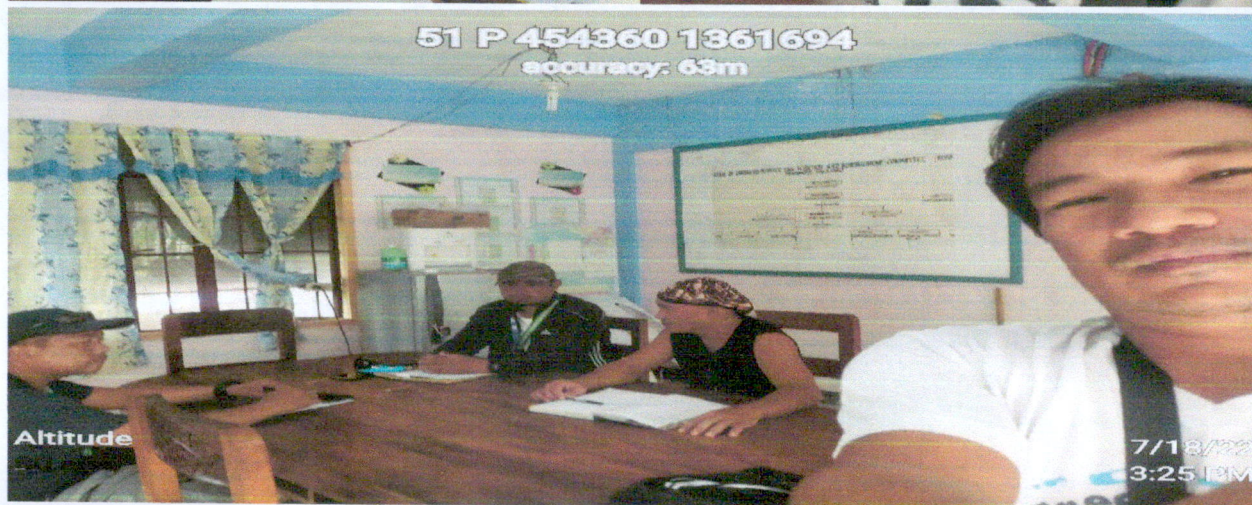
  
**HENRY CARBONILLA II**  
Forest Ranger

  
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**GEO-TAGGED PHOTOS DURING THE COORDINATION WITH THE BARANGAY  
OFFICIALS OF TACLOBO AND ESPANA, SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON**





**GEOTAGGED PHOTOS OF DENR PERSONNEL, MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF SAN FERNANDO (MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, SB, AND MAO) PNP AND PROJECT MANAGER OF ALTAI PHILS. MINING CORPORATION WITHIN THE COMPLETED DRILLING AREA**





**GEOTAGGED PHOTOS OF DRILLING HOLES NUMBER 35 AND SAMPLE  
COLLECTED**





**GEOTAGGED PHOTOS OF DRILLING HOLE NUMBER 18**





**GEOTAGGED PHOTOS DURING THE INVENTORY OF THE CUT TREES WITH  
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBER MR. DANTE MARIN (COMMITTEE ON  
ENVIRONMENT)**





**DURING THE COORDINATION AND SITE INSPECTION TOGETHER WITH  
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Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Romblon  
**MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

July 19, 2022

DENR REPRESENTATIVE

**Sir / Madam:**

Greetings!

Please be informed that the **TASK FORCE PANGANGASIWA NG KAPALIGIRAN** will have a meeting on **Thursday, July 21, 2022**, at **2:00 o'clock in the afternoon**, to be held on the **4th Floor, New Municipal Building**.

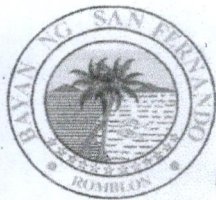
Important matters will be discussed.

For your information and guidance

Very truly yours,

*Nanette B. Tansingco*  
**NANETTE B. TANSINGCO, M.D.**  
Mayor





Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Romblon  
**MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 18 s. 2022**

**AN ORDER CREATING THE TASK FORCE PANGANGASIWA NG KAPALIGIRAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON TO UNDERTAKE PROPER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND STRENGTHEN ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, AND PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES IN THE LOCALITY**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the rights of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 explicitly provides that among the powers and attributes of LGUs' is the enhancement of the people's right to a balanced ecology;

**WHEREAS**, Section 455 of Republic Act 7160 authorizes the Local Chief Executive to adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral, marine, forest and other resources of the local government unit;

**WHEREAS**, this local administration deems it necessary to reinforce and sustain the efforts in protecting and managing the environment and natural resources for the stability and growth of the natural ecosystems, promote human health, safety, and the quality of life for the benefit of the present and future generations.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to have a proper venue or platform where consultation, coordination, monitoring, reporting, dialogue, decisions, and resolutions shall be made as a collective action of the municipal government whenever issues and concerns arise with respect to environmental management.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NANETTE B. TANSINGCO, M.D.**, Municipal Mayor of San Fernando, Romblon, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, do hereby create the Task Force Pangangasiwa ng Kapaligiran under the Office of the Municipal Mayor to intensify the local environmental management efforts and other related actions and activities until otherwise revoked, amended or modified.

Section I: **COMPOSITION.** The Local Taskforce on Environmental Management, dubbed as: *Task Force Pangangasiwa ng Kapaligiran* shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Hon. Nanette B. Tansingco, M.D. - Municipal Mayor  
Vice Chairperson: Aivan Vincent M. Garniel - MLGOO

**Members:**

Hon. Domingo B. Marin - Vice Mayor

ALL SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS

PLT. Joseph A. Biazon - San Fernando ADR



Mr. Reynold Medecielo	-	PSDS
Mr. Nazarene Romano	-	ENHS
Ms. Merlin R. Bialen	-	DCMMMNHHS
Mr. Edmund Bautista	-	AzagraNHS
Ms. Sally R. Vinas	-	San Fernando Central School
Mr. Mario Romano	-	San Fernando District Teachers Assoc. President
Ms. Marites R. Clavel	-	Alternative Learning System (ALS) Rep.
Mr. Jupiter Romero	-	San Fdo. District PTA Fed. President
Dr. Nolmer M. Ruallo	-	MHO
Mr. Harlie B. Relox	-	MDRRMO
Ms. Darryl V. Perez	-	MPDC
Mr. Jerome Madrona	-	Tourism Officer
Ms. Emma R. Garcia	-	MSWDO
Engr. Joaquin R. Batuigas	-	Municipal Engineer
Engr. Donabel Romero	-	Municipal Agriculturist / MENRO
Hon. Celedonio Tamayo	-	IPMR
Hon. Mila Royo	-	Punong Barangay, Agtiwa
Hon. Jesse Roda	-	Punong Barangay, Mabini
Hon. Armando Rios	-	Punong Barangay, Mabulo
Hon. Cris Cleope	-	OIC-Punong Barangay, España
Hon. Fausto Bacero	-	Punong Barangay, Taclobo
Hon. Johnny Riano	-	Punong Barangay, Pili
Hon. Joy Ruado	-	Punong Barangay, Poblacion
Hon. Antonio Mindo	-	Punong Barangay, Panangcalan
Hon. Jose Roldan	-	Punong Barangay, Campalingo
Hon. Reynaldo Rutor	-	Punong Barangay, Azagra
Hon. Jesus Yap Jr.	-	Punong Barangay, Otod
Hon. Ronald Montojo	-	Punong Barangay, Canjalon
Mr. Francisco N. Estores	-	OSCA Head
Mr. Romeo Tansiongco	-	CSO Representative (SPC-MPC)
Mr. Ramonito Gubaton	-	Pres., Irrigators Association
Engr. Rene Fajilagutan	-	ROMELCO/Mini Hydro
Rev. Fr. Cleopedy Fabonan	-	Parish Priest-Shrine of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
Rev. Fr. Ric Magno	-	Romblon Diocesan Social Action Center (RDSAC)
Mr. Rodney Galicha	-	President, Bayay Sibuyanon Inc.
Atty. Antonio Magsanay	-	LGU Legal Consultant
Atty. Frank Parcon	-	IBP President, Romblon Chapter
4Ps Representative		
DENR Representative		
MGB	-	
EMB	-	
DAR Representative		

Section II. **FUNCTIONS.** The Task Force Pangangasiwa ng Kapaligiran shall carry out duties and functions, to wit:

1. Conduct regular monthly meeting or as often as necessary;
2. Provide a forum for dialogue and deliberation of major issues and problems concerning the environment:



3. Recommend measures which will improve, enhance, or strengthen the local environmental management;
4. Approve resolutions related to environment or environmental management which will serve as one of the collective actions of the LGU in addressing pressing issues and concerns;
5. Initiate monitoring and validation of any environmental activities in the Municipality;
6. Hold information education campaign;
7. Undertake consultation and coordination activities with concerned offices, including government, non-government or private organizations, religious sectors and any other institutions, instrumentalities, sectors, groups, and organizations;
8. Submit/Provide reports, resolutions, and other pertinent documents to concerned offices;
9. Monitor implementation of National and local laws pertaining to environment or environmental management; and
10. Perform all other functions as may be necessary.

### Section III. **MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

The Task Force shall meet every month or as often as necessary, which shall be presided by the Chairperson, and in her absence, the Vice Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the members present constituting a quorum shall elect from among themselves who may preside for such meeting only.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the members present in a meeting shall be necessary to approve an action of the Task Force. The presiding officer shall not join in the voting except to break a tie.

Section IV. **EFFECTIVITY**. The Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall be valid until revoked or amended.

Issued this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 in San Fernando, Romblon.

*Nanette B. Tansingco*  
**NANETTE B. TANSINGCO, M.D.**  
Municipal Mayor





Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**MIMAROPA Region**

July 15, 2022

**HANNIEL T. NGO**

President, ALTAI Philippines Mining Corporation  
1901 Tycoon Center, Pear Drive  
San Antonio, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Sir:

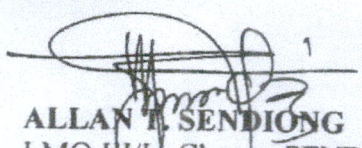
This pertains to the report of the DENR forest patrollers assigned in San Fernando, Romblon regarding the alleged illegal cutting of trees for mining purpose. Please advise your contractor to stop the cutting of trees without Cutting Permit issued by this Agency. Otherwise, a case will be filed for cutting of trees without a permit from the DENR which is a violation of Section 77 of PD 705 as amended by EO 277 and further amended by RA 7161. 4

Please be advised further to secure first the necessary requirements for Cutting Permit before continuing the cutting operation.

Attached are the pictures taken at the site by the said patrollers.

Truly yours,

"For and in the absence of the OIC, PENR Officer"

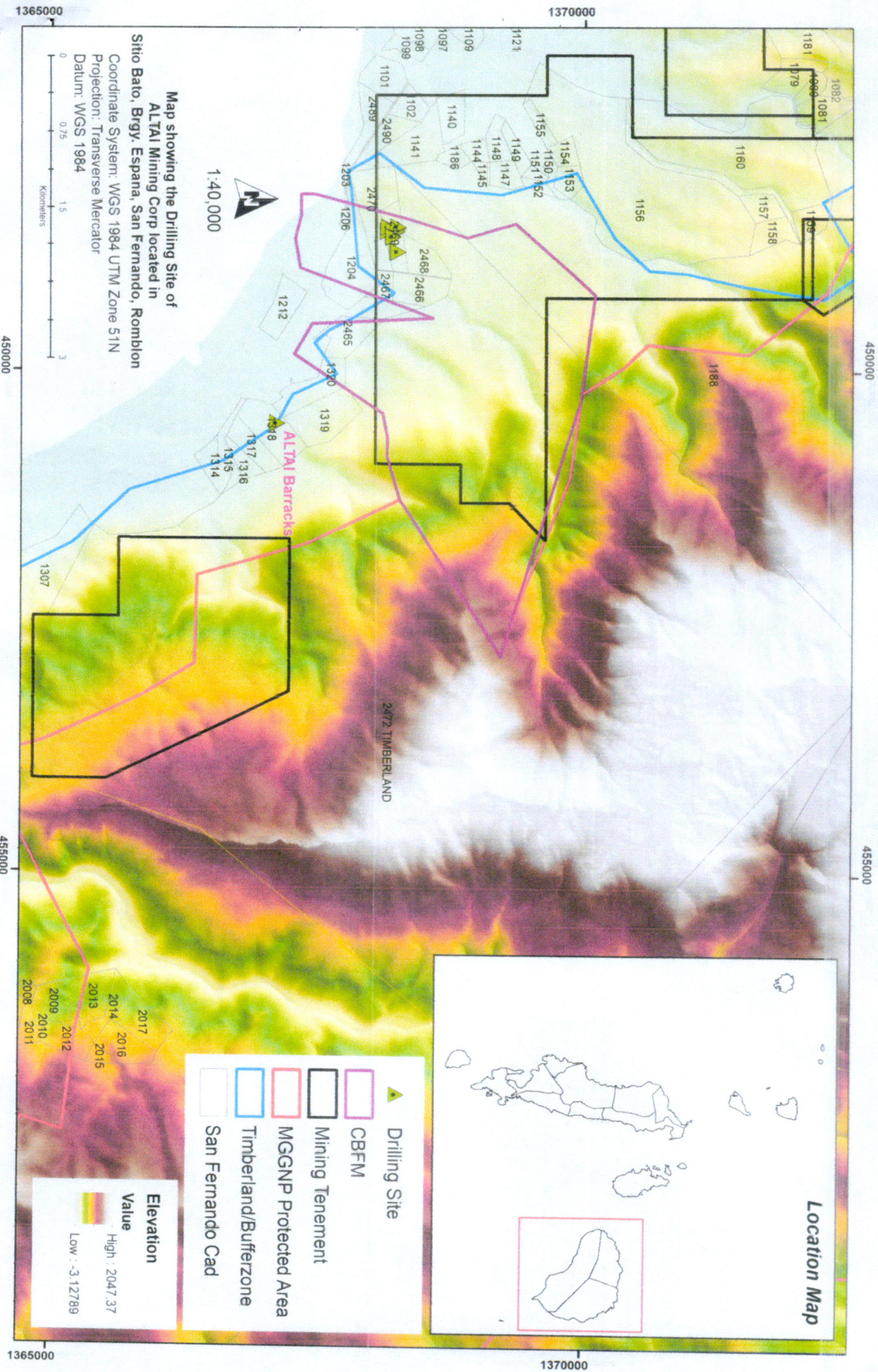
  
**ALLAN T. SENDIONG**  
LMO IN-Charge, PENRO Romblon

*Received by :*

*Frank*  
**STEVE TAULE**  
APMC  
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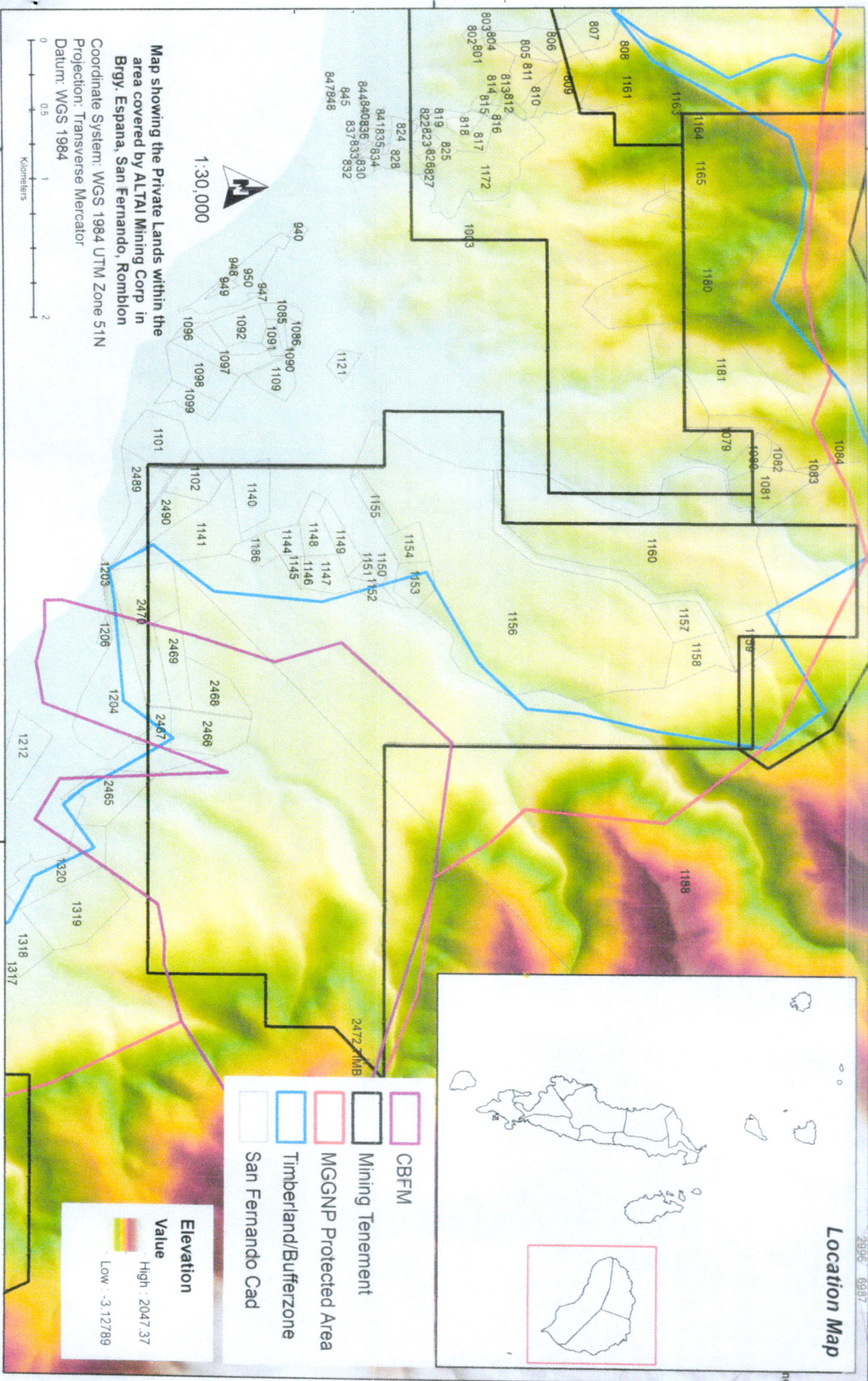






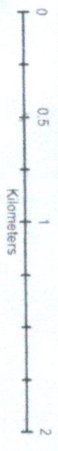
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Map showing the Private Lands within the area covered by ALTAI Mining Corp in Brgy. Espana, San Fernando, Romblon  
Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 51N  
Projection: Transverse Mercator  
Datum: WGS 1984

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- San Fernando Cad







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July 12, 2022

Mr. Hanniel T. Ngo  
President  
Altai Philippines Mining Corporation  
1901 Tycoon Center, Pearl Drive  
Ortigas Center, San Antonio  
Pasig City

Dear Mr. H. T. Ngo:

This refers to the application for renewal of the Exploration Period under Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 304-2009-IVB granted to Altai Philippines Mining Corporation (APMC) on December 23, 2009 for the exploration, development and utilization of nickel, iron, cobalt, chromite and other associated mineral deposits existing within the 1,580,8010-hectare contract area situated in San Fernando, Romblon, Sibuyan Island

After evaluation of the pertinent documents, this Office hereby grants the first renewal of the Exploration Period under MPSA No. 304-2009-IVB pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order (DAO) Nos. 2010-21<sup>1</sup> and 2021-12<sup>2</sup>, to take the effect starting this date, subject to the following conditions:

1. Such renewal of the Exploration Period shall represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of the Exploration Period under MPSA No. 304-2009-IVB as provided for under Section 5.1 thereof and that it shall not constitute an extension of the 25-year term of MPSA No. 304-2009-IVB.
2. A negative variance of at least twenty percent (20%) in the implementation of the Exploration Work Program (ExWP) and the corresponding expenditures shall be subject to the prior approval of the Director.
3. This grant requires the full implementation of the approved ExWP and Environmental Work Program (EWP), as well as compliance with the terms and conditions of the MPSA and the applicable provisions of DAO Nos. 2010-21 and 2021-12.

Please be guided that:

- a. The implementation of the approved ExWP and EWP by APMC is subject to periodic audit/monitoring by this Office and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region.
- b. A copy of the approved ExWP and EWP should be furnished by APMC to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* of Romblon, and



Providing for a Consolidated Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order for Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the *Philippines Mining Act of 1995*  
Guidelines for the Automatic Renewal of the Exploration Period and the Timely Filing of the Declaration of Mining Project Feasibility under the Exploration Permit, Mineral Production Sharing Agreement, Financial and Technical Assistance Agreement and Similar Mining Tenements

**"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT  
IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

cc - 248917



- c. The status reports on compliance with the approved ExWP and EWP should be submitted to MGB MIMAROPA Region, copy furnished this Office

It is understood that failure to comply with the above requirement shall also constitute a breach of the MPSA. Attached is a copy of the approved EWP for your compliance.

4. APMC shall secure the approval of the Community Development Program and Safety and Health Program in MGB MIMAROPA Region within 60 days from receipt hereof.
5. APMC shall submit within 15 days from receipt hereof the following
- Amended *PERFORMANCE BOND* No. 27191 issued by Milestone Guaranty and Assurance Corporation extending the expiry of the said Bond from July 05, 2024 to July 12, 2024;
  - Revised EWP, taking into consideration the comments dated May 04, 2022 of the Mine Safety, Environment and Social Development Division of this Office, a copy of which is attached; and
  - Revised ExWP, taking into consideration the comments of even date by the Mining Tenements and Management Division of this Office, a copy of which is attached.

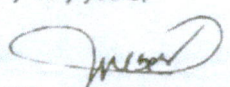
In the interim, APMC may implement the proposed ExWP and EWP pending the approval of its revision.

Failure to submit the said documents within the deadline shall constrain this Office to withdraw the grant of this renewal of the Exploration Period under MPSA No. 304-2009-IVB.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



  
ENGR. JUANCHO PABLO S. CALVEZ  
Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Director



c / Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble  
Regional Director  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau  
MIMAROPA Region  
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Roxas Boulevard, Ermita  
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