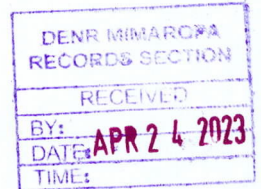




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April 19, 2023

**RED Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV**  
DENR IV-B Regional Executive Director  
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Dear RED Claudio:

*Update on the incident on April 14, 2023, after the implementation of Writ of Preliminary Prohibitory and Mandatory Injunction*

We are writing to update you on the illegal entry, obstruction, and violence employed by anti-mining protesters against Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) on April 14, 2023.

Pursuant to the Writ of Preliminary and Mandatory Injunction issued by the Regional Trial Court of Brooke's Point Branch 165, at around 7AM of April 14, 2023, INC with the assistance of Brooke's Point PNP successfully dismantled the structures constructed by and dispersed anti-mining protesters within its main haul roads. INC then commenced the hauling and transport of extracted nickel ore from the mine pit to the causeway.

Mining and hauling operations were again put on standstill, when at about 4 PM, an unidentified truck bearing the Department of Agriculture logo forcibly entered through the barangay feeder road, and obstructed INC Main Haul Road 2. Anti-mining protesters took advantage of the obstruction and immediately formed a human barricade in MHR-2 – outside the coverage of the rally permit issued by the Office of the Mayor to Pastor Job Lagrada.<sup>1</sup>

INC immediately sought police assistance and intervention. Chief of Police Raffy Esperida gave the protesters adequate time to leave the premises to prevent any violent response to their unlawful occupation of private property. Esperida cautioned that the protesters could encounter legal consequences if they persisted in their unlawful conduct. Both parties have exerted their utmost effort to demonstrate the highest level of tolerance. However, despite these efforts, the mob usurpers have chosen to defy legal processes and engage in lawlessness. The protesters obstructed the haul road of INC and assaulted guards using makeshift pepper sprays.<sup>2</sup> They also threw rocks at them, resulting in injuries to different parts of their bodies.<sup>3</sup> The security guards of INC responded with self-defense which was reasonable because of the aggressive conduct of the protesters. As a result, a few protesters surrendered to the law enforcement officers who were there to uphold the law.

INC filed and is intending to file criminal charges against the persons accountable for the occurrence. We will remain committed to our thrust of safeguarding the interests of the company's stakeholders towards sustainable development and genuine environmental protection.

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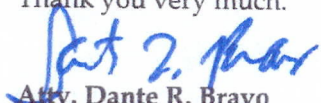
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Thank you very much.



Atty. Dante R. Bravo

President



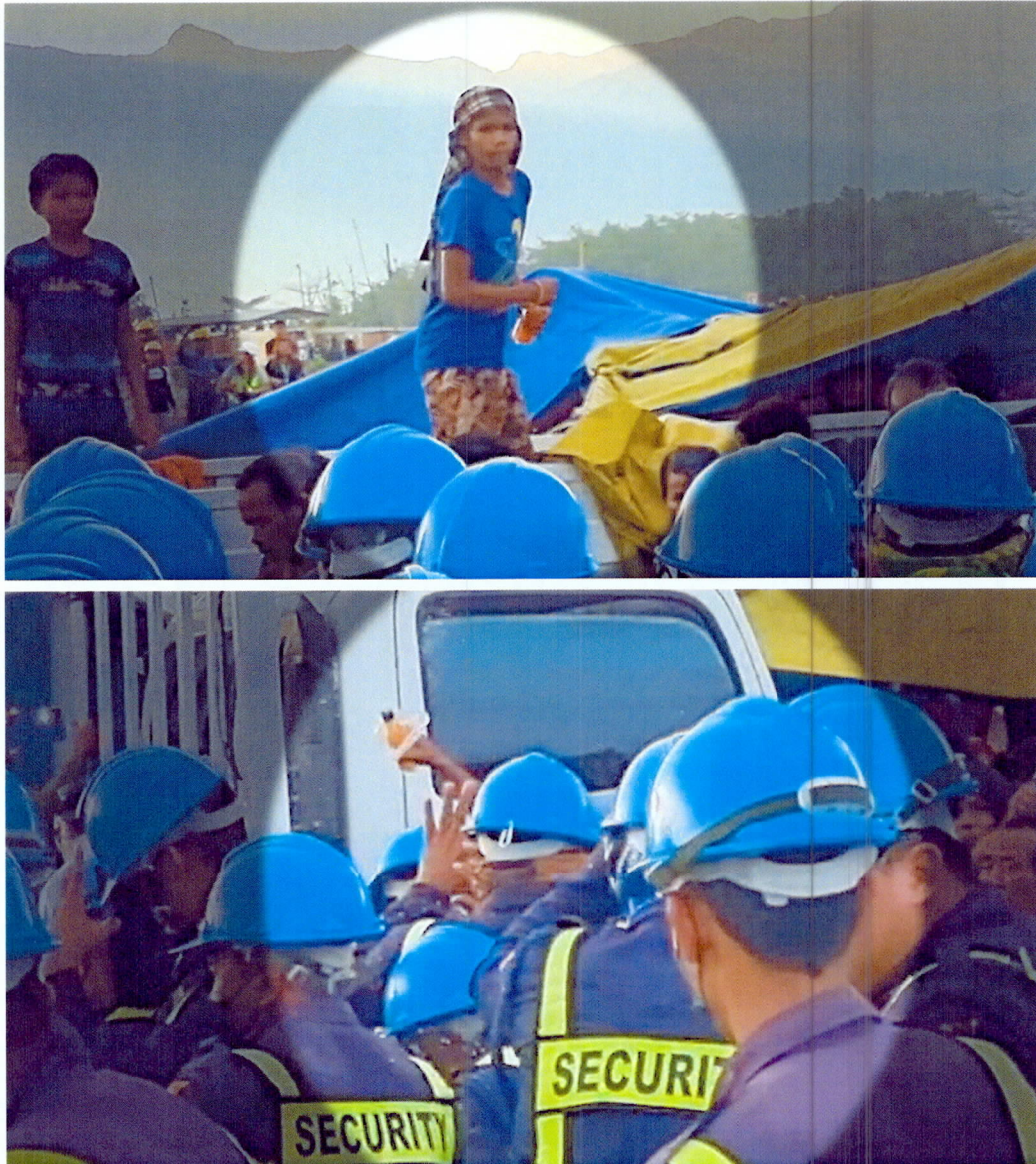


Protesters parked a government truck in the company's passageway.



Protesters took their way onto INC's private property via a back road.





Protesters assaulted guards using makeshift pepper sprays.





Protesters started throwing rocks injuring security officers.



INC security officers with reported injuries.