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MIMAROPA REGION  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
1515 DENR By the Bay Building  
Roxas Blvd., Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

*Attention* : *The OIC ARD for Technical Services*

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

**SUBJECT** : **LETTER DATED MARCH 31, 2023 FROM RESIDENT  
MANAGER OF BERONG NICKEL CORPORATION MR.  
MARC RAYMUND L. ZAMORA**

Forwarded is the letter from Mr. Marc Raymund L. Zamora dated December 19, 2023 informing that they have filed a Forest Land Use (FLAg) and a Miscellaneous Lease Application (MSA) involving 14.95 hectares of Forestland and Foreshore to offshore areas situated at Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan.

Accordingly, per a series of consultations with CENRO Puerto Princesa, they are advised that FLAg shall cover only the terrestrial area and the portion covering water is under the jurisdiction of the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU) to implement rules on water permits.

Thus, the proponent is seeking advice and or guidance as to which tenurial instrument is the most applicable taking into consideration the above circumstances and the components stated.

This Office goes with the request of the proponent for future reference similar in nature. Further, we endeavor to seek for consideration furnishing a copy of guidelines if there is any that prohibits the filing of FLA/MLA on areas adjacent to timberland since a foreshore lease requires a monetary obligation that is beneficial to the government.

Attached are the related documents as mentioned.

For information and consideration leading to further instruction.

Copy furnished:

The CENRO Puerto Princesa

Mr. Marc Raymund L. Zamora  
Resident Manager  
Berong Nickel Coporation  
156, Manalo St., Puerto Princesa City  
TSD-RPS/DRN 2023-2992/lmo

*[Signature]*  
**FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

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31 March 2023

**FOR. FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa

**DENR PENRO  
PALAWAN RECORDS  
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BY: [Signature]  
DATE: 03-31-2023 DN 23-2992

Dear PENRO Cayatoc:

In connection with its Long Point Nickel Project, Berong Nickel Corporation (BNC) had filed, on 2 December 2022, an application with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) for a Forest Land Use (FLAg) and a Miscellaneous Lease Application (MLA) over an area, of more or less, 14.95 hectares of forestland, including foreshore to offshore, with the following components located in Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan:

Project	Hectares
Access road and stockyard	12.75
Causeway	2.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.95</b>

Following the said filing of our FLAg/MLA application, and in a series of consultations with CENRO, BNC was advised that FLAg shall cover the terrestrial area which includes only the access road and stockyard. On the other hand, the portion covering the waters shall be for the proper disposition by the concerned local government unit through the issuance of the necessary water permit covering said area.

Meanwhile, BNC was advised by other regulatory agencies that a water permit may not be appropriate for the stated purpose. CENRO was likewise consulted on the matter.

Given the above, BNC was then advised to further consult with your Regulation and Permitting Section for Lands and Forestry Tenures on the appropriate tenurial instrument for the development of a causeway, as stated above.

As a requirement in securing permits for the water portion of our application, and without abandoning its previous filing dates for its FLAg and other applications, BNC respectfully beseeches this Honorable Office to give guidance and clear direction on the needed tenurial

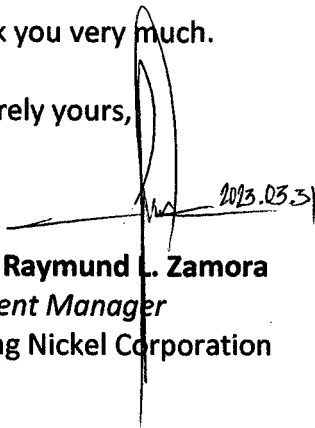
instrument, whichever is applicable, to consider foreshore lease agreement (FLA)/MLA or other lawful purposes under Special FLAg and Allowable Areas.

In support of these applications, we are formally furnishing copies of related correspondences and maps below, for your review and reference.

1. BNC Letter of Intent dated 1 December 2022
2. BNC Letter dated 3 March 2023
3. CENRO Reply dated 10 March 2023
4. Terrestrial Application Map for 12.75 hectares
5. Marine Application Map for 2.2 hectares

Thank you very much.

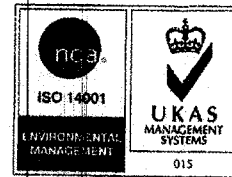
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Zamora', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date '2023.03.31' is handwritten.

**Marc Raymund L. Zamora**  
*Resident Manager*  
Berong Nickel Corporation

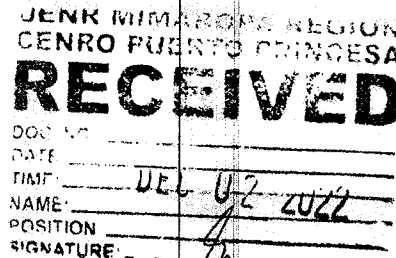


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01 December 2022

**HON. PEDRO A. VELASCO**  
**OIC-CENRO**  
Community Environment and  
Natural Resources - PPC  
Brgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City



**SUBJECT : Letter of Intent**

Dear CENRO Velasco:

As this Honorable Office has been made aware, Berong Nickel Corporation ("BNC") had completed the necessary phase of mineral exploration activities for its Long Point Nickel Project. With a view to putting the property into mineral production, BNC had proceeded to apply for and/or secure all permits related to its application for a Mineral Production Sharing Agreement ("MPSA") covering said area, including but is not limited to building a port facility that is proximate to the tenement area.

It is thus, through a technical meeting conducted before this Honorable Office, on 4 November 2022, that BNC consulted and inquired, among others, about the appropriate application that may be lodged with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") - Community Environment and Natural Resources Office ("CENRO") to construct said port facility, which is needed to support BNC's operation in its Long Point Nickel Project located in Aborlan, Palawan.

Upon verification with this Honorable Office, the identified location for the contemplated port facility covers some areas classified as timberland. In view of this, and with the guidance received from this Honorable Office at said technical meeting, BNC learned that an application for a Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) should be filed, and/or a FLAg is issued, to carry out the needed construction of the subject port facility.

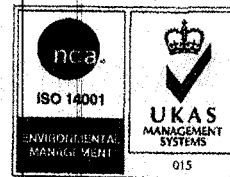
Therefore, as and by way of this Letter, BNC respectfully expresses its intent to apply for the following:

- (i) a FLAg application covering the timberland areas; and,
- (ii) an MLA application to cover the areas beyond the timberland and towards the water.



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In support of these applications, BNC hereby attaches with this letter the location map for the subject areas corresponding to the FLAG and MLA applications, for your review and/or evaluation.

We likewise would sincerely request another courtesy meeting when warranted, should you require on a schedule convenient for you.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**MARC RAYMUND L. ZAMORA**  
*Resident Manager*



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March 03, 2023

**FOR. PEDRO A. VELASCO**  
OIC-CENRO  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

PUERTO PRINCESA REGION  
CENRO  
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NAME: Mar 06 2023  
POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear Sir Velasco:

Good day. Berong Nickel Corporation - Long Point Nickel Project filed an application with your office for Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) over an area of more or less 14.95 hectares of forestland, including the foreshore to offshore for the following proposed projects situated in Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan.

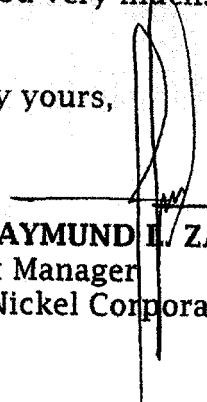
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As a requirement in securing clearances and endorsements from respective government agencies and local government units concerned, may we be please guided and respectfully request for your endorsement on the tenurial instrument applicable.

We have attached herewith is a copy of the map of the applied area for reference.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

  
**MARC RAYMUND I. ZAMORA**  
Resident Manager  
Berong Nickel Corporation



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March 10, 2023

**MR. MARC RAYMUND L. ZAMORA**

Resident Manager

Berong Nickel Corporation (BNC)

Brgy. Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan

Dear Mr. Zamora,

This is with reference with your letter dated March 3, 2023 pertaining to your application for proposed access road and stockyard including the causeway of Berong Nickel Corporation covering of more or less 12.75 and 2.20 hectares respectively situated in Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan.

Per consultation from our higher Office, the application for Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAG) shall cover only the terrestrial area which includes the access road and stockyard. With regard to the causeway, considering that the land fronting the seawater is classified as Timberland per Land Classification Map No. 2267 Project 10-F Certified on February 20, 1959, hence Foreshore Lease Agreement (FLA) or Miscellaneous Lease Application (MLA) is not applicable for the said project.

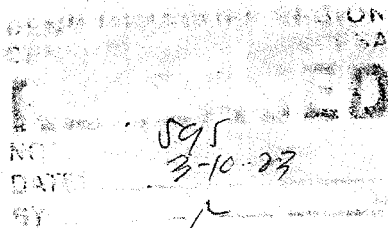
✓ In view thereof, since your application over 2.20 hectares for causeway is within municipal seawaters and the same is within the scope of the Local Government Code which authorizes the Municipal Government Unit to manage their municipal water, i.e. 15 kilometers coastline towards the sea. The said application shall be endorsed to the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Aborlan for issuance of Municipal Water Permit/Water Lease Agreement or its equivalent.

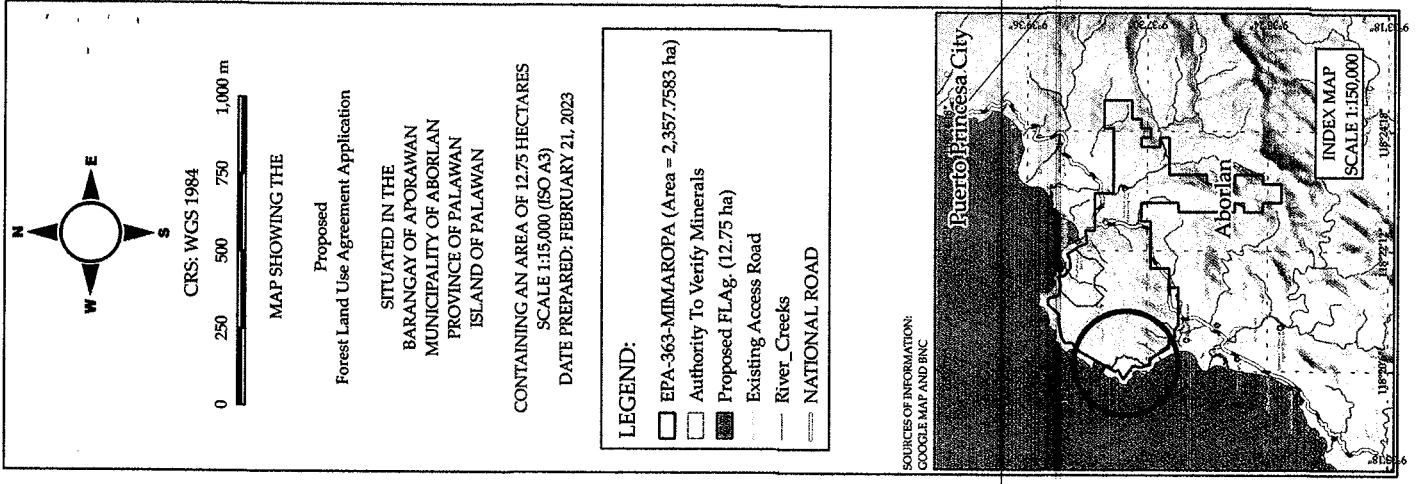
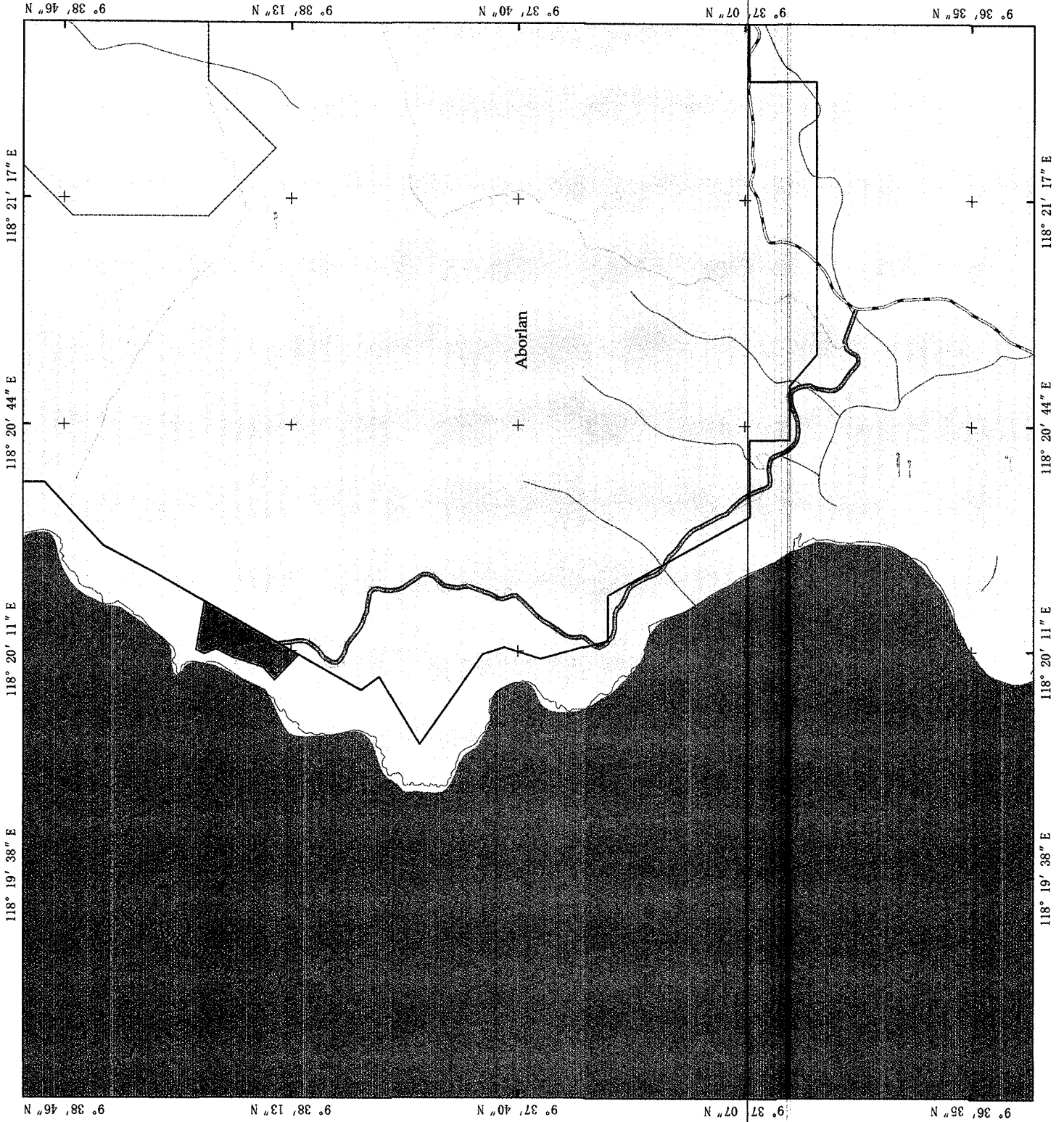
We hope this clarifies the process and guide you accordingly. Thank you.

Truly yours,

  
**PEDRO A. VELASCO**

Development Management Officer-IV  
OIC-CENRO





SOURCES OF INFORMATION:  
GOOGLE MAP AND BNC



118° 20' 14" E

118° 20' 06" E

118° 19' 58" E

COORDINATES		
Corner	Latitude (WGS 84)	Longitude (WGS 84)
1	9 38 20.785	118 20 01.914
2	9 38 24.721	118 20 04.225
3	9 38 22.157	118 20 08.661
4	9 38 18.169	118 20 06.440

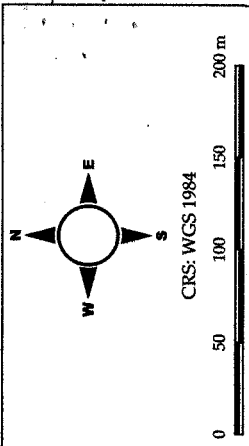
WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

Aborlan

118° 20' 14" E

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MAP SHOWING THE

Proposed  
Municipal Water Permit Application

SITUATED IN THE  
BARANGAY OF APORAWAN  
MUNICIPALITY OF ABORLAN  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN  
ISLAND OF PALAWAN

CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2.20 HECTARES  
SCALE 1:2,500 (ISO A3)  
DATE PREPARED: FEBRUARY 20, 2023

LEGEND:

- ☐ EPA-363-MIMAROPA (Area = 2,357,7583 ha)
- ☐ Authority To Verify Minerals
- ☐ Proposed Mun. Water Permit App.  
(Area = 2.20 ha)
- Existing Access Road

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