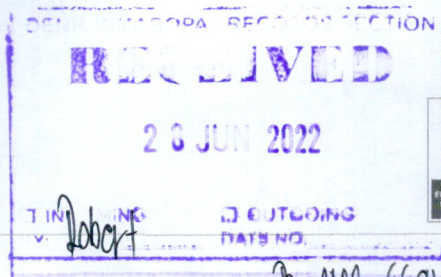




ERAMEN MINERALS, INC.



June 27, 2022

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA Region
DENR by the Bay Bldg., 1515
Roxas Boulevard, Ermita
Manila

Subject: **Request for Follow-up on the Request for Area Verification**

Dear RED Lormelyn,

As part of the additional requirement of our Exploration Permit Application (**EPA No. 380-MIMAROPA**) mentioned in the MGB letter dated June 15, 2022, may we kindly ask for a follow-up on MGB4B's request regarding the verification of the said exploration area if it falls within a protected area under the National Integrated Protected Area System and/or No-Go Zone areas.

For your convenience, attached to this letter are the following:

1. MGB Letter dated June 15, 2022 re: June 08, 2022 Letter of Eramen Minerals, Inc.
2. MGB Memorandum dated June 14, 2022 re: requesting for verification whether the applied area falls within a protected area under National Integrated Protected Area System and/or No-Go Zone areas.

We're hoping for your positive response to our request.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDRIE D. AMADEO
Vice President of Operations



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15 June 2022

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Makati City

Dear Mr. E. C. Fernandez:

This refers to the 08 June 2022 Letter of Eramen Minerals, Inc. addressed to the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) thru this Office requesting for assessment and evaluation of the applied area under Exploration Permit (EPA) No. 380-MIMAROPA to determine if it falls within any certified or claimed ancestral land/domain.

Please be informed that this Office is constrained to endorse EPA No. 380-MIMAROPA to the NCIP considering that the applied area is not yet final. Per our 31 May 2022 Letter (copy attached), portions of the applied area fall within Strategic Agriculture and Fisheries Development Zones (SAFDZ) and Agrarian Reform Communities.

To facilitate the processing of EPA No. 380-MIMAROPA, Eramen should comply with the following within 30 days:

1. Submit and register to this Office five (5) sets containing at least three (3) original copies of the Securities and Exchange Commission – certified true copy of the Amended Articles of Incorporation bearing the updated principal address of Eramen pursuant to Section 15 of Republic Act No. 11232 or the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines.
2. Coordinate directly with the Department of Agriculture (DA) MIMAROPA Region for the schedule of the required joint validation.

Per our 31 May 2022 Letter, Portion of the applied area falls within SAFDZ which requires joint field validation with this Office and the DA MIMAROPA Region pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 79, Series of 2012.

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Eramen may request the assistance of:

Ms. Dilyn Galoyo

Mobile No. 0907-587-4609

Eramen should convey to this Office the result/s of coordination with the DA MIMAROPA Region, particularly the specific dates agreed upon, for purposes of computation of the required verification fees to be paid by Eramen.

3. Secure consent from concerned Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries pursuant to Mines and Geosciences Bureau Central Office (MGB CO) Memorandum dated 26 October 2020 (copy attached).

Per the MGB CO Memorandum dated 26 October 2020, "lands already covered by Agrarian Reform Communities and other agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) are, by operation of law, considered as privately owned, thus, opening these areas for mining applications only require consent from the beneficiaries concerned in case such application is intended for exploration...xx (underscoring supplied)." In this regard, Eramen should coordinate with the Department of Agrarian Reform to identify the concerned ARBs, if any, and secure their consent.

4. Follow-up the request for area verification to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA Region.

Attached is the 14 June 2022 Memorandum from this Office to the DENR MIMAROPA Region requesting for verification whether the applied area falls within a protected area under the National Integrated Protected Area System and/or other No-Go Zone areas.

5. Submit the Two (2) – Year Environmental Work Program pursuant to Section 19 of the DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2010-21 and in accordance with DAO No. 2022-04 and MGB Memorandum Circular No. 2021-006.

For reference on relevant issuances and policies, you may visit the official website of the MGB MIMAROPA Region at <https://region4b.mgb.gov.ph/>.

Be informed that the submitted Exploration Work Program is now under evaluation in this Office. We will notify you of the result of said evaluation once available.

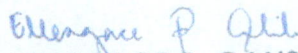

Be reminded that pursuant to the DMO No. 2010-04, the failure of the mining applicant to fully comply with the requirement/s after the three (3) Letters-Notices shall be a ground for the denial of the mining application.

This serves as your first Letter-Notice.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


ELLENGRACE R. GALISTE
Chief, Mine Management Division
OIC, Office of the Regional Director


Enc'l : As stated



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14 June 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR – MIMAROPA Region

FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

SUBJECT : Area Verification of the Application for Exploration
Permit No. 380-MIMAROPA of Eramen Minerals, Inc.
Situated in the Municipalities of San Fernando and
Cajidiocan, Province of Romblon.

Respectfully forwarding the attached Sketch Map and its corresponding technical descriptions (see Annex A) of the applied tenement area under Exploration Permit Application No. 380-MIMAROPA of Eramen Minerals, Inc. covering approximately 2,340.16 hectares.

Please verify the subject application whether or not the same falls within a protected area under the National Integrated Protected Area System and/or other No-Go Zone areas.

In addition, please verify the current land classification and if there's any existing tenurial claims (approved/applied) covered by the subject application.

For the Regional Executive Director's consideration.

By Authority of the Regional Director:

Elengrace R. Galiste

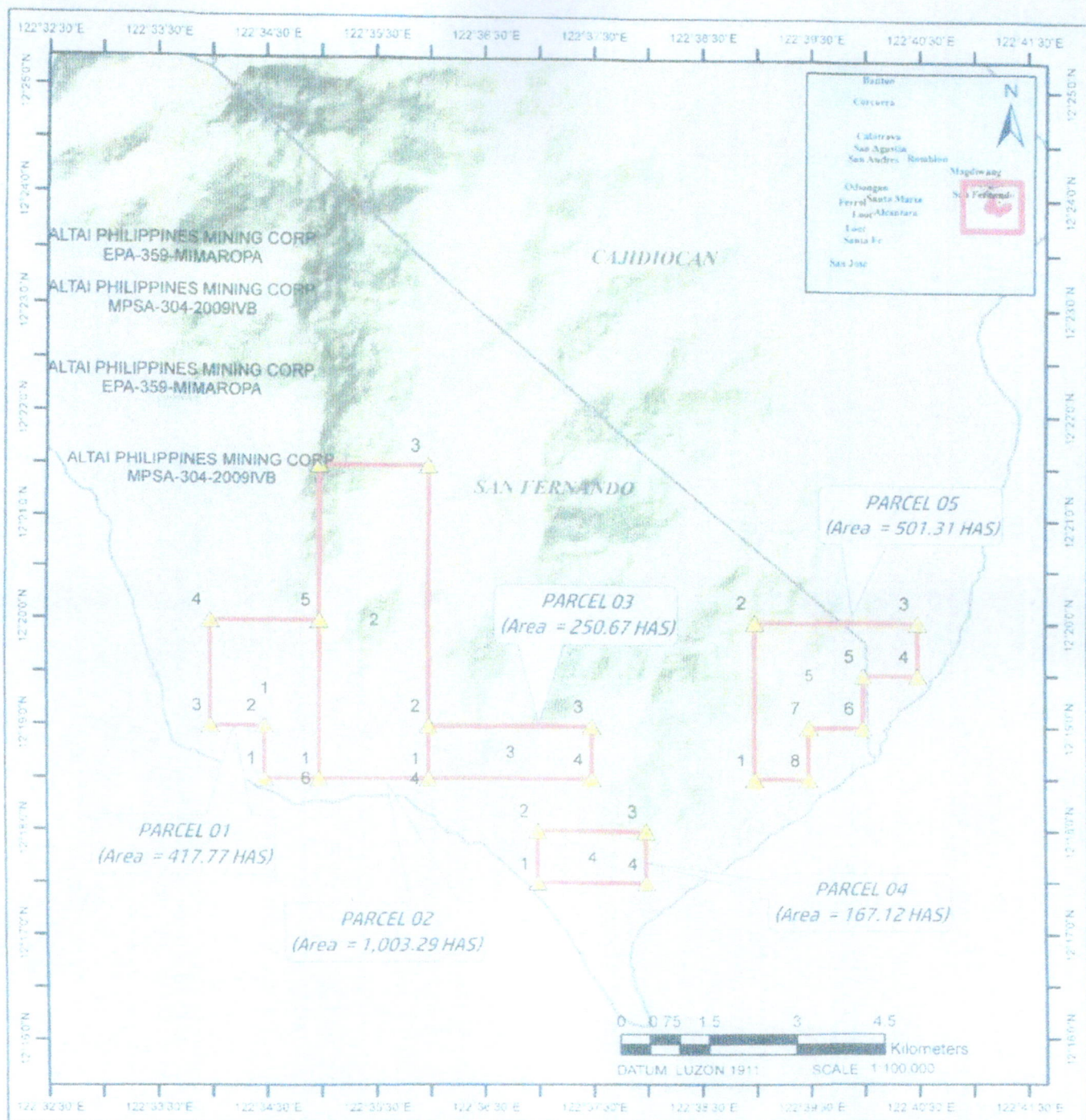
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Chief, Mine Management Division
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Enc'l : As Stated



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EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICANT **ERAMEN MINERALS, INC.**
APPLICATION NO. **EPA-380-MIMAROPA**
LOCATION **SAN FERNANDO & CAJIDIOCAN, ROMBLON**
APPLIED AREA (HAS): **2,340.1600**

REMARKS

This plotting is not yet final considering the Area Verification by DENR MIMAROPA pursuant to Section 15 of DAO No. 2010-21, NIPAS Act of 1992 and E-NIPAS Act of 2018 of areas closed to mining applications and/or other No Go Zone areas

Legend

- Boundary Corners of the Applied Area
- Boundary of the Applied Area
- Existing Tenement Applications
- Municipal Boundary

PREPARED BY
JEFFREY S. LIM
CARTOGRAPHER II

NOTED BY
ENGR. FRANCIS M. MIRTO
CHIEF
MINING TENEMENT EVALUATION SECTION

CHECKED BY
ENGR. KENNETH A. SOLIDUM
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
MINERAL LAND SURVEY SECTION

DATE PREPARED
JUNE 13 2022

ANNEX A

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
ERAMEN MINERALS, INC.
EPA No. 380-MIMAROPA

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS						
PARCEL 01: AREA = 417.77 HAS						
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	DEG	MIN	SEC	DEG	MIN	SEC
1	12	18	30.00	122	34	30.00
2	12	19	00.00	122	34	30.00
3	12	19	00.00	122	34	00.00
4	12	20	00.00	122	34	00.00
5	12	20	00.00	122	35	00.00
6	12	18	30.00	122	35	00.00
PARCEL 02: AREA = 1,003.29 HAS						
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	DEG	MIN	SEC	DEG	MIN	SEC
1	12	18	30.00	122	35	00.00
2	12	21	30.00	122	35	00.00
3	12	21	30.00	122	36	00.00
4	12	18	30.00	122	36	00.00
PARCEL 03: AREA = 250.67 HAS						
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	DEG	MIN	SEC	DEG	MIN	SEC
1	12	18	30.00	122	36	00.00
2	12	19	00.00	122	36	00.00
3	12	19	00.00	122	37	30.00
4	12	18	30.00	122	37	30.00
PARCEL 04: AREA = 167.12 HAS						
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	DEG	MIN	SEC	DEG	MIN	SEC
1	12	17	30.00	122	37	00.00
2	12	18	00.00	122	37	00.00
3	12	18	00.00	122	38	00.00
4	12	17	30.00	122	38	00.00
PARCEL 05: AREA = 501.31 HAS						
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	DEG	MIN	SEC	DEG	MIN	SEC
1	12	18	30.00	122	39	00.00
2	12	20	00.00	122	39	00.00
3	12	20	00.00	122	40	30.00
4	12	19	30.00	122	40	30.00
5	12	19	30.00	122	40	00.00
6	12	19	00.00	122	40	00.00
7	12	19	00.00	122	39	30.00
8	12	18	30.00	122	39	30.00



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October 26, 2020

MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : THE ACTING DIRECTOR
This Bureau

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE NO-GO ZONES

As the result of our technical conference held on October 20, 2020 with representative from the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), Department of Agriculture (DA) on certain issues regarding the no-go zones, particularly on the Strategic Agriculture and Fisheries Development Zones (SAFDZs), and the subsequent agreements/decisions made, please be informed of the following clarifications on the above subject.

1. Public land and Forest land are not to be considered as SAFDZ areas. We are reminded, however, to inform the BSWM, DA of our findings when SAFDZs are located over Public land or Forest/Timber per our area status and clearance procedure
2. River channels, creeks, streams, and other inland bodies of water are also not SAFDZs unless expressly declared as closed to mining as provided by law
3. On watersheds, we are guided by Section 15 of the DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21, the implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, stating that proclaimed watershed forest reserves and critical watersheds with appropriate barangay/municipal/city/provincial *Sanggunian* ordinance specifying therein the location and specific boundary of the concerned area, are closed to mining applications
4. Lands already covered by Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs) and other agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) are, by operation of law, considered as privately owned, thus, opening these areas for mining application only require consent from the beneficiaries concerned in case such application is intended for exploration. Provided, That prior to approval of any development, construction and utilization of mineral resources, lands already distributed through agrarian reform shall be considered as SAFDZs, over which such activities shall be allowed only when the conditions set on the position taken by Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in its Letter dated August 23, 2013 to the Mining Industry Coordinating Council, through the National Economic Development Authority, are complied with.



For guidance

ATTY. WILFREDO G. MONCANO



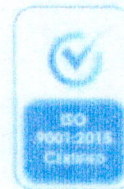
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31 May 2022

MR. ENRIQUE C. FERNANDEZ

Chairman
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140 L.P. Leviste St., Salcedo Village
Makati City 1227

Dear Mr. E. C. Fernandez:

This refers to the Exploration Permit Application (EPA) of Eramen Minerals, Inc. (Eramen) covering approximately 2,340.1600 hectares situated in the Municipalities of San Fernando and Cajidiocan, Province of Romblon.

Based on this Office's pre-plotting, please be informed of the following status of the applied area:

1. Approximately **764.5900 hectares** is free of conflict;
2. Approximately **432.5900 hectares** falls within the Strategic Agriculture and Fisheries Development Zones (SAFDZ) pursuant to Executive Order No. 79, series of 2012, which is subject to the joint validation of the Department of Agriculture MIMAROPA Region and this Office;
3. Approximately **1,451.8600 hectares** falls within the Agrarian Reform Community under Republic Act No. 6657, as amended, or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988 which requires consent/clearance from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), or the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARB) affected;
4. Approximately **209.9960 hectares** is in conflict with Mt. Guiting-Guiting National Park, a proclaimed protected area which is closed to mining application per Section 19 of Republic Act No. 7942.

(Note: The pre-plotting evaluation is not yet final and the applied area is still subject to the area verification by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.)

To facilitate the processing of the subject application, Eramen is required to comply with the following within five (5) days from receipt of this letter:

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1. Pay the corresponding Filing and Processing Fee for the approximate open area of 2,130.1640 hectares in the amount of Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (PhP639,300.00) or equivalent to PhP300.00 per hectares pursuant to DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2013-10.

From the original applied area of 2,340.1600 hectares, the area in conflict with Mt. Guiting-Guiting National Park comprising of 209.9960 hectares was deducted resulting to the open area of 2,130.1640 hectares.

2. Submit the Amended Articles of Incorporation (AOI) bearing the current official address of the corporation and cause its registration.

Per the submitted Amended AOI (issued on 23 May 2013), the address of the corporation is at "Metro Manila" whereas the corporation's General Information Sheet for the year 2021 indicates the address: "3/F ALPAP 1 Bldg., 140 L.P. Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City."

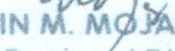
3. Pay the Registration Fee of the following documents pursuant to Item 1.8 of DAO No. 2005-08;

Document	Amount (PhP)
Application	1,000.00
Affidavit of Undertaking	1,000.00
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) certified-Certificate of Incorporation, AOI and By-Laws	1,000.00
SEC-certified Amended AOI	1,000.00
Secretary's Certificate	200.00
Total	4,200.00

Be advised that the documents submitted are not yet accepted as an EPA until **all** the foregoing requirements are complied. Partial compliance shall not be considered.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.
OIC-Regional Director

