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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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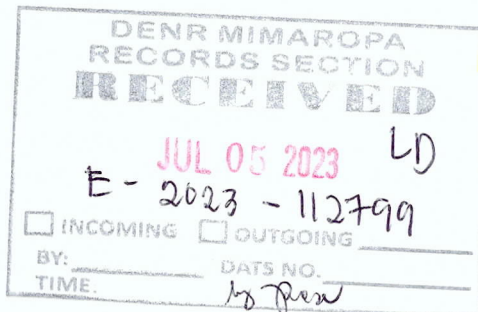
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Mines and Geosciences Bureau

North Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

**FROM : THE OIC-OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR AND  
CHIEF, POLICY, PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS DIVISION IN CONCURRENT CAPACITY  
This Office**

**DATE : JULY 3, 2023**

**TIME : 3:00 PM via MS TEAMS**

**SUBJECT : CASE CONFERENCE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE  
SOLICITOR GENERAL IN RELATION TO THE PETITION  
FOR WRIT OF KALIKASAN FILED BY VERONICA  
BATAN, ET.AL., AGAINST THE MGB, DENR AND ALTAI  
PHILIPPINES MINING CORP. (G.R. NO. 265146)**

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This refers to the subject Petition for Writ of Kalikasan filed by Veronica Batan, et.al., against the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Altai Philippines Mining Corporation. Please be informed that this Office received on June 30, 2023 a copy of a Resolution issued by the Supreme Court En Banc relative to the case. The Supreme Court resolved to issue a Writ of Kalikasan against the respondents and refer the case to the Court of Appeals for further reception of evidence, among others.

Relative thereto, the Office of the Solicitor General requested for a case conference this afternoon which will be held via Microsoft teams. Thus, we would like to request you or your representative(s) to attend the aforesaid case conference. Our personnel from the Legal Service Division will accordingly coordinate with your Office.

For your information and consideration.



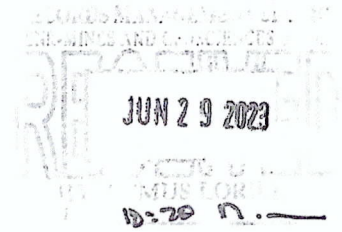
**ENGR. TEODORICO A. SANDOVAL**





Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Manila

EN BANC



VERONICA R. BATAN, ELMOR  
A. BORDA, AND ALFREO B.  
PASCUAL,

Petitioners,

G.R. No. 265146

- versus -

MINES AND GEOSCIENCES  
BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND  
ALTAI PHILIPPINES MINING  
CORPORATION,

Respondents.

WRIT OF *KALIKASAN*

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- TO: \* MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU [MGB] (x)  
MGB Compound, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
- \* DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES [DENR] (x)  
DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City
- \* ALTAI PHILIPPINES MINING CORPORATION (x)  
1901 Tycoon Center, Pearl Drive, Brgy. San Antonio,  
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, on June 13, 2023, adopted a resolution in the above-entitled case, to wit:

**G.R. No. 265146** (Veronica R. Batan, Elmor A. Borda, and Alfredo B. Pascual vs. Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Altai Philippines Mining Corporation).— Acting on the Petition for Writ of *Kalikasan* (with Prayer for the Issuance of a Temporary Environmental Protection Order), the Court Resolved to

- (a) **ISSUE a WRIT OF *KALIKASAN*** against  
the respondents;

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\* Already furnished with copy of petition

(b) **REQUIRE** the respondents to file a **VERIFIED RETURN/COMMENT** on the petition within a **NON-EXTENDIBLE** period of ten (10) days after service of the writs;


(c) **REFER** the case to the **COURT OF APPEALS** for further reception of evidence pursuant to A.M. No. 09-6-8-SC; and

(d) **DENY** the prayer for the *ex-parte* Temporary Environmental Protection Order.

The Court further Resolved to **NOTE** the Entry of Appearance dated May 29, 2023 filed by Esguerra & Blanco, entering its appearance as counsel for respondent Altai Philippines Mining Corporation and **GRANT** said counsel's request to be served with copies of all notices, orders, and other processes at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Floors, S&L Building, Dela Rosa corner Esteban Streets, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

NOW, THEREFORE, You, respondents, are hereby required to file a **VERIFIED RETURN/COMMENT** on the petition before this Court within a **NON-EXTENDIBLE** period of ten (10) days from receipt hereof.

GIVEN by authority of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, in Manila, Philippines.

  
**MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS**  
Clerk of Court *f*


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G.R. No. 265146  
kat 6/13/23 (Writ of Kalikasan) 6/16/23

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HON. REMEDIOS A. SALAZAR-FERNANDO (x)  
Presiding Justice  
ATTY. ANITA JAMERLAN REY (x)  
Executive Clerk of Court IV  
Court of Appeals  
Manila







Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Manila

EN BANC

NOTICE

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Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court en banc issued a Resolution dated JUNE 13, 2023, which reads as follows:*

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By authority of the Court:

  
**MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS**  
Clerk of Court