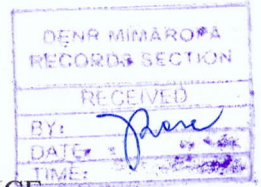




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April 03, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 DENR By The Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard,  
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU :** The Regional Director  
MGB –MIMAROPA Region

**FROM :** Provincial Environment and  
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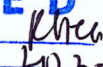
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THE MINING OPERATION OF IPILAN NICKEL  
CORPORATION AT BARANGAY MAASIN, BROOKE'S POINT,  
PALAWAN AS OF MARCH 31, 2023**

Forwarded is the copy memorandum report dated 31 March 2023 of CENRO Brooke's Point with pertinent enclosures regarding the above subject in relation to their continuous monitoring/assessment of the on-going public assembly/rally of residents from different barangays of Brooke's Point, Palawan pertaining to the operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC).

For information, and record.

  
**FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

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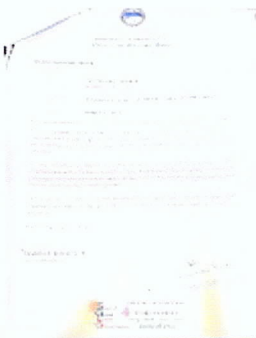
**Status report Re: Public assembly / Protest rally conducted by residents of Brooke's Point against the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation at Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan as of March 31, 2023**

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Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 11:13 AM

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**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

March 31, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM :** The Community Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **STATUS REPORT RE: PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/PROTEST  
RALLY CONDUCTED BY RESIDENTS OF BROOKE'S  
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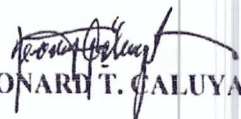
This pertains to the monitoring conducted by this Office from March 16, 2023 to date relative to the on-going public assembly/rally of the residents from the different barangays in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan composed of different community sectors (e.g Youth, Women and others) with their spokesperson Pastor Job Z. Lagrada along the National Highway of Purok 5, Barangay Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan, in front of the Office of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC).

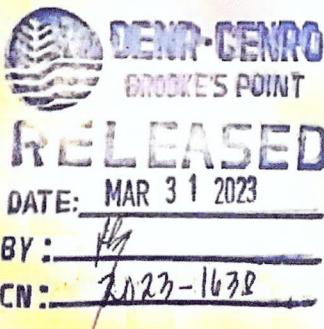
Relative thereto, it is informed that subject public assembly/rally has again been extended until April 4, 2023 per Memorandum Order No. 2023-094 dated March 27, 2023 issued by Hon. Cesarco R. Benedito, Jr., Municipal Mayor of Brooke's Point, Palawan.

In addition, Mayor Benedito likewise issued Memorandum Order No. 2023-087 dated March 20, 2023 with subject Notice of Violation/Notice to Stop address to Mr. Alex C. Arabis, Resident Mine Manager of Ipilan Nickel Corporation reiterating the Mayor's previous Order to stop all operations of the company effective immediately due to lack of Business/Mayor's Permit, otherwise the Municipal LGU will immediately seek a Court Temporary Restraining Order against Mr. Arabis and any accomplices.

Attached herewith are copies of the aforementioned Memorandum Orders for ready reference.

For your information and record.

  
**LEONARD T. CALUYA**



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**Photo documentation re: On-going Public Assembly/Rally of Residents Of Brooke's Point, Palawan against the Mining Operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation**



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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 2023-087

**TO :** Mr. ALEX C. ARADIS  
Resident Mine Manager  
Ipilan Nickel Corporation  
Bgy. Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan

**SUBJECT :** NOTICE OF VIOLATION/NOTICE TO STOP

**DATE :** MARCH 20, 2023

Section 3A-02 of the Administrative Provisions of Sangguniang Bayan Ordinance No. 2020-34 or the Revised Revenue Code of the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan, provides that:

*"No Business or Trade Undertaking can be lawfully begun or pursued in this municipality without the corresponding Mayor's Permit".*

This local government unit, through the undersigned, had already directed Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) to stop its operations due to lack of Business/Mayor's Permit.

Non-adherence to the issued Order of the undersigned is contrary to law as provided in Section 444 of the Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991: the Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation of the Chief Executive. Paragraph (b)(2) further provides that:

*"For efficient, effective and economical governance the purpose of which is the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code, the municipal mayor shall enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the municipality and the exercise of its corporate powers provided for under Section 22 of this Code implement all approved policies, programs, projects, services and activities of the municipality."*

In view thereof, the undersigned is reiterating his order to stop all your operations effective immediately. If your operations persist, we will immediately seek a court temporary restraining order against you and any accomplices in this matter.

For strict compliance.

  
**CESAREO R. BENEDITO, JR.**  
Municipal Mayor

Encls: 0000133



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**Office of the Municipal Mayor**

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 2023-094

TO: **PASTOR JOB Z. LAGRADA**  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

SUBJECT: **EXTENSION OF PERMIT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY**


DATE: **MARCH 27, 2023**


Pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 880 or the Public Assembly Act of 1985 ensures the free exercises of the people's right to hold a public assembly and to petition the government. So as not to abridge your freedom or your right, the undersigned has to act on your request for extension.

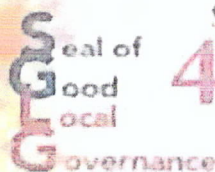
In view thereof, your request to extend the validity of your permit to conduct public assembly/rally within the public property or at the Road Right-of-Way of Highway from Maasin Crossing down to the approach of Tagdidili Bridge, Purok 5, Bgy. Maasin, this municipality, until April 04, 2023 (Tuesday) is hereby granted.

This is also to reiterate that it shall be your duty and responsibility to take all reasonable measures and steps to the end that the intended public assembly shall be conducted peacefully.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
**CESAREO R. BENEDITO, JR.**  
Municipal Mayor

  
Norman Bueno  
63-28-2023



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