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**SOLICITOR GENERAL MENARDO I. GUEVARRA**

Office of the Solicitor General

134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Village, Makati City

**SUBJECT : PETITION FOR WRIT OF KALIKASAN WITH PRAYER FOR  
THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION ORDER (TEPO) VERONICA R. BATAN,  
ELMOR A. BORDA AND ALFREO B. PASCUAL  
PETITIONERS VS. MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU  
DENR ALTAI PHILIPPINES MINING CORP.  
RESPONDENTS**

**Dear Solicitor General Guevarra:**

This pertains to the petition<sup>1</sup> filed before the Supreme Court, Manila by the petitioners in the above-mentioned case.

The Department, as one of the respondents of the case, was furnished with a copy of the said **Petition for issuance of a Writ of Kalikasan with Prayer for issuance of Temporary Environmental Protection Order (TEPO) dated 06 February 2023.**

In their pleading, the petitioners are praying the following:

1. Issue a TEPO ordering respondents and all acting in their interest to refrain from transporting and/or exporting the nickel ore shipment;
2. Direct respondent Altai Philippines Mining Corporation to cease and desist from engaging in any mining-related activity, exploration or otherwise, in its contract area unless and until a full-blown, thorough and independent investigation of all of the Respondents' illegal activities is conducted and the extent of their liabilities are determined and meted appropriate penalties;
3. Declare null and void OTP No. OTP-APMC-162-001-2022-MIMAROPA and MOEP No. DENR-MGB-22-008, including any extension or renewal thereof;
4. Direct respondent Altai Philippines Mining Corporation to restore and rehabilitate the damaged forests, mangroves, foreshore, coral reefs and other ecosystems affected by the illegal mining activities and port construction to its original state;
5. Require respondent DENR to make periodic reports on the execution of final judgment.

<sup>1</sup> Copy of the Petition is attached as ANNEX "A".



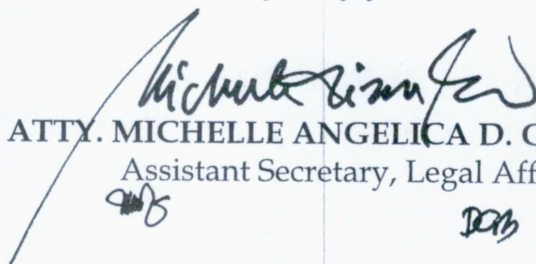
Thus, this Office is endorsing the Petition to the OSG as the official representative of government agencies in any litigation or proceeding.

Additionally, this Office received a copy of the petitioners' Manifestation<sup>2</sup> dated 07 February 2023. Please be informed that the same Manifestation was previously endorsed<sup>3</sup> by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) to your Office.

For any other concerns as regards this endorsement, the OSG may directly coordinate with the Legal Affairs Service through [las.denr@gmail.com](mailto:las.denr@gmail.com).

Thank you very much for your continued support to the Department.

Very truly yours,

  
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<sup>2</sup> Copy of the Manifestation attached as ANNEX "B"

<sup>3</sup> Copy of the Endorsement attached as ANNEX "C"