16 MAY 2022

BY DATE OF

May 12, 2022

Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV

OIC Regional Executive Director Department of Environment and Natural Resources - MIMAROPA DENR by the Bay Building, 1515 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

Dear Director Claudio:

Proof of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) Payment of Special Land Use Plan (SLUP) Annual Government Share and Performance Bond

We write to inform your office of INC's compliance to DENR-MIMAROPA letter¹ dated March 17, 2022, as received by INC on April 1, 2022.

On April 25, 2022, INC paid its Annual Government Share amounting Php3,287,560.00 for 2022, as evidenced by Official Receipt No. 1414972², to CENRO-Brooke's Point.

In addition to this, on May 2, 2022, INC also settled its cash and posted its surety performance bond in the total amount of P6,575,120.00, evidenced by Official Receipt No. 1415012³ and Sterling Insurance Surety Bond SICI No. G(13)-HOM-0029717⁴.

For your information and reference.

Very truly yours,

Segundo A. Villanueva

Assistant Resident Mine Manager

¹ Annex "A".

² Annex "B".

³ Annex "C".

⁴ Annex "D".

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าnex "A"

IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION

Represented by Mr. Carlo A. Matilac Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan

Sir:

This refers to your application for Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) relative to the Ipilan Nickel Corporation on a 8.2189 hectares portion of forest land in Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan.

In this connection, we attached hereto a detailed computation of the Annual Government Share (AGS) to be imposed against that company amounting to Three Million Two Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty pesos (\$\mathbb{P}3,287,560.00)\$ pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705 or the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines. Your compliance shall constitute as basis of release of said permit.

Please consider this, therefore, as our DEMAND LETTER for you to settle the said obligation with the government thru the PENRO/CENRO concerned within thirty (30) days upon receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV OIC, Regional Executive Director

Received by:

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STERLING INSURANCE

6/F Zeta II Annex Bldg., 191 Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City Trunk Lines: 759-2920 / 759-2921 / 759-3082 / 892-3792 / 893-0025 / 893-0026 / RO Email: insure@sterling-insurance.com.ph / info@sterling-insurance.com.ph, Fax Nos. 892-3794 / 759-2886 / 759-2399 TIN: 001-009-467-000

PERFORMANCE BOND

SICI NO .: G(13)-HOM-0029717

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION-PENTHOUSE, PLATINUM TOWER, ASEAN AVE., COR. FUENTES ST., TAMBO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, METRO MANILA as Principal, and STERLING INSURANCE COMPANY INC. a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), as obligee in the sum of PESOS: THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY & 00/100 (PHP 3,287,560.00) Only, Philippine Currency, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successor, and assigns, jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, The CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT (SLUP) FOR ACCESS ROAD OF IPIL NICKEL CORPORATION COVERTING THE AGGREGATE AREA OF 8,2189 HECTARES LOCATED AT BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE?S POINT, PALAWAN.

THIS BOND IS CALLABLE ON DEMAND.

WHEREAS, the liability of the Surety Company under this bond shall in no case exceed the sum of PESOS: THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY & 00/100 (PHP 3,287,560.00) Only, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, attorney's fee and other damages, and shall not be liable for any advances of the Obligee to the Principal;

WHEREAS, said contract requires the said Principal to give a good and sufficient bond in the abovestated sum to secure the full and faithful performance on its part of said contract;

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall perform well and truly and fulfill all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions and agreements of said contract, then, this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The liability of the surety company under this bond shall expire on April 29, 2023 and the bond is deemed absolutely cancelled Ten (10) days thereafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and signed our names at MAKATI CITY this 29th day of April, 2022.

IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION

MARY BELLED. BITUIN SVP FINANCE, HRAD/CFO

(Principal)

STERLING INSURANCE COMPANY INC.

(Surety) 01-009-467

SENIOR MANAGER-BONDS DEPT

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Witness

Witness

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Republic of the Philippines } MAKATI CITY\S.S.

SICI BOND NO. G(13)-HOM-0029717

In MAKATI CITY Philippines, 29th day of April, 2022 personally appeared before me.

NAME	Residence	Residence ISSUED		_
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STERLING INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.	00118742	MAKATI CITY	01/05/22	_
JUVY F. ATIENZA	125982580			
MARY BELLE D. BITUIN				

and JUVY F. ATIENZA with Comm. Tax. Cert. No 125982580 issued at on for and in behalf of STERLING INSURANCE COMPANY INC. with comm. Tax Cert. No. 00118742 issued at MAKATI CITY on 01/05/22 to me known to be the same persons who signed and excuted the foregoing instrument and knowledge before me that same is of their own voluntary act and deed.

In WITNESS Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at the place and date first above written.

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JUVY F. ATIENZA of STERLING INSURANCE COMPANY INC., having been duly sworn, states and deposes that the STERLING INSURANCE COMPANY INC. is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with its principal office at Makati City and is duly authorized to execute and furnish surety bonds for all purposes within the said Philippines; and that is actually worth the amount specified in the foregoing undertaking to wit:THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY & 00/100 Pesos, (PHP 3,287,560.00) Philippine Currency, over and above all your debts and obligations and property exempt from execution.

By: JUVI F. ATIENZA
SENIOR MANAGER-BONDS DEPT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 2022 at MAKATI CITY, Philippines. Affiant exhibited to me his Comm. Tax Certificate and that the Corporation, as above mentioned.

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