

## Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA Region

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March 09, 2023

## **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

The Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA Region

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The Regional Director

MGB -MIMAROPA Region

FROM

Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT:

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 07, 2023

Forwarded is the narrative/status report dated 07 March 2023 of CENRO Brooke's Point (with attachment) regarding the public Assembly/Protest being conducted by residents of Brooke's Point against the mining operation of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) at Brgy, Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan as of March 07, 2023.

For your information, and record.

FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

RGT/EMU Doc. No. 2023-2059 PENRO-RECORDS

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Date: 10 MAR 2020n 23-640



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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Brooke's Point, Palawan

March 7, 2023

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MEMORANDUM

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The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM

FOR

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

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 7, 2023

This pertains 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) and the Satellite Hauling Road of the company.

Relative thereto, per monitoring conducted by this Office from March 1, 2023 to date, it is observed that the public assembly/rally is still being held peacefully. As of 1:00 PM of March 7, 2023, there are more or less 50 people observed while eating and resting in the area.

In addition, it is informed that the subject Public Assembly/Rally has once again been extended until March 14, 2023 in reference to Memorandum Order No. 2023-072 dated March 6, 2023 issued by Hon. Cesareo R. Benedito, Jr., Brooke's Point Municipal Mayor addressed to Pastor Job Z. Lagrada. In the said memorandum order it has been reiterated that it shall be Pastor Lagrada's duty and responsibility to take all reasonable measures and steps to the end that the intended public assembly shall be conducted peacefully.

On the other hand, it is also informed that based on the news/updates published by Palawan Star on its FB Page on March 6, 2023, the Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) has filed a complaint with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) against Mayor Benedito and MENR Officer Remie Mostiero allegedly for excessive demands and intentional delays in the renewal of the company's business permit for CY 2023 and likewise requesting for the ARTA Director General Hon. Secretary Ernesto V. Perez to step in and order the immediate release of the requested business permit.

Attached herewith is a copy of Memorandum Order 2023-072 for ready reference.

For your information and record.

DENR-CENRO BROOKE'S POINT RELEASED

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## MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 2022-072

TO

: PASTOR JOB Z. LAGRADA

Brooke's Point, Palawan

SUBJECT

: EXTENSION OF PERMIT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY/RALLY

DATE

: MARCH 6, 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. It further provides that "It shall be the duty of the mayor or any official acting in his behalf to issue or grant a permit unless there is a clear and convincing evidence that the public assembly will create and present danger to public order, public safety, public convenience, public morals or public health". So as not to abridge the freedom or your right to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances, the undersigned has to act on the matter on your request for extension.

In view thereof, your request to extend the validity of your permit to conduct public assembly/rally 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 March 14, 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

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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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