



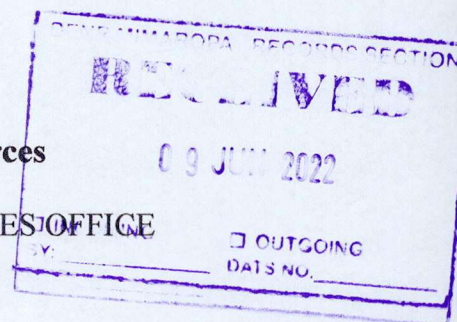
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June 02, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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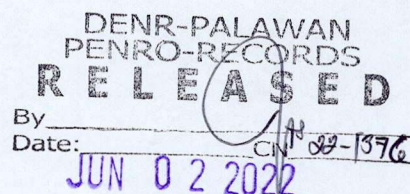
FROM : Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED APRIL 28, 2022 OF MR. ANTONIO O. SANONE, MEPEO MANAGER-CORAL BAY NICKEL CORP. (CBNC) REQUESTING FOR RE-UTILIZATION OF PROGRESSIVE REHABILITATION AREA FOR SUITABLE ROCK MATERIALS STOCKPILING**

Forwarded is the Memorandum report dated 05 May 2022 of CENRO Brooke's Point with appended pertinent enclosures pertaining to the above subject. Accordingly, that office favorably recommended the said request for consideration subject to existing laws, rules and regulation on the matter.

For your information and consideration.


FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC





Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Brooke's Point, Palawan

May 5, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMA ROPA Region
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THRU : The Regional Director
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Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and
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This is in connection with the letter dated April 28, 2022 of Mr. Antonio Sanone, MEPEO Manager, Coral Bay Nickel Corporation received by this office on April 29, 2022 regarding the above cited subject.

Please be informed per letter request, the Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) 2 of Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC) is projected to be filled to its maximum capacity by the end of this year. The construction of TSF-3 is long been delayed which the mining company conducts a catch-up plan to utilize at least the southern part of the facility. Because of the necessary excavation of rock materials is needed to achieve the designed ground level to the portion of TSF-3 and an un-projected volume of 900,000 cubic meters of suitable materials will be excavated that needs temporary stockpiling for it to be utilized for TSF-3 dam embankment.

The company identified three (3) rehabilitated area to be re-utilized as temporary stockpiling with the following informations and same was inspected by personnel of this office to wit;

AREA DESIGNATION	SPECIES PLANTED	YEAR PLANTED	TOTAL NO. OF SEEDLINGS PLANTED	AREA IN HECTARES
Temporay Stockpile No. 7	Mahogany, Agoho, Odling, Marangub, Malugai, Apitong, Salumpagi, Amigis, Palomaria, Ipil, Aripa, Gmelina, Batino, Syzygium, Narra, Bankal & Batino	2013 to 2017	34,776	5.58
Temporary Stockpile No. 8	Kakawate, Mahogany, Agoho, Odling, Ipil, Gmelina, Batino, Syzygium and Narra	2013-2014	21,394	5.49
Temporary Stockpile No. 10	Ipil-ipil, Kakawate, Palawan Agoho, Odling, Manggis, Batino, Syzygium, Narra and Aratelis	2013	17,423	4.04

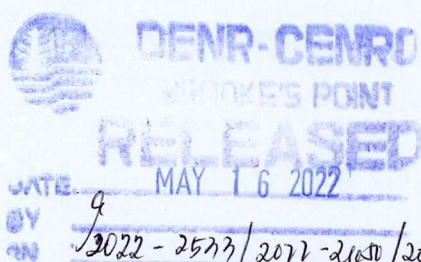
The seedlings/trees planted in the subject rehabilitated area will be cut and cleared all the vegetations to re-utilize the area as temporary stockpile of the suitable rock materials. The activity is confined only in the existing areas of CBNC and there be no other new areas will be developed or opened. The subject areas are all within the MPSA of Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corporation (RTNMC)

Moreover there are no other open areas that can be utilized for stockpiling since most of the areas designated for CBNC were already rehabilitated/planted except those areas assigned for their existing operational activities, thus the option is to re-utilized the above stated three (3) rehabilitated area with obligation and commitment to be revegetated with indigenous tree species once the suitable rock materials be pulled out and the subject areas will be filled / replace with top soil to ensure high survival rate of the seedlings to be planted.

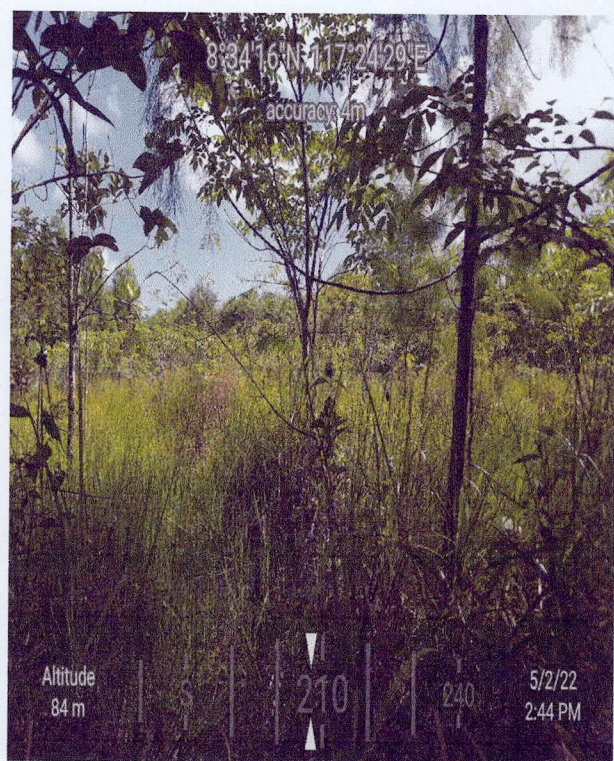
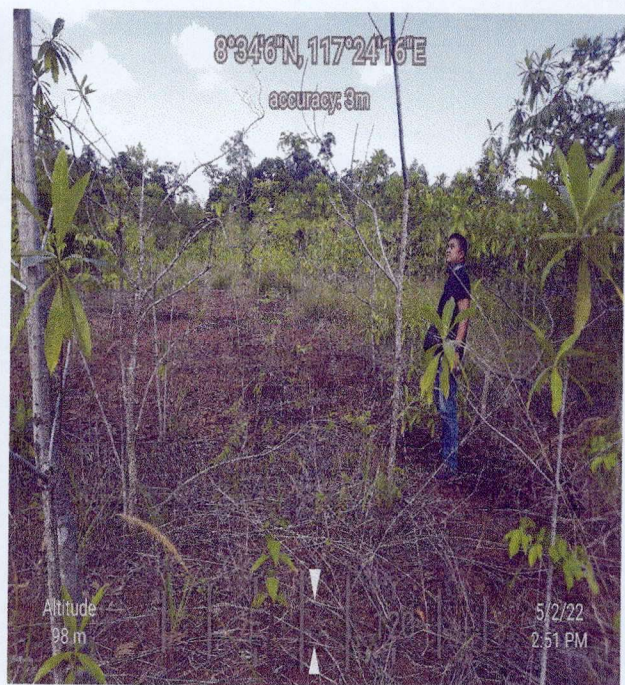
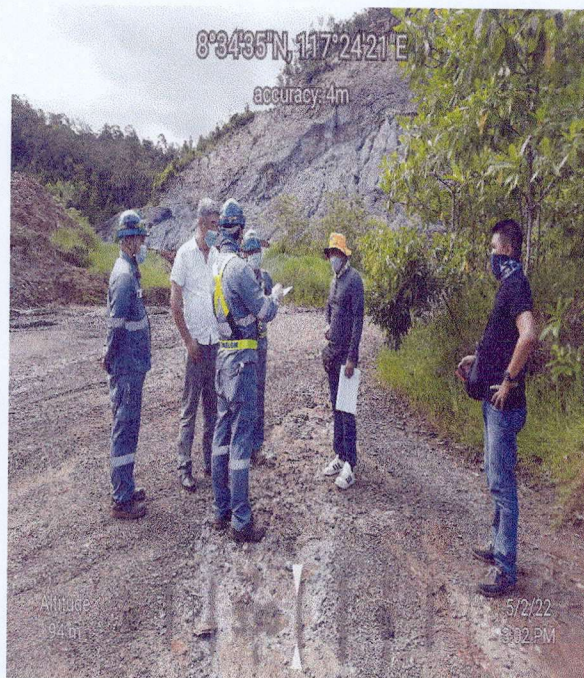
In view hereof, it is recommended that the herein request be considered subject to existing laws, rules and regulations on the matter. Likewise further recommended that the affected seedlings be earth-balled and planted in areas to be identified jointly by the company and DENR.

Attached herewith the letter request and other documents provided by the company for ready reference.

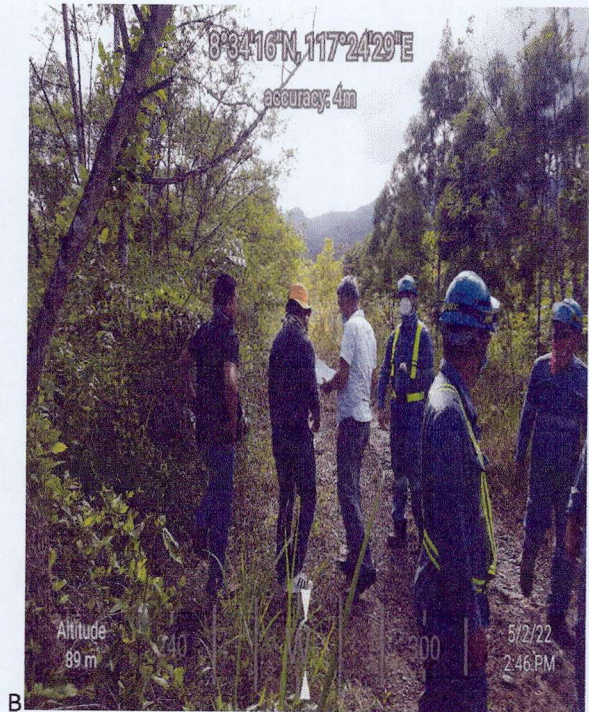
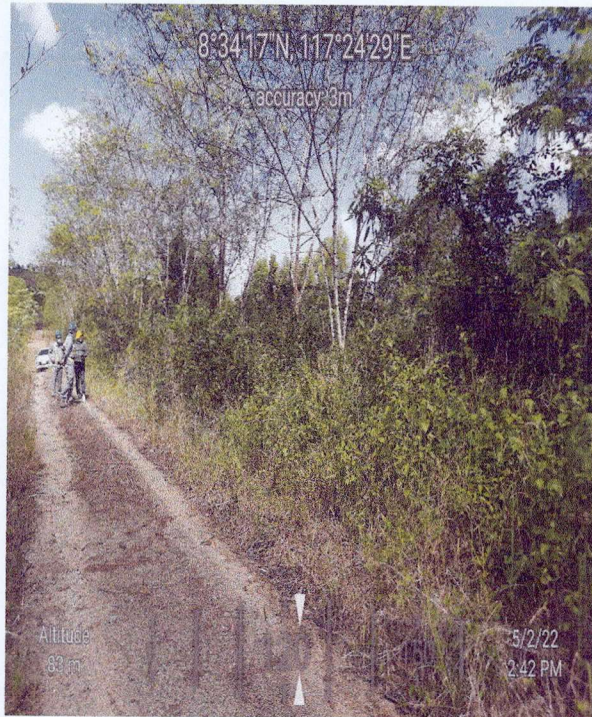
For his information and further evaluation/instruction.



CONRADO M. CORPUZ



Picture showing the joint inspection conducted by DENR-CENRO and company representative



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April 28, 2022

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CENRO

Community Environment and Natural Resources Office

M. Rodriguez St. Poblacion district 1

Brookes Point Palawan

Subject: Re-Utilization of Progressive-Rehabilitation Area for Suitable Rock Materials Stockpiling

Dear CENRO Corpuz:

Good day.

Due to the current situation where the Tailings Storage Facility No.2 (TSF2) is projected to be filled to its maximum capacity by the end of this year, Coral Bay Nickel Corporation is in dire need to finish just in time the construction of the Tailings Storage Facility No.3 (TSF-3). This is to ensure that the Company's continued operation will have a pollution control facility to safely store its tailings.

To ensure timely use of TSF-3's construction that is already long been delayed, CBNC conducts a catch-up plan to utilize at least the southern part of the facility. Because of this, necessary excavation of rock materials is needed to achieve the designed ground level to this portion of the TSF. An un-projected volume of 900,000 cubic meters of suitable materials will be excavated that needs temporary stockpiling for it to be utilized for TSF-3 dam embankment.

In this connection, we are respectfully requesting your presence to evaluate and inspect to secure your opinion to some of our rehabilitation areas that we are planning to use as temporary stockpile of the suitable rock materials. CBNC planned to re-utilize some of its areas that is now under its progressive rehabilitation programs for the purpose of stockpiling. Please see attached map and plan drawings.

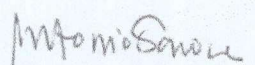
This activity is only on the existing areas of CBNC. There will be no new areas to be developed and the existing measures or environmental controls are adequate and effective. We plan to utilize these areas as early as the 2nd week of May 2022 until the year 2027.

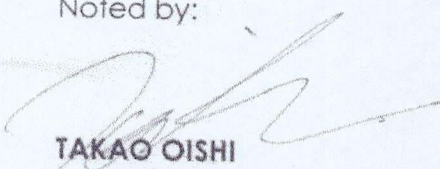
Kindly advise us if it is okay for you to visit us on April 29, 2022 or soonest on your convenient time so we can arrange the needs for your travel.

For your kind consideration and usual support.

Sincerely yours,

Noted by:


ANTONIO O. SANONE
MEPEO Manager


TAKAO OISHI
EVP & Plant Manager

Background of Temporary stockpile for TSF3 Construction

Temporary stockpile no. 10

2008 - This area was outside the original RTNMC's MPSA but within the proclaimed PEZA area and was used by CBNC as a source of borrow rock materials for the construction of the TSF2 embankment.
2013 - CBNC conducted backfilling of the area using unsuitable materials from the TSF2 construction and planted grasses and trees.
2022 - This area is now completely within the amended RTNMC MPSA

Temporary stockpile no. 8

2008 - This area was utilized by CBNC as the source of clay borrow materials for the TSF2 Embankment construction.
2013-2014 - CBNC conducted backfilling of the area using unsuitable materials from the TSF2 construction and planted trees.

TSF 2 North dam embankment

TSF 2 south dam embankment

Temporary stockpile no. 7

2008 - This area was utilized by CBNC for the mixing and testing of rock and clay materials for TSF2 Embankment construction.
2013 -2017 - CBNC conducted backfilling of the area using unsuitable materials from the TSF2 construction and planted trees.



CBNC Temporary Stockpile for TSF #3 Construction

Temporary Stockpile No. 10			
No.	Species	Year Planted	Total planted
1	Ipil-Ipil	429	429
2	Kakawate	344	344
3	Palawan Agoho	581	581
4	Odling	371	371
5	Manggis	30	30
6	Batino	5,808	5,808
7	Syzygium	287	287
8	Narra	9,102	9,102
9	Arateis	471	471
Total		17,423	17,423



Temporary Stockpile no. 7						
No.	Species	Year planted				Total
		2013	2014	2016	2017	
1	Matogany	384				384
2	Agoho	1,795	520	167	1,550	4,032
3	Odling	1,600	730			2,330
4	Marangub				1,467	1,467
5	Malugai	35				35
6	Aptiong	117				117
7	Salmupagi	296				296
8	Amngis	180				180
9	Palumarya	140		1,000		1,140
10	Ipil	305		70	250	625
11	Aripa	189			1,046	1,235
12	Gmelina	67				67
13	Batino	2,802	1523	15		4,340
14	Syzygium	2,020	148		1,647	3,815
15	Narra	2,494	2554	6,527	750	12,325
16	Bankal			80		80
17	Batino	2,308				2,308
Total		14,732	5,475	7,859	6,710	34,776

Temporary Stockpile no. 8			
No.	Species	Year planted	Total planted
		2013-2014	
1	Kakawate	439	439
2	Mahogany	1,718	1,718
3	Agoho	2,911	2,911
4	Odling	2,752	2,752
5	Ipil	180	180
6	Gmelina	1,798	1,798
7	Batino	4,445	4,445
8	Syzygium	679	679
9	Narra	6,472	6,472
Total		21,394	21,394

