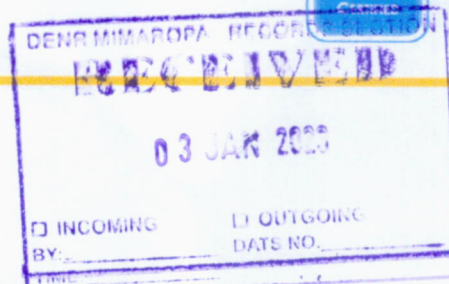




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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

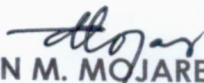
SUBJECT : Complaint on the Alleged Illegal Mining Operations of
Ipilan Nickel Corporation at Brooke's Point, Palawan

This has reference to the Memorandum dated 23 December 2022 citing Mr. Jonathan B. Miano's allegations against Ipilan Nickel Corporation's (INC) mining operation in the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan.

Please be informed that this Office provided Mr. Miano the pertinent details on INC's legal documents per the attached Letter dated 03 November 2021.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and reference.

By Authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, PhD
Chief, Geosciences Division
OIC, Office of the Regional Director

Enc'l.: AS stated

cf: **ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I**
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DIR. JAIME LLAGUNO MABINI
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MR. JONATHAN B. MIANO
Complainant

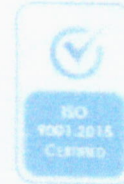
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03 November 2021

Mr. Jonathan Miano, Jr.
jbmr243@gmail.com

Dear Mr. J. Miano, Jr.:

This refers to the electronic mail (e-mail) dated 28 October 2021 to the DENR Action Center/Hotline, which was then forwarded to this Office on 02 November 2021 at 06:09 PM.

Based on the said e-mail, the following allegations against the mining operations of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (Ipilan), operator of Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation in Brooke's Point, Palawan were noted:

A. *"the mining company that doing a business without permission"*

Here are some facts:

1. Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000 was granted on September 18, 1993 and amended on 10 April 2000 to conform with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942.
2. Mayor's Permit No. 1099 was issued on 18 October 2021 by the Office of the Municipal Mayor of Brooke's Point, Palawan in favor of Ipilan.
3. Resolution dated 19 August 2021 was issued by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development to immediately reinstate the Strategic Environmental Plan Clearance No. MODP-122110-001 issued to Ipilan.
4. The Annual Compliance Monitoring at Ipilan for CY 2020 conducted on 26-29 July 2021 by this Office showed that no commercial or mining operation, except for environmental management activities, were observed within the contract area of MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000. This period of non-operation was also certified by the Local Government Units of Barangays Calasaguen and Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan. The environmental management activities observed within the MPSA contract area were only limited to planting of grasses to cover unutilized road and cleared areas and maintenance of sediment control structures.
5. This allegation was previously addressed by DENR – MIMAROPA Region as per attached 12 February 2020 Letter to the Mayor of Brooke's Point, Palawan.

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B. "they started to cut trees without DENR permits and Chainsaw Permit, and most of all, they do not have a single permit in their hand to operate"

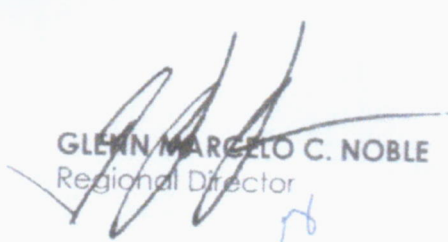
We are of knowledge that during the cutting of trees on April 2017, Ipilan has a Special Tree Cutting and Earth Baling Permit No. DENR IV-B MIMAROPA-2016-14 covering 52.15 hectares.

Please be assured that this Office, in coordination with the CENRO – Brooke's Point, is regularly monitoring the mining rights in Palawan.

We hope that we have provided sufficient information regarding your concerns.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

Enc'l: As stated

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