



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Regional Office No. VIII
DENR Compound, Jones St., Tacloban City, Philippines



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUÑADO**
Bureau Director
Environmental Management Bureau

THRU : **ATTY. JOHN EDWARD T. ANG**
Chief, Prosecution, Legal Enforcement, Hearings, and
Investigation Section

FROM : **THE OIC- REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
DENR-EMB Regional Office No. VIII

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 2022 FROM CHROMITE
KING INCORPORATED ADDRESSED TO THE MGB
REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII INVOLVING THE ALLEGED
ILLEGAL EXPORTATION OF NICKEL ORE AT THE
HOMONHON ISLAND, GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR**

DATE : **20 April 2022**

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
RELEASED BY: [Signature]
DATE: 4/21/2022
TIME: 4:39pm

Respectfully furnishing your office a copy of a letter¹ dated 13 April 2022 from the Chromite King Incorporated, thru Chairman Ming Yan, addressed to the Regional Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Regional Office No. VIII, involving the alleged illegal exportation of nickel ore by Techiron Resources Incorporated at the Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

It can be recalled that the matter finds relevance in a case against Techiron Resources, Incorporated, docketed as **EMB Case No. 2021-19-1030**, for an alleged violation of Presidential Decree No. 1586, which although has now been decided by your office, is nevertheless endorsed for the information and reference of your office.

For the information and reference of your office. Thank you and best regards.

"For and in the absence of the Regional Director"

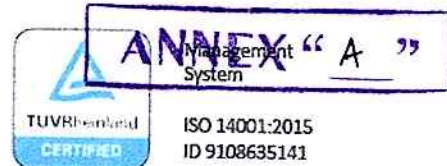
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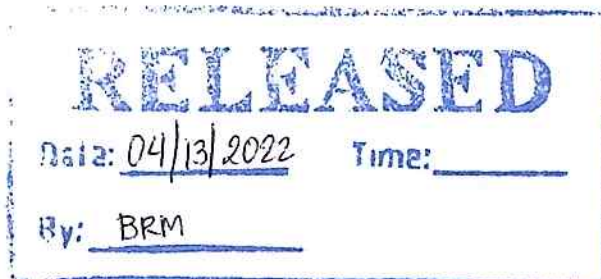
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MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU - RVIII

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Subject: Techiron Resources Inc.'s illegal exportation of nickel ore.

Dear Hon. Tayag,

Greetings!

By virtue of the *Mineral Product Sharing Agreement with No. 292-2009-VIII-Amended B*, our Company holds the rights over the 1,500-hectare area currently being operated on by our mining operator, Techiron Resources Inc. ("TRI").

We have received information that a vessel shall be arriving in Homonhon Island on 15 April 2022 which shall be utilized by TRI to export nickel ore extracted from our MPSA Area.

As the MPSA Holder, we must inform this Honorable Office that **TRI DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXTRACT AND EXPORT NICKEL ORE**. Based on the approved *Project Feasibility and Environmental Compliance Certificate* corresponding to the areas under TRI's operation, TRI is only authorized extract chromite ore and process chromite concentrate with iron concentrate as by-product. Yet, it appears that TRI was issued an Ore Transport Permit ("OTP") and a Mineral Ore Export Permit ("MOEP") for nickel ores to be loaded for exportation.

To be clear, the issuance of the OTP and MOEP in favor of TRI for said nickel ores cannot rectify the illegality of TRI's mining activity. More than being violative of the terms of the *Operating Agreement* between TRI and our Company, the illegal extraction and exportation of the nickel ores by TRI amount to a violation of the Philippine Mining Laws and other related environmental laws, rules and regulations as it is in fact not supported by the necessary project feasibility study and ECC. To permit TRI to carry on with its extraction and exportation of nickel ores without an approved project feasibility and a duly issued environmental compliance certificate would be to allow and even promote indiscriminate and irresponsible mining.

Once again, this is not the first time that we have invited the attention of this Honorable Office to the illegal mining activities of TRI. Regrettably, it would seem that all our efforts to secure due compliance and enforcement of the mining and environmental laws have simply been all for naught as TRI had freely pursued its illegal mining activities without any consequence whatsoever.



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Thus, with fervent hope that this Honorable Office will finally act on TRI's illegal mining activities, we hereby humbly request that the OTP and MOEP issued in favor of TRI for the nickel ores it illegally extracted be **IMMEDIATELY CANCELLED** for being issued without legal basis and for **URGENT ACTION** be taken against TRI for its **ILLEGAL MINING ACTIVITY**.

Otherwise, our company shall bring this matter before the courts and proper administrative bodies to hold all entities and individuals fully responsible for their continued and palpably deliberate inaction.

We trust that this matter shall merit your immediate action.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


MING YAN
Chairman

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