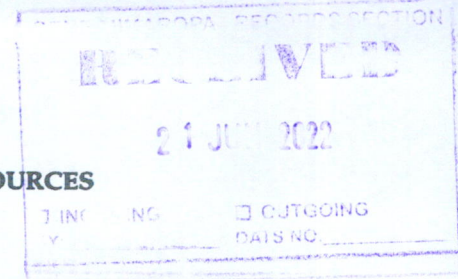




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Dear Solicitor General Calida, ASG Cundangan and Atty. Layug-Delfin,

Respectfully endorsing the *Ex Parte Manifestation* dated 31 March 2022 and the **Petition for Review (with Application for a Writ of Preliminary Injunction and/or Temporary Restraining Order)** dated 22 March 2022 filed by Narra Nickel Mining and Development Corporation, Tesoro Mining and Development Corporation and McArthur Mining, Inc. (collectively, Narra Nickel et al.), through counsel, before the Court of Appeals Manila, against Redmont Consolidated Mines Corporation (Redmont), Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Represented by Secretary Jim O. Sampulna, **CA-G.R. SP No. 172573**.

Narra Nickel et al. filed the Petition for Review under Rule 43 of the Rules of Court with an application for a Writ of Preliminary Injunction and Restraining Order to assail and seek reversal of the following issuances of the DENR in Office of the President Case (O.P.) No. 10-E-229 entitled, Redmont Consolidated Mines Corporation v. Narra Nickel et al.:

- a. Order dated 14 August 2020 which declared that the mining areas covered by Financial and Technical Assistance Agreement No. 05-2010-IVB [MIMAROPA] dated 12 April 2010 in Rizal Bataraza and Narra Palawan are open for disposition to qualified applicants and the application of Redmont be given due course; and

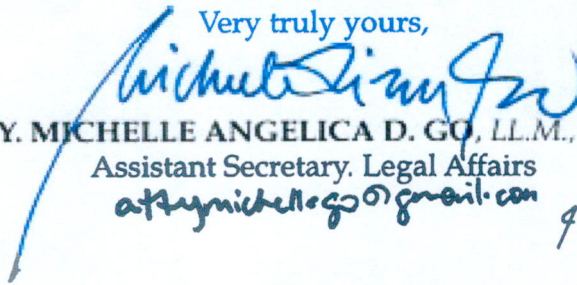
- b. Resolution dated 13 September 2021 which denied Narra Nickel et al.'s Motion for Reconsideration dated 25 September 2020.

It can be recalled that the Office of the Solicitor General through the Office of ASG Cundangan is representing the Department, as well as the Office of the President, regarding the issues surrounding Narra Nickel et al. against Redmont.

Thus, this Office is endorsing this matter, to represent the Department in the new case filed by Narra Nickel et al. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Legal Affairs Service through las.denr@gmail.com, and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau through central@mgb.gov.ph.

Thank you very much for your usual assistance.

Very truly yours,


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