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PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

**Excerpts from the Minutes of the 235th PCSD Meeting
Governor's Conference Room, 2/F Capitol Complex
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
July 27, 2017**

Present:

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| 1. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor | Chairman |
| 2. Vice Gov. V. Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 4. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, NEDA | Member |
| 5. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative | Member |
| 6. Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative | Member |

Represented:

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| 7. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Department of Agriculture
Represented by Dir. Leo P. Cañeda | Member |
| 8. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities
Represented by Hon. Mary Jean D. Feliciano | Member |
| 9. Hon. Lucilo Bayron, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City
Represented by Atty. Carlo Gomez | Member |
| 10. LTGEN Raul L. Del Rosario, Commander, WESCOM
Represented by LTC Glenn B. Destriza PN (M) | Member |

Absent:

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| 11. Usec. Marlo D. Mendoza, Undersecretary, DENR | Member |
| 12. Mr. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| 13. Atty. Leonor T. Oralde-Quintayo, Chairperson, NCIP, | Member |

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 17-589

“RECOMMENDING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) THE CANCELLATION OF THE MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT (MPSA) OF IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION FOR THE PROJECT IPILAN NICKEL PROJECT MINING OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT BARANGAYS IPILAN, MAMBALOT, MAASIN AND CALASAGUEN, BROOKE’S POINT, PALAWAN”

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1992, Republic Act No. 7611, otherwise known as the “Strategic Environmental Plan” for Palawan was enacted, declaring the policy to protect,

Vision: Palawan, an innovative and dynamic global center of sustainable development
Mission: PCSDS as the driver of environmental conservation and inclusive development in Palawan, a biosphere reserve and science-for-sustainability site, guided by the Strategic Environmental Plan

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develop and conserve its natural resources. It shall support and promote the sustainable development goals for the provinces through proper conservation, utilization and development of natural resources to provide optimum yields on a continuing basis;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the same law, a comprehensive framework entitled Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) was adopted for the sustainable development of Palawan which shall serve to guide the local government and the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting Palawan;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the same law provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan; all local governments in Palawan and the concerned national and regional government agencies operating therein shall coordinate and align their projects and the corresponding budgets with the project, programs and policies of the SEP;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7611 provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD);

WHEREAS, to ensure the attainment of the present goals and objectives, the PCSD promulgated on October 24, 2014 the PCSD Administrative Order No. 06, as amended or the Revised Guidelines in the Implementation of SEP Clearance System;

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte said in his State of the Nation Address (SONA):

“At this point in my administration, if possible, we shall put a stop to the extraction and exportation of our mineral resources to foreign nations for processing abroad and importing them back to the Philippines in the form of consumer goods at prices twice or thrice the value of the original raw materials foreign corporations pay for them.

In the extraction and utilization of these resources, extreme care must be exercised that we do not recklessly and needlessly harm the environment. Responsible, regulated and sustainable development is what we advocate and require. The protection of the environment must be made a priority ahead of mining and all other activities that adversely affect one way or another. And this policy is non-negotiable.

I sternly warn, I am warning all mining operations and contractors to refrain from the unbridled and irresponsible destruction of our watersheds, forests, and aquatic resources. You have gained much from mining, we only get about 70 billion a year, but you have considerably neglected your responsibility to protect and preserve – and even the tax, it’s about five percent – environment for posterity.

I am holding all mining companies and its officials responsible for the full and quick clean-up, restoration [and] rehabilitation of all areas damaged by mining activities, and the extension of all necessary support to the

communities that have suffered mining's disastrous effects on their health, livelihood, and environment, among others."

WHEREAS, the Council *en banc* deems it necessary and imperative to forestall the great probability of further environmental degradation and deterioration of natural resources in areas where the Ipilan Nickel Corporation is operating as the latter's continuous operations have high potentials for significant negative environmental impacts in the Province of Palawan;

WHEREAS, the Council *en banc* recalled the SEP Clearance issued to Ipilan Nickel Corporation under PCSD Resolution No. 17-588 entitled "RECALLING THE SEP CLEARANCE NO. MODP-122110-001 ISSUED TO IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION FOR THE PROJECT IPILAN NICKEL PROJECT MINING OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT BARANGAYS IPILAN, MAMBALOT, MAASIN AND CALASAGUEN, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN;"



WHEREAS, with the recall of above-mentioned SEP Clearance, it is but prudent that the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Ipilan Nickel Corporation be cancelled;

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to recommend, as it is hereby RECOMMENDED, to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) the cancellation of the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) of Ipilan Nickel Corporation for the Project Ipilan Nickel Project Mining Operation and Development located at Barangays Ipilan, Mambalot, Maasin and Calasaguen, Brooke's Point, Palawan;


RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the DENR Secretary, Municipal Government of Brooke's Point, Ipilan Nickel Corporation, and concerned agencies and parties for information and guidance;

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27th day of July 2017 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 27th day of July 2017 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary 

ATTESTED BY:


JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Chair, PCSD 