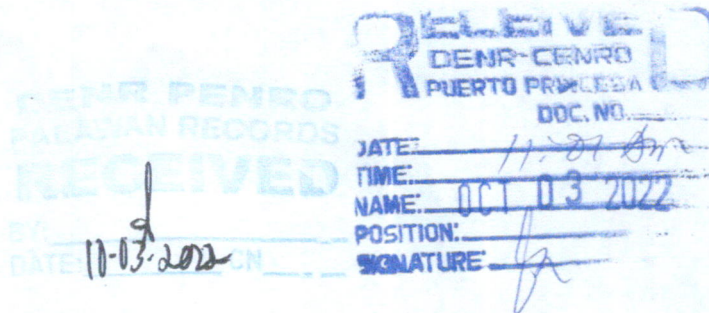


September 30, 2022

MR. PEDRO A. VELASCO  
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Sir,

We received a copy of your transmittals to Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) dated September 14, 2022 and DENR-MGB MIMAROPA Region dated September 20, 2022 which was sent in relation to your August 15, 2022 letter stating that our initiated FLAG-T letter of intent is "DENIED and cannot be processed and entertained by this Office due to the abovementioned reasons".

Please recall that we requested urgent clarification on the statements you gave in the August 15 letter explaining that our target area is:

- 1) within CORE ZONE (a strict protection zone),
- 2) is within the application for Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. IVB-147 of Berong Nickel Corporation, and
- 3) is within the CADT application of the Tagbanuas pursuant to the 14 May 2020 letter of NCIP Palawan Provincial Officer Roldan V. Parangue.

In your previous letter, you already expressly concluded, and made as basis for denial of request, that our intended area is within Core Zone per ECAN Zoning Map of PCSD and the same encroaches the mining tenement of Berong Nickel Corp. (BNC) the application for Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. IVB-147. However, in this letter, you are only inquiring from PCSD and MGB if it is covered or not.

May we inquire why you denied our request without prior query and official response from the PCSD and MGB?

We also request explanation why no response has been given us pursuant to the Anti-Red Tape Act.

Thank you.

  
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