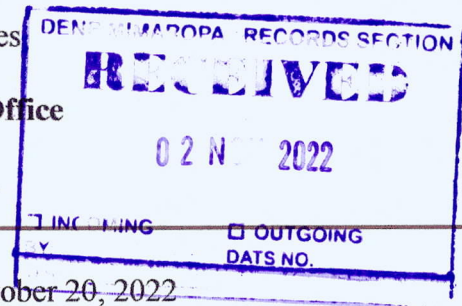




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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA
1515 L&S Building, Roxas Boulevard,
Ermita, Manila

THRU : The OIC- Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services
MIMAROPA Region

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : LETTER DATED 22 JULY OF MACRO ASIA MINING
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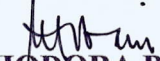
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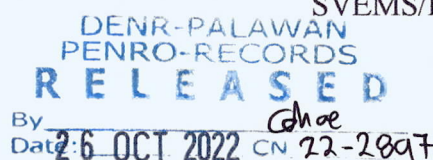
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RHODORA B. UBANI
SVEMS/In Charge Office of the PENRO





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October 20, 2022

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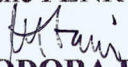
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September 30, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Quezon, Palawan

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED 22 JULY 2022 OF MACRO ASIA MINING
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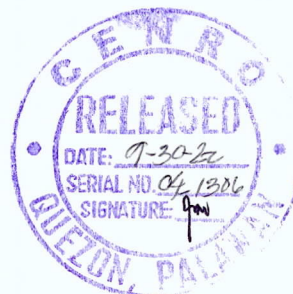
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Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated September 29, 2022 from the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) regarding the above subject.

Please be informed further that the MMPL-PAMO have already conducted an initial site inspection/ground verification of the above mentioned MPSA encompassed by Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) last June 28-30, 2022, unfortunately, data gathered were incomplete due to bad weather condition, hence, MMPL TWG members, PAMO and representatives from Macro-Asia Mining Corporation who were present during the MMPL TWG special meeting last September 16, 2022 agreed to schedule the continuation of the site inspection/ground verification on the 3rd to 4th week of October 2022.

Also, attached is the activity report of the conducted MMPL TWG special meeting and its enclosures.

For your information, reference, record and further instruction.



[Signature]
LEONARD T. CALUYA



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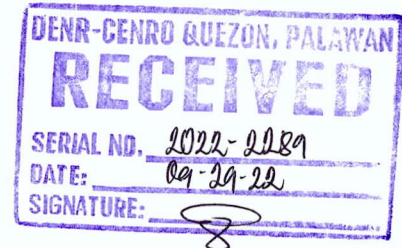
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FOR : The CENR Officer
Quezon, Palawan

FROM : The Protected Area Superintendent
Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED 22 JULY 2022 OF MACRO ASIA MINING CORPORATION RE: PAMB CLEARANCE (MMPL) CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR MPSA NO. 220-2005-IV AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED SITE EVALUATION/ VALIDATION OF MPSA NO. 220-2005-IVB (RDATS NOS. 2022-91335; P-202291921)**

DATE : **29 SEPTEMBER, 2022**



In compliance to the Memorandum dated August 18, 2022 from the Office of ARD-TS signed by Lino M. Dimapilis, Chief, Enforcement Division on the above mentioned subject, respectfully submitted is the report of activity and action undertaken by this Office, as follows:

Please be informed that on September 16, 2022 a back to back meeting of Committee on Biodiversity Conservation and Monitoring and Committee on Project Development but later converted into Special meeting due to lack of quorum. One of the agenda discussed during the said meeting is the above-subject will be finally discuss on the next Technical Working Group committee meeting. PASu informed Engr. Omar Teogenes and Engr. Gina Padilla and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) who attended via zoom that the PAMO Office received a Memorandum of Instruction specially the continuation and completion of the conduct of area validation of the approved MPSA within MMPL taking into consideration the boundaries of protected area.

Moreover, the present TWG member, MGB representative, the PAMO and Macro Asia Mining Corporation representative agreed to focus on locating the rest of the boundary corners of MPSA 220-2005 before resolving the needed data for inventory of natural resources taking into consideration the conducted biodiversity study of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) as basis for the inventory to be conducted.

Furthermore, it was also agreed that evaluation/validation activity to be conducted on the 3rd week to 4th of October, 2022. This Office also requested update on the scheduled activity to Macro Asia Mining Corporation in our letter dated September 27, 2022, copy is hereto attached.

Attached is the activity report of the conducted special MMPL-TWG meeting and its enclosures.

For information, record and further instruction.


RENATO S. GONZAGA



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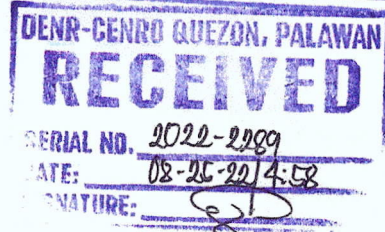
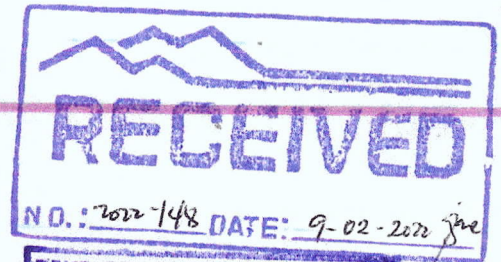
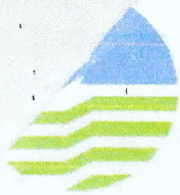
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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE PENR OFFICER
Palawan

ATTENTION : THE CENR OFFICER
Quezon, Palawan

THE PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENT (PASu)
Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL)

FROM : THE OIC-ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR
FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT : LETTER DATED 22 JULY 2022 OF MACRO ASIA MINING CORPORATION RE: PAMB CLEARANCE (MMPL) CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR MPSA NO. 220-2005-IVB AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED SITE EVALUATION/VALIDATION OF MPSA NO.220-2005-IVB [RDATS NOS. 2022-91335; P-2022-91921]

DATE : AUG 18 2022


This has reference to the letter dated 22 July 2022 of Mr. Omar Teogenes Alfonso, Project Geologist of the Macro Asia Mining Corporation and memorandum dated 20 July 2022 of PENRO Palawan regarding the above-subject.

In this regard, you are hereby instructed to comply with the following:

1. Facilitate the timely completion of the conduct of area verification of the approved MPSA within MMPL in coordination with the proponent, taking into consideration the boundaries of the protected area, the actual condition and inventory of resources in the area;
2. Verify the attached map of the mining tenements vis-à-vis the boundaries of the MMPL and its proposed amendment;
3. The PAMB Clearance is required pursuant to Section 12 of RA 11038 and Rule 12.1 of the DAO 2019-05. The subject matter should be included as one of the agenda of the MMPL PAMB Meeting taking into consideration that the MPSA was approved prior the proclamation of MMPL. Results of the area verification should be also be – presented to the PAMB'
4. The MMPL-PAMO to submit report in Completed Staff Work format with categorical comments and recommendations; and


5. The MMPL-PAMO together with the MMPL-PAMB to fast track the legislation of MMPL in order to finalize the proposed amendments to its boundaries.

*For and in the absence of the
Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services:*


8/18/22
LINO M. DIMAPILIS
Chief, Enforcement Division

*Copy furnished:
The Regional Executive Director, DENR MIMAROPA
The Regional Director, MGB MIMAROPA
Mr. Omar Teogenes Alfonso, Macro Asia Mining Corporation*

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July 22, 2022

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director

DENR by the Bay Bldg.,

1515 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

Re: **PAMB Clearance (MMPL) Certificate of Exemption for MPSA No. 220-2005-IVB**

Dear **RED Claudio**:

We are writing in connection to the requirement of Mining Projects within a Protected Area to secure a **Protected Area Management Bureau (PAMB) Clearance** from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Please be informed that MacroAsia Corporation (rights transferred in 2021 to MacroAsia Mining Corporation or MMC) entered into an agreement with the Republic of the Philippines through the DENR/MGB with Mineral Production Sharing Agreement denominated as **MPSA 220-2005-IVB** granted on **December 01, 2005**, for a nickeliferous area encompassing an area of 1,113.9 hectares located in Barangays Ipilan, Mambalot and Maasin in **Brooke's Point, Southern Palawan**. The approval of said MPSA is prior to **Proclamation No. 1815, s. 2009 (Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape)**, which was signed on **June 23, 2009**. The said Proclamation states that:

"Any valid contract, permit or license for the extraction or utilization of natural resources therein already existing prior to this Proclamation shall subject to national interest and existing laws, rules and regulations, be respected until its expiration. Areas covered by such contracts, permits or licenses which are found not viable for development after assessment and/or exploration shall automatically form part of the MMPL. Likewise, all property and private rights within the MMPL already existing and/or vested prior to this Proclamation shall be respected in accordance with existing laws."

In this regard, may we request from your good office to consider the premises stated in the Proclamation for a **PAMB Clearance Certificate**. Should there be a need for an **area verification of the MPSA viz the MMPL final area**, our Company, thru its Operator, Calmia Nickel Inc. (CNI), is willing to shoulder the necessary costs that may be incurred incidental to the field verification. If it is amenable to your Office, the Company is also willing to shoulder the cost of engaging the services of a Geodetic Engineer (GE) deputized



MACROASIA MINING CORPORATION

by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) to provide technical expertise in the field verification and/or relocation.

Also attached in this letter is a map of the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape with the location of the Company's MPSA Area and the Approved Survey Plan of the MPSA, both of which are from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA for your reference.

Should that office wish to further clarify any details, please feel free to contact Engr. **Herminio A. Aquino, II** of Calmia Nickel, Inc. at 09177006267 or thru haquino.calmianickel@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your usual prompt action and kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

OMAR TEOGENES A. ALFONSO
Project Geologist



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Subject: REPORT ON THE 3RD BACK TO BACK PAMB TWG FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION & MONITORING COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE ON PROJECT DEVT. MEETING FOR MMPL DATED SEPT. 16, 2022 @ PENRO TRAINING HALL, STA. MONICA, PPC

Attachment(s): PHOTO DOCUMENTATION, ATTENDANCE SHEET

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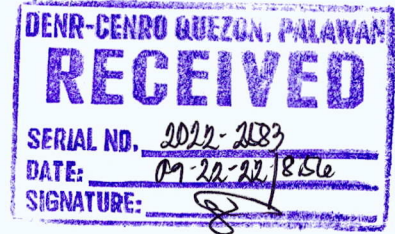
September 21, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Quezon, Palawan

FROM : The Protected Area Superintendent
Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape
Protected Area Management Office

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE 3RD BACK TO BACK PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND MONITORING COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR MT. MANTALINGAHAN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 AT PENRO TRAINING HALL, STA. MONICA PUERTO PRINCESA CITY**



Respectfully submitted is the memorandum from the undersigned staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) regarding the conducted 3rd back to back Protected Area Management Board Technical Working Group (TWG) for biodiversity conservation and monitoring committee and committee on project development meeting for Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape dated September 16, 2022 at PENRO.

The Technical Working Group (TWG) of MMPL PAMB is composed of six (6) members and the meeting was attended by three (3) regular members, therefore, had no quorum. Since there is no quorum, the TWG meeting was diverted into MMPL TWG Special meeting.

The meeting was attended by 8 guests, 2 from SIBOL, 2 from Macro-Asia, 2 from MGB thru online and 2 from Calmia Nickel Inc. also thru online.

Below are the discussions and what has transpired during the two-days meeting.

Activities	Discussion	Remarks/ Agreement reach /Recommendations
Preliminaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PrayerSinging of the National anthem	Led by the PAMO thru FTI Michael John Cantuba via audio visual presentation
Call to order	PASu read the attendance of the meeting.	

Determination of quorum	The PASu stated that out of the six (6) members of the TWG, only 3 have attended.	The PASu declared that there is no quorum.
Special meeting	Due to the absence of the majority of the TWG members, the present members agreed to continue the discussion thru a special meeting.	<p>Mr. John Vincent Fabello, DMO South representative of PCSDS motioned to continue with the discussion thru a special meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Rhodora Ubani, Chief CDS of DENR PENR Office.</p> <p>Agendas such as reading and approval of the provisional agenda, the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising from the minutes were differed due to the declaration of no quorum.</p>
<p>Agenda 1. Presentation of reviewed Section of MMPL Management Plan in connection to High Conservation Value of SIBOL project to be conducted in Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape</p>	<p>The subject activity focuses on the possible assistance/intervention of the SIBOL project in the finalization of MMPL PAMP 2021-2030 thru High Conservation Value Assessment (HCVA) program.</p> <p>FTI Cantuba discussed the initial assessment, commitment and decision made by the TWG members in the amendment of the MMPL PAMP 2021-2030 prior to the comments and instruction from the RED.</p> <p>Two main programs under the MMPL PAMP 2021-2030 was identified for assistance by SIBOL, these are the Bio-physical and Socio-Economic.</p> <p>Mr. Ramil Cyril Dacillo of SIBOL discussed the HCVA program in which three (3) survey activities could provide the data needed in the Bio-physical and Socio-Economic information gap of MMPL PAMP 2021-2030.</p> <p>These three survey activities are (1) Terrestrial Ground-truthing survey using Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, (2) Ecological Assessments and (3) Study of Drivers of Land-use Change.</p> <p>Mr. Dacillo also discussed the Objectives, methodology, number of</p>	<p>It was mentioned during the meeting that Conservation International (CI) and SIBOL had a complementation agreement pertaining to their programs in MMPL. One of those is the that site-specific approach wherein each project will not intervene or set another program specially of the same nature in the same area.</p> <p>Since HCVA is also bounded by the agreement and was set on specific sites (Barangays) only, the PAMO suggested to apply the HCVA program all-over MMPL to get holistic information.</p> <p>Considering that the subject matter was already presented and discussed during the last TWG meeting dated August 25-26, 2022. The present members of the TWG agreed that the suggestion of the PAMO should be elevated to the en banc for further evaluation and proper decision.</p>

	<p>people to be involved, duration, location and expected output of each survey activities.</p>	
<p>Agenda 2. Presentation of Memorandum of Instruction from the DENR Regional Office dated August 18, 2022 with subject "Letter dated 22 July 2022 of macro Asia Mining Corporation re: PAMB Clearance (MMPL) Certificate of Exemption for MPSA No. 220-2005-IVB and activity report on the conducted site evaluation/ validation of MPSA no. 220-2005-IVB (RDATS nos. 2022-91335; P-2022-91921</p>	<p>The meeting was attended by guests from concern offices such as Mines and Geoscience Bureau (MGB), Calmia Nickel Inc. and Macro-Asia Mining corporation.</p> <p>Despite the lack of quorum, Mr. Fabello of PCSDS and Ms. Ubani of DENR suggested and requested to continue with the discussion to make use of the time and effort of the present members, guests and PAMO staff and to initially hear and record important matters connected to the subject.</p> <p>The PAMO thru the APASu discussed the actions taken by the PAMO based on the request for PAMB clearance by Macro-Asia thru Mr. Belgium Tandoc last March 11, 2022. In response, the PAMO conducted initial assessment last March 21, 2022 and required the proponent to provide the following documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCIP Clearance • Area Clearance • Barangay Resolution • Municipal Resolution • Proponents profile • Copy of proponent's business permit <p>and on June 28-30, 2022 MMPL staff conducted site validation/ ground inspection of Macro-Asia Mining Corporation (MMC). However, data gathered is incomplete due to bad weather condition and other hindrances. Only 10 out of 30 corners were found.</p> <p>The PAMO requested to continue the activity per emailed letter dated July 09, 2022 to Mr. Belgium S. Tandoc, Vice President for Business Development of Macro-Asia Mining Corporation, unfortunately, there is no response.</p>	<p>The guests agreed to continue with the discussion but no decision/motion was made.</p> <p>The following subject matter were brought up and clarified during the discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would be better to have an MGB representative in the conduct of area validation based on the instruction of higher DENR Office. MGB representative present during the meeting replied that the request is possible if coordinated in advance. 2. The proponent has no objection with the validation activity of the PAMO. 3. The MPSA was approved first before the declaration of MMPL. 4. Request by the PAMO of list of other possibly approved MPSAs or applications inside the protected area. Noted by MGB. 5. One of the instructions of the Regional Office is to conduct inventory of resources in the area, in connection to this, the PASu asked what particular resources are to be inventoried. MGB representative suggested to refer on the old EIA of Macro-Asia. The suggestion was noted by the PASu. 6. Mr. Omar Alfonso of Macro-Asia said that one of the requirements for SEP clearance is the Biodiversity Assessment. Mr. Fabello added that it could be shared to the PAMB. The matter was noted by the PASu. 7. The PAMO, present TWG members and Macro-Asia agreed to focused on locating the rest of the boundary corners of MPSA 220-2005-IVB before resolving data needed for inventory of natural resources. 8. PASu suggested that PAMO staff/team is available for the continuation of validation of activity on 3rd week of October and representative of Macro-Asia said that they will inform higher office for confirmation.

	On August 26, 2022 a memorandum dated August 18, 2022 was received by the PENRO thru channel from the OIC-Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services bearing instruction to verify the boundaries of the MPSA with completed staff work submitted to the Regional Office and presented to the PAMB.	
Adjournment	No further comments/ suggestions from the TWG members.	The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.

These are the MMPL-PAMO staff who acted as secretariat during the meeting.

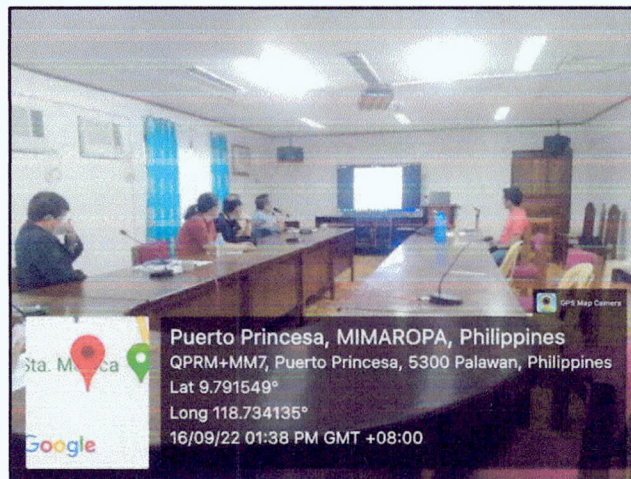
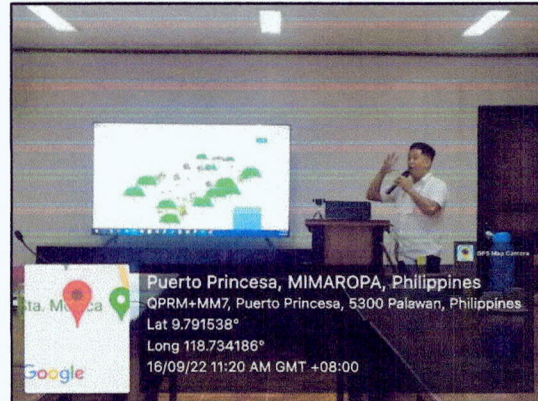
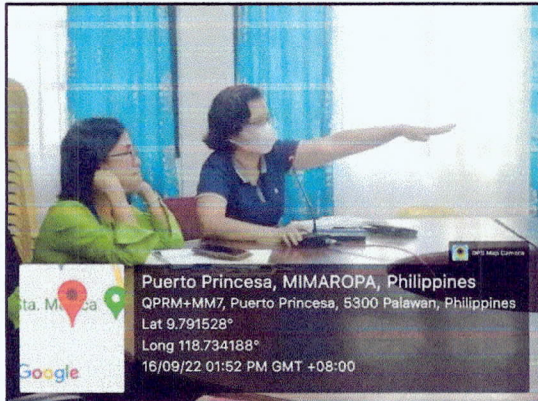
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Attached herein are photo documentation and attendance sheet during the 3rd back to back Protected Area Management Board Technical Working Group (TWG) for biodiversity conservation and monitoring committee and committee on project development meeting for Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape dated September 16, 2022 at PENRO Training Hall, Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

For your information, record and reference.


RENATO S. GONZAGA

PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE 3RD BACK TO BACK PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND MONITORING COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR MT. MANTALINGAHAN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE TURNED SPECIAL MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 AT PENRO TRAINING HALL, STA. MONICA PUERTO PRINCESA CITY





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September 27, 2022

MR. OMAR TEOGENESA. ALFONSO

Project Geologist
Macro Asia Mining Corporation

Sir:

Environmental Greetings!

This pertains to your request for PAMB Clearance (MMPL) application for MPSA No. 220-2005-IVB covering areas located at Brooke's Point, Palawan.

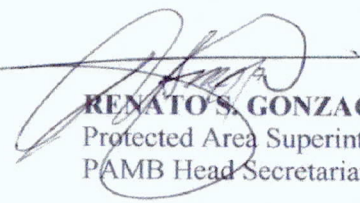
Please be informed that your request for PAMB Clearance (MMPL) has been referred to this Office per Memorandum dated August 18, 2022 from the Office of Assistant Regional Director (ARD) for Technical Services for corresponding appropriate action. Upon receipt of the subject memorandum instruction, the MMPL-PAMO referred the request of Macro-Asia together with the memorandum instruction to Committee on Biodiversity Conservation and Monitoring and Committee on Project and Development for review and further evaluation.

That on September 16, 2022 a back to back meeting of MMPL-TWG were convened however, due to lack of quorum the present TWG member agreed and decided that regular meeting be converted into special meeting. One of the agenda on that meeting was the request of Macro Asia for PAMB Clearance wherein after presentation, deliberation and discussion of the above memorandum instruction to be complied, it was agreed by the TWG member together with the representative from Macro Asia and other resource person via zoom from Mine and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) to facilitate the completion of the conduct of area verification/ validation of the approved MPSA No. 220-2005-IVB within MMPL before resolving the other needed data for the inventory of natural resources, taking into consideration the conducted biodiversity study of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) as basis for the inventory to be conducted. Moreover, it was also agreed during that meeting, that proposed activity be scheduled on the 3rd week of October, 2022 onwards.

In line with this, may we request an update on the scheduled activity for our reference in fixing our calendar of activities together with other member of the team who are joining the verification process.

Looking forward to your usual cooperation and prompt response.

Very truly yours,



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Protected Area Superintendent
PAMB Head Secretariat

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