



Republic of the Philippines
(Republic Act No. 7611)

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 249th PCSD Regular Meeting
Best Western Plus, The Ivywall Hotel
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
November 23, 2018

Present:

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| 1. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor | Chair |
| 2. Vice Gov. V. Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 4. Usec. Rodolfo C. Garcia, Undersecretary, DENR | Member |
| 5. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities | Member |
| 6. BM. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| 7. Atty. Jansen I. Jontila, NGO Representative | Member |

Represented:

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| 8. USec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA,
Represented by Director Antonio Gerundio | Member |
| 9. LtGen Rozzano D Briguez AFP, Commander, WESCOM
Represented by CAPT Dorvin Jose L Legazpi (GSC) | Member |
| 10. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro Deputy Director General, NEDA
Represented by Assistant Secretary Mercedita A. Sombilla | Member |

Absent

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| 11. Mr. Bobby L. Castro, Representative, Business Sector | Member |
| 12. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor of Puerto Princesa City | Member |

RESOLUTION NO. 18-654

**“RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ACTION OF
MAYOR MARY JEAN FELICIANO OF BROOKE’S
POINT IN ORDERING IPILAN NICKEL
CORPORATION TO VOLUNTARILY VACATE THE
PREMISES IT IS OCCUPYING IN BARANGAY
MAASIN AND REQUESTING THE DENR TO DENY
WITH FINALITY THE APPLICATION FOR THE
RENEWAL OF ITS MPSA No. 017-93-IV”**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No.7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992, section 6 of which provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies

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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concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan pursuant to the declared policy of the State to protect, develop and conserve its natural resources;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19 of the SEP law, the PCSD is likewise vested with the power to coordinate with the local government to ensure that the latter's plans, programs and projects are aligned with the plans, programs and policies of the SEP and to perform related functions which shall promote the development, conservation, management, protection, and utilization of the natural resources of Palawan;

WHEREAS, on October 08, 2018, the Council was furnished copy of the letter of Mayor Jean Feliciano of Municipality of Brooke's Point ordering Ipilan Nickel Corporation to vacate the area it is occupying in Barangay Maasin as the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 017-93-IV of Celestial Nickel Mining Corporation (CNMEC) which is currently operated by Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) has already expired;

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2017 under PCSD Resolution No. 17-588, this Council has recalled the SEP Clearance issued to Ipilan Nickel Corporation and under PCSD Resolution No. 17-589 this Council requested the DENR to cancel the MPSA as 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;

WHEREAS, the record from Mines and Geosciences Bureau showed that the MPSA of Celestial Nickel Mining Exploration Corporation which is being operated by Ipilan Nickel Mining Corporation has expired in 17 September 2018 and the company has filed for its renewal with DENR on 24 October 2017;

WHEREAS, the Council deemed it imperative for Ipilan Nickel Corporation to vacate the area as a strategy of keeping Palawan's diversity intact and to achieve a sustainable balance between the goals of conserving biological diversity, promoting economic development, and maintaining associated cultural values;

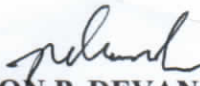

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, this Council resolves as it is hereby resolved expressing full and unequivocal support to Mayor Jean Feliciano's action in ordering Ipilan Nickel Corporation to volutarily vacate the area it is occupying in Barangay Maasin;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the DENR be requested as it is hereby requested to deny with finality the application for renewal of MPSA No. 017-93-IV;


RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Ipilan Nickel Corporation, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Municipal Government of Brooke's Point and other concerned agencies for their information and guidance;

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of November 2018 at Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted and approved by the PCSD on the 23rd day of November 2018 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary 

ATTESTED BY:


JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Chair, PCSD 