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# Open-pit mining ban lifting boosts sector

BY DEXTER A. SEE

**BAGUIO CITY:** The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) has projected doubling of the number of mines in the country with easing of restrictions on processing of mining permits and lifting of the ban on open-pit mining.

Marshall Mateo, chief science research specialist of the MGB central office's Mine Safety, Environment and Social Development Division, over the weekend said the more than 100 mines in the Philippines at present are expected to double in number with renewed processing of the permits to operate that had been pending over the past several years and the lifting of the ban enforced by the Duterte administration.

He added that the previous 1

percent contribution of mining to the gross domestic product (GDP) is also seen doubling with the opening of more mines.

Mateo said the suspension of the processing of mineral production sharing agreements or MPSAs and other mining permits and the implementation of the ban on open-pit mining greatly affected the country's mining industry over the past several years, forcing some companies to close their mine sites and abandon their mining activities and affecting the overall

state of the industry.

He said since the start of the processing of the mining permits and the lifting of the ban on open-pit mining last year, many mining companies with pending permits started to work on their applications to allow them to start their operations.

MGB officials from various regional offices joined mining industry stakeholders at the 68th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference of the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA) held last week in Baguio City.

The PMSEA is a volunteer organization that is strongly advocating for responsible mining and remains to be the frontrunner in occupational health and safety, sound environmental management, and social development.

Mateo said prospects of mining in the country remain bright

because of prevailing high metal prices in the world market coupled with the presence of mineralized areas in different parts of the Philippines.

Environment Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga said the government supports responsible mining in the context of overall goals of inclusivity, resiliency and sustainable development.

Yulo-Loyzaga reminded mining companies not to be satisfied with their compliance with rules on responsible mining but instead elevate the same to higher levels that will contribute to the country's growth.

She attended the minerals industry symposium and the Presidential Minerals Industry Environmental Awards, among the activities lined up during the week-long annual national mine safety and environment conference of the PMSEA.



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GOV'T 'ON BOARD' THE IDEA

# CARBON CREDIT TRADING MAY SOON BE A THING IN PH, SAYS DMCI UNIT

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DMCI Mining Corp., a unit of Consunji-led DMCI Holdings Inc., wants a carbon credit system put up in the Philippines in the hopes of beefing up global efforts to fight climate change.

With President Marcos, who is concurrently sitting as the country's agriculture minister, and Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga "on board" with the concept, DMCI Mining president Tulsi Das Reyes told reporters a system could be in place in six years' time.

Carbon credits are usually created by individuals or projects, say renewable energy plants or farmlands, that destroy or offset greenhouse gases. These are then purchased by individuals or companies that make unavoidable carbon dioxide emissions as a result of their production or operations.

According to financial jargon go-to Investopedia, these credits are usually sold or bought through a cap-and-trade program. A company will only be allowed a certain level of emission, going beyond such limit means it will have to buy credits from another party. Over time, the limit will train the company to reducing its emissions

and by going below its cap, it can make money by selling its extra credits.

"We're after carbon credits. In our country, we don't have a framework for carbon credits," Reyes said, adding: "We were burning a lot of fossil fuels ... and there's no commercial value to that, there's no story to that ... I think it's about time the Philippines become a leader in that."

Reyes said Japanese trading company Marubeni Corp. has been helping various companies worldwide offset their carbon dioxide emissions.

"What's nice about Secretary Loyzaga is that's one of her primary ideas to put forward this thing. We would like to help her, with Marubeni our partner. Marubeni has a global framework. They've done it in other countries before," he said.

Reyes said the plan would complement the government's national greening program.

"We would like to make this thing because if you can have the national greening program ... that's already a good foundation," he said.

He is referring to the initiative of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, which aims to cover 2 million hectares in vulnerable areas planted with trees by 2028. INQ



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# DMCI offers to help DENR

## craft carbon credits framework

**BY JED MACAPAGAL**

DMCI Mining Corp. has offered to help the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) create a national framework for carbon credits.

Carbon credits are tradable certificates for the right to emit an equivalent amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

Tulsi Das Reyes, DMCI Mining president, in a briefing in Makati

City last week, said the proposal was tackled with DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga.

“In our country, we don’t have a framework for carbon credits... We would like to help (DENR) with Marubeni (Corp.), our partner which has a global framework. They’ve done it in other countries before (and) they would like to share it in the Philippines,” Reyes said.

Marubeni is a Japanese firm that

has been involved with several projects of DMCI Mining’s parent firm and affiliates.

The carbon credits framework complements the current National Greening Program which aims to rehabilitate all remaining unproductive, denuded and degraded forestlands estimated at 7.1 million hectares.

DMCI Mining added when implemented, a national carbon credit framework may also further persuade transnational companies to operate in the Philippines.

In the absence of a national framework for carbon credits, local government units have implemented their own.

Earlier this year, the provincial

government of Negros Oriental launched an ordinance for incentivizing incoming renewable energy investors through carbon credits.



## DMCI Mining bats for carbon credit scheme

DMCI Mining Corp. said it proposed that the government adopt a carbon credits framework to help offset the continued use of fossil fuels.

DMCI Mining President Tulsi Das C. Reyes said the company met with the Environment department to make the proposal.

"We don't have a framework for carbon credit in the Philippines. We were burning a lot of fossil fuels. There's no commercial value to that, there's no story to that. We're not doing this type of protection of trees. I think it is about time the Philippines becomes a leader in that," Mr. Reyes said in a briefing last week.

Mr. Reyes said that the national greening program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) could be the foundation for the carbon credit framework, by providing an

avenue for emitters to offset their continued use of fossil energy.

The national greening program seeks to restore denuded forests, making it a possible candidate for companies seeking offsets.

"We would like to help the DENR with Marubeni., our partner. Marubeni (a Japanese trading company) has a global framework and they've done it in other countries before. If you use the national greening program, that is already a good foundation," Mr. Reyes said.

"All the transnational players need the carbon credits. If you don't have that, that is just one less opportunity to win this out. I think within the next six years, you'll see improvements in that space and we need it now," he added.

DMCI Mining is a unit of DMCI Holdings, Inc. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**



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# DMCI seeks carbon credit scheme rules

We're after carbon credits. In our country, we don't have a framework for carbon credits

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Consunji-led DMCI Mining Corp. is proposing that the government adopt guidelines to obtain carbon credits from green projects in the country, especially among mining companies, to advance the fight against climate change. During a chat with reporters last week, DMCI Mining president Tulsi Das Reyes disclosed that President and Agriculture chief Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga are "on board" with the proposal to help the private sector limit greenhouse gas emissions. "We're after carbon credits.

In our country, we don't have a framework for carbon credits. What's nice about Secretary Loyzaga is that's one of her primary ideas is to put forward this thing," Reyes told reporters.

"We would like to help her with Marubeni, our partner. Marubeni has a global framework. They've done it in other countries before," he added.

Carbon credits, also known as carbon offsets, are permits that allow the owner to emit a certain amount of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases.

### Emission limit

Usually, a credit allows a certain company to emit one ton of carbon dioxide or the equivalent in other greenhouse gases.

For the first nine months of the year, lower nickel ore shipments and average nickel grade sales slashed DMCI Mining's net income by 17 percent to P1.17 billion during the period from P1.41 billion a year ago.

**What's nice about Secretary Loyzaga is that's one of her primary ideas is to put forward this thing.**

During the third quarter alone, net income went down by 56 percent from P181 million to P80 million due to the combined effect of lower shipment, flattish nickel grade sold, higher selling prices, and favorable average foreign exchange rates.

Total shipments declined slowly from January to September as the Berong mine did better than expected in the first half. Consequently, nickel ore shipments only fell by 25 percent from 1.45 million wet metric tons to 1.09 million WMT.



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# Diokno: Strengthen climate policies

**We must urgently increase the availability of adaptation and resilience finance, particularly for sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure**

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Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno urged policymakers and experts to invest in adoption efforts to lessen the risks and tragedies associated with climate change.

In a recent Climate Investment Forum hosted by the Climate Change Commission, Diokno said the government has been forced to prioritize catastrophe risks and the

effects of climate change due to the country's significant vulnerability to disaster and climate risks.

"We must urgently increase the availability of adaptation and resilience finance, particularly for sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure," Diokno said.

According to Diokno, the private sector plays an important role in achieving a just transition towards a low-carbon economy.

These transitions include the changes in energy use, the

development and use of new technologies, and the creation of climate-resilient communities while considering ecosystem integrity and natural resources.

Diokno also noted the commitment of the Philippine government on "strengthening its policies on climate financing (and) mainstreaming sustainable finance in all possible ways through policy and harmonization."

In addition, the Department of Finance and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas had built a sustainable finance ecosystem to facilitate investments in green projects and foster the development of greener regulations to promote private sector participation.

## WB's stand

For its part, the World Bank has made available its Country Climate and Development Report for the Philippines, which details how climate change will affect the nation's economic growth and emphasizes the crucial role that business plays in addressing climate change.

Dr. Ndiame Diop, World Bank's country director for Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand at the World Bank, said WB has a "very strong commitment" to supporting the efforts of the government, the Climate Change Commission, and all the agencies in this endeavor.

"We have actually achieved quite

a bit over the last decade or so, and we are very committed to do more to really address this emergency," Diop said.

## Private sector serves as a key pillar in a fair transition to a low-carbon economy.

The World Bank, a long-time ally of the Philippines, has contributed to laying the framework for important initiatives to lower greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen climate resilience, and increase readiness for and response to natural catastrophes. About 46 percent of their pledges for FY2022 go toward climate action.



## Paglaban sa climate change, ngayon na!



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**S**a panahon ngayon, kailangan po ay magsanib puwersa ang iba't ibang bansa para sabay-sabay tutukan ang mga isyung nangangailangan ng pansin upang mapabilis ang pagrekober sa idinulot ng pandemya sa sangkatauhan.

Dito po sa nagdaang dalawang biyahe ng ating Pangulong Marcos—sa 40th and 41st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit na ginanap sa Cambodia at 29th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders Meeting (AELM) sa Bangkok, Thailand—napokus ang atensyon ng mga lider sa tatlong isyu tulad ng food security, global health system at lalo na po ang climate action.

At nakakatuwa po na nakita natin sa mga biyaheng ito na parang si Pangulong Marcos ang lumalabas na 'pointman' o punong tagasulong sa developing economies na tinatamaan ng hagupit ng climate change. Ipinaalala ni Ginoong Marcos ang pinangako ng mga mayayamang bansa noong 2009 pa.

Natural lamang po na manghingi ng tulong ang mga bansang gaya ng Pilipinas dahil base sa datos at mga pag-aaral ay tayo 'yung maliit ang GHG emission o greenhouse gases emission pero tayo naman ang unang nalilintikan sa global warming. Ang may malaki pong pananagutan at nagpapalala sa climate change ay ang mga mayayamang bansa, sila ang mas malakas magdulot ng polusyon.

Ang pagtaas po ng temperatura ng mundo ay nagdudulot ng mas malalakas na bagyo, malawakang pagbaha, tagtuyot at iba pang panganib sa klima.

At mistulang kampeon ng mga bansang apektado ng climate change ang ating Pangulong Marcos dahil sa kanyang matibay na paninindigan na dapat tumulong ang mga mayayamang bansa

upang maibsan ang matinding epekto ng tumataas na temperatura ng mundo.

Sa APEC forum, inulit ni Marcos ang pangako ng Pilipinas na sasali sa pagbibigay ng solusyon batay sa mga napagkasunduan para maproteksyunan ang kalikasan at mabaliktad ang krisis sa klima. Kasama sa mga kasunduang ito ang United Nations (UN) Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) of 1992 at ang Paris Climate Accords (Paris Agreement) of 2015.

May moral high ground po o 'K' ang ating Pangulo na kumamada d'yan dahil nga po halos lahat ng umuunlad na bansa ay apektado ng polusyon dulot ng mga mayayamang bansa gaya ng America at China. Bilang ating Pangulo, tungkulin niya na ipaglaban tayo dahil ang Pilipinas ay isa kung hindi man nangungunang 'most vulnerable' o mas tinatamaan at mas nagiging kawawa sa lumalalang panganib hatid ng pagbabago sa klima tulad ng mga malalakas na bagyo, biglaang pagbaha at matagal na tagtuyot.

Sa AELM Retreat Session ay binalaan ni Pangulong Marcos ang mga lider ng iba't ibang bansa sa panibagong hamon na tinawag niyang "greatest environmental challenges of all time" na nangangailangan ng matatag at sama-samang aksyon ng mga bansa.

Sa halip na magmukmok sa kabiguan ng mga bansa na tuparin ang kanilang naunang commitment na magbigay ng \$100 bilyong financial aid sa mga umuunlad na bansa, ay naglatag ang Pangulo ng mga programa sa Pilipinas upang makatulong sa epekto ng pagbabago ng klima.

Sa mga hindi po nakakaalam, ang ating bansa ay nakapokus na sa direksyon ng pagbabawas sa paggamit ng fossil fuel at mas gumagamit ng renewable energy (RE) gaya ng solar at wind power sa paggawa ng kuryente.

Sa APEC CEO meeting sa Bangkok, sinabi ng Pangulo na prayoridad ng Pilipinas ang paggamit ng hydrothermal, geothermal, solar power, wind power at iba pang low-emission energy source. Target ng Pilipinas na itaas sa 35% ang ginagamit na RE sa paggawa ng kuryente

sa 2030 at 50% sa taong 2040.

Sa ASEAN Summit na ginanap sa Cambodia ay iginiit din ng ating Pangulo ang pangangailangan na sama-samang tugunan ang climate change at ang pagtulong ng mga mayayamang bansa sa mga lubhang naapektuhang bansa gaya ng Pilipinas.

Hiniling din ni Pangulong Marcos ang pagpapalawak ng kooperasyon ng mga miyembro at nanawagan sa Estados Unidos na suportahan ang pandaigdigang laban sa climate change.

Sa sideline ng ASEAN Summit, kinausap ni Pangulong Marcos si Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau kaugnay ng pangangailangang tugunan ang climate crisis kung saan kanyang binanggit ang kalakibang pinsalang inihatid ng bagyong 'Paeng' na nakaapekto sa buong bansa.

Tama ang Pangulo dahil kung ibabatay sa ulat ng National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) noong Nobyembre 19, ang bagyong 'Paeng' ay kumitil ng buhay ng 164 katao, sumira ng P5.8B halaga ng imprastruktura, P7.2B halaga sa agrikultura, at nakaapekto sa 1.47 milyong pamilya o 5.98 milyong indibidwal.

Sa pagdaog naman sa 77th session ng UN General Assembly (UNGA) sa New York noong Setyembre, ipinaalala ng Pangulo sa mga mayayamang bansa ang pagkabigo ng mga ito na magbigay ng pinansyal at teknikal na suporta sa mga bansa na lubhang apektado ng climate change gaya ng Pilipinas.

Ang ating Pangulong Marcos ay nagpapasimuno na ng pagkilos laban sa climate change pero hindi po natin siya dapat hayaang mag-isa. May maitutulong din tayo bilug mamamayan. Iwasan po natin ang mga bagay na nakakasira ng ating kalikasan.

Maaring sabihing maliit na kontribusyon lamang ang magagawa natin pero kung lahat po tayo ay kikilos at magma-malasakit sa kapaligiran, malaking bagay pa rin ito. Tandaan, may maitutulong po tayo.

Alalayan natin si Pangulong Marcos sa pag-aksyon laban sa climate change. At ang laban na ito ay ngayon na!





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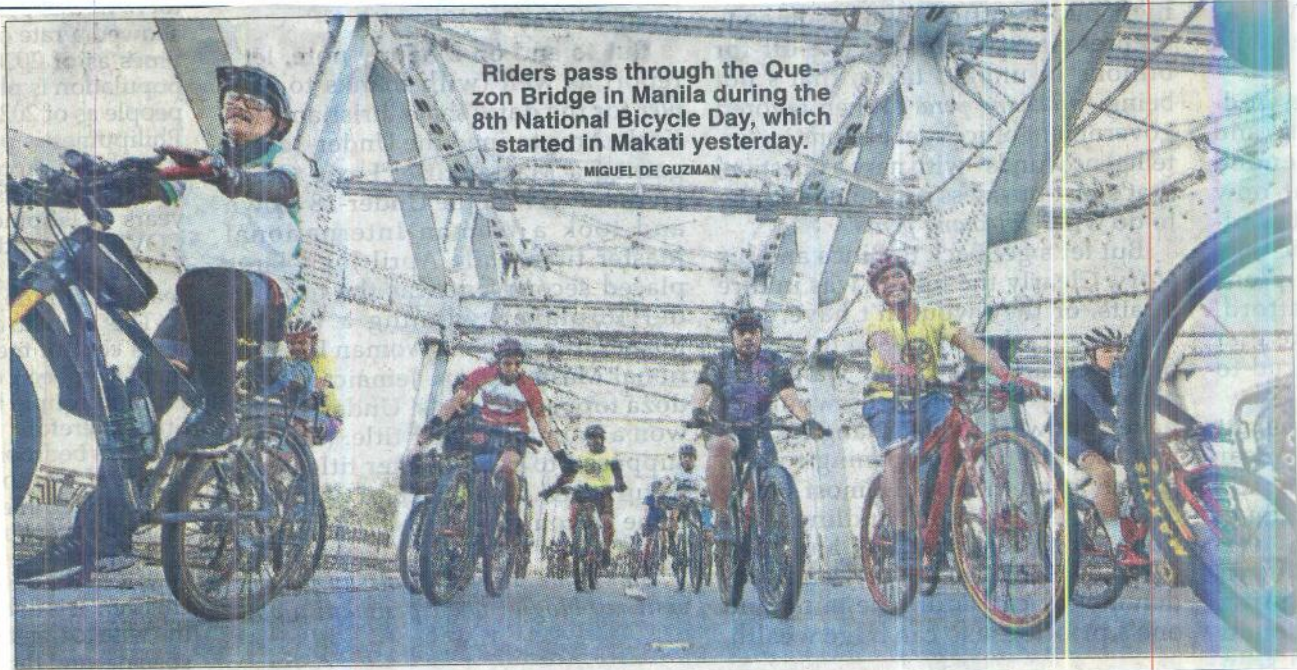
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GREEN ALTERNATIVES TO SACHETS

**MORE BIODEGRADABLE REPLACEMENTS FOR PLASTICS EYED**

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New innovations could eventually help the Philippines transition to a more “sustainable sachet economy,” scientists said on Thursday, as they allayed concerns that the country’s plastic sachet culture was nothing but inevitable.

During a forum on microplastics hosted by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), scientists Deo Florence Onda and Rey Capangpangan said the use of sachets—small pouches made of single-use plastics—could actually be maintained, but should be replaced with more biodegradable materials.

Onda and Capangpangan presented separate but concurring research into microplastics, or microscopic degraded plastic debris, in the Philippines’ marine ecosystems.

Both found that microplastics were now being ingested by marine life like shellfish and pelagic fish (those that live in water columns).

This was symptomatic of the country’s larger problem with plastic pollution, to which the Philippines contributes about 0.75 million metric



**COMMON SIGHT** A storekeeper arranges different brands of drinks in sachets at a “sari-sari” store in Quezon City.

—GRIG C. MONTEGRANDE

tons to the ocean every year, said Science Secretary Renato Solidum Jr.

In particular, Onda’s team, which began building a database on the macro—and microplastics found in coastal and marine environments, found that sachets were among the top culprits of plastic pollution in the Philippines.

“The use of sachets [caters] to a certain socioeconomic problem,” said Onda, who is also deputy director for re-

search at the University of the Philippines’ Marine Science Institute. “However, science can help assist the transition to a more sustainable type of sachet.”

The DOST already has several studies on possible green alternatives to plastics, such as seaweed or hemp (abaca), Onda noted.

By exploring these alternatives, “you’re not only replacing the material, but you’re also helping sustain the economy,

because you’re helping create [livelihood] for the farmers of these materials.”

Ultimately, this can even help the Philippines’ shift to a more circular economy, where waste is reduced to a minimum through repurposing or creating more sustainable value chains, Capangpangan said.

He said Filipino scientists could even explore the “atom economy,” or pollution prevention at a molecular level by replacing components of the material.

“We can always make modifications through the proper choice of raw materials,” he added.

While the country’s scientists work on possible alternatives, the national government is beefing up efforts to first address public behavior toward plastics while working on big structural changes to address plastic pollution.

Assistant Environment Secretary Daniel Nicer said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources was set to release the implementing rules and regulations for the newly passed Extended Producer Responsibility law, which requires large companies to keep a large percentage of their wastes away from landfills. **NO**



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# Can the world adopt a global plastics treaty?

## COMMENTARY

JED ALEGADO

**P**unta del Este, Uruguay—The stakes are high after the United Nations approved a landmark agreement early this year to create the world's first-ever global plastics pollution treaty. Adopted upon the conclusion of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2) held in Nairobi, Kenya, the resolution mandates global leaders and other stakeholders to convene the First Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-1), which is happening this week (Nov. 28 to Dec. 2) in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The mandate, titled "End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument," sets the stage for governments to negotiate a comprehensive and legally binding treaty that will cover measures along the entire life cycle of plastic. The task of the INC is huge given the steer in the development of the treaty itself and the timeline of having the treaty adopted in early 2025.

A 2017 report by the Center for International Environmental Law has stated that 99 percent of plastics come from fossil fuels. The oil and gas industry is dead set to put plastics as a hedge for the pressure to decarbonize and leave fossil fuel on the ground. Think tanks and environmental groups have already traced the financial investments on plastic production of banks, international financial institutions, investors, so-called "development" banks, and governments that have played a central role in the provision of finance, loans, tax incentives, and insurance in enabling the limitless production of plastic.

Indeed, plastics visually represent the obsession of capitalism with profits and expansion of production. In her book "Plastic Unlimited," Alice Mah has stated that "the capitalist pursuit of unlimited growth is the key problem underlying the plastics crisis." Further,

the book says that the increasing role of state-owned integrated oil enterprises in Asia and the Middle East, accounting for 30 percent of the leading plastics producers, illustrates the entanglement of state and industry interests as plastic production tries to find new regional markets due to Green New Deal and the European Union's ban on single-use plastics.

Asian government must carefully tread the so-called greenwashing mechanisms and market-based false solutions that are being peddled by the industry. Moreover, corporations have been embracing the circular economy agenda, although some are co-opting the vision of a circular economy through empty commitments and circularity of plastics using green techno-fixes.

The industry players have long duped the public with the narrative that the crisis is a marine litter issue or an issue of discipline among the public, especially citizens from developing countries. Thus, it has sponsored clean-ups that were seen as public stunts to deodorize their role in this burgeoning environmental crisis. For the last five years, groups under the Break Free From Plastic coalition has released its annual brand audit report, which exposes the real culprits of the plastic pollution crisis. This citizen science initiative has shifted the narrative that ordinary citizens and local government units, which lack the infrastructure for a robust Western-paradigm waste management system, are to be blamed.

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the

United Nations Environment Programme together launched the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment in 2018. This initiative focused on a set of voluntary commitment to address plastic pollution issued by major fast-moving consumer goods companies, including most of the top plastic polluters identified in the brand audit report. This year, Global Commitment 2022 progress report revealed that their 2025 targets will "almost certainly" not be met.

As government leaders and other stakeholders converge in Uruguay for INC-1, it is high time that a global plastics treaty will be enacted following the timeline. This treaty should provide legally binding mechanisms and enforcement policies to effectively reduce the amount of plastic, both produced and used by corporations, and makes polluters accountable. Further, corporate polluters must be compelled to invest in reuse and alternative product delivery systems that avoid the plastic scourge in the first place.

On the other hand, financial investments must flow to decentralized and grassroots-led zero waste management systems, especially local government units from developing countries. The INC-1 meeting is a step in the right direction in order for key systemic changes to happen, and for the world to avert the ramifications of climate and the plastic pollution crises.

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# Coffee farming to be barred at Mt. Apo

## The Mindanao Development Authority will seek the mountain's inclusion as a Unesco World Heritage Site

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DAVAO CITY—The government plans to strictly implement the law that will put a stop to farming and other disruptive human activities within the protected area of Mt. Apo, the country's highest peak.

Shirley Uy, protected area supervisor of the Mount Apo Natural Park in Cotabato province, admitted that farming activities, particularly coffee growing, had already encroached into

the protected mountain range for years, although some of the farmers were already in the area even before the passing in 2003 of Republic Act No. 9237, the law that declared it as protected, defining its boundaries.

Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Secretary Maria Belen Acosta said the government would vie again for the inclusion of Mt. Apo in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (Unesco) list of World Heritage Sites, hence, the need

to strictly impose the law. Mt. Apo, which spans the boundary areas of Davao City and the provinces of Davao del Sur and Cotabato, was declared a national park in May 1936. In 2009, the mountain already made it to Unesco's list of tentative sites but was stricken off the list in 2015 because of disruptive activities within it, including the destruction of forests and other natural resources.

"Little by little we will be implementing the law," said Uy, foreseeing some difficulties

with those who run the farms in the area.

She also said that even outside the protected area, identified as zones for the multiple use, only organic farming and the use of endemic species of plants were allowed by law.

"The correct term is we only allow organic agriculture inside multiple use zones. Trees and other vegetation should not be destroyed," she added.

This was expected to worry coffee growers along the foothills of the 2,954-meter moun-

tain, especially those who branded their specialty products after Mt. Apo and whose coffee quality had gained international awards.

**Law is clear**  
But Acosta said the provision in the law was clear.

"If it is a protected area it should not be planted with coffee. There should be a clear delineation between the protected part of Mt. Apo and what was already designated as agricultural [area]," Acosta said during the launching here on

Wednesday of the Mt. Apo Rescue and Conservation Center that would ensure protection of the mountain and its resources.

Acosta said a technical working group had already been formed to study the extent of the center's work and the gaps that it would need to address.

Joey Recimilla, head of the MinDA's policy formulation, planning and project development office, said they still have to propose the creation of the center in congress, including its budgetary requirements. No



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**MPD NAGSAGAWA  
NG COASTAL P/3  
CLEANUP DRIVE SA  
DOLOMITE BEACH**  
**NI JON-JON REYES**

**MPD nagsagawa ng coastal  
cleanup drive sa Dolomite Beach**

**NI JON-JON  
REYES**

**NAGSAGAWA** ng isang malawakang coastal cleanup drive ang pamunuan ng Manila Police District Police Station 5 ng Ermita, Manila katuwang ang kanilang Station Advisory Group sa pamuno ni Police Lt.Col.Leandro Gutierrez, hepe ng nasabing station, at Punong Barangay Arlene Divinagracia, chairman ng Station Advisory Group ng P.S 5,

Bago pa man pumutok ang haring araw nitong Sabado ng umaga, sinimulan na ng mga tauhan ng MPD Ermita Police Station, katuwang ang mga membro ng SAG, ang paglilinis at pagpulot ng mga basura sa dalampasigan ng Dolomite Beach sa Roxas Blvd.

Tumulong sa paglilinis ang iba't ibang sektor bilang suporta sa Kasimbayanan Program ng PNP MPD.

Sa pangunguna ng puno ng PS -5 Advisory Council na si Punong Brgy Divinagracia, ng Barangay 696 kasama ang kanyang mga nasasakupan na kumatawan sa LGU ay naisagawa ang clean up drive.

Ang sektor ng edukasyon na kinatawan ni Mrs.Reynora V. Laurenciano, Principal ng Justo Lukban Elementary School at ang kanyang mga kasamang mga guro ay tumulong din sa kampanya.

Tumulong di si Joey Lat. Ivy Tagorosa, S.K Chairman kasama mga kabataan (Youth Sector), ang inyong lingkod Jonjon



**Nagsagawa ng malawakang coastal cleanup drive ang pamunuan ng MPD PS.5 ng Ermita, Manila, kasama SAG, sa pamumuno ni Plt.Col.Leandro Gutierrez, hepe ng nasabing station at Punong Barangay Arlene Divinagracia, chairman ng Station Advisory Group ng Ermita P.S 5. Kuha ni JON-JON REYES**

Reyes, photojournalist ng People's Tonight bilang media representative.

Mula naman sa kapulisan na tumulong at nanguna din sa paglilinis sa Dolomite beach ay ang Station Police Strategy Management Section Personnel (SPSMS) na sina PEMS Pamela A Canonoy PSSg Joel M Manabat Patrolwoman Ferry Jean C Aguila PCpl Florie Ann M Matipo Pat Richard A Paggo at Pat Jonathan D Rubio.

Nagsimulang maglinis sa tinaguriang "Dolomite Beach" bago pa man mag alas 6:00 ng umaga, kasama rin ang Station Advisory Group maging ang mga grupo ng KKDAT, River Warriors, mga Prinsipal at teacher ng Justo Lukban Elementary School, mga kawani ng Department of Public Safety ng lungsod

ng Maynila sa pamumuno ni OIC. Kayle Nicole Amurao na siyang pagbibigay suporta ni Manila Mayor Honey Lacuna Pangan at ilang Volunteers Sa Ermita Police Station 5.

Kasama din sa nag-supervise si Police Major Piedad Sabido Jr. alinsunod sa direktiba ni MPD-Director Police Brigadier General Andre P. Dizon na pangalagaan ang Manila Bay lalo na ang Manila Dolomite Beach sa Roxas Blvd.

Inabot ng halos dalawang oras ang paglilinis sa Dolomite beach. Payapa, maaliwalas at maayos na naisagawa ang programa na kasali sa isinulong ni NCRPO chief, Police Brigadier General Jonnel Estomo ng Seen Appreciated and Felt Extraordinary for Police Officers (SAFE).



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FOLLOWING the easing of alert level restrictions in Metro Manila, a family opts to visit the controversial Dolomite Beach along Roxas Boulevard in Manila.



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# Land use, crop yield

At the heart of the heated debate on land conversion between senators Raffy Tulfo and Cynthia Villar is the issue of food security as impacted negatively by farmlands allegedly being converted into residential, industrial, or commercial enclaves. Amid the verbal fireworks between a neophyte lawmaker seen to be trying to create buzz for a purported run for higher office and a veteran politician from a family whose wealth has been anchored on real estate development, the issue is nothing new.

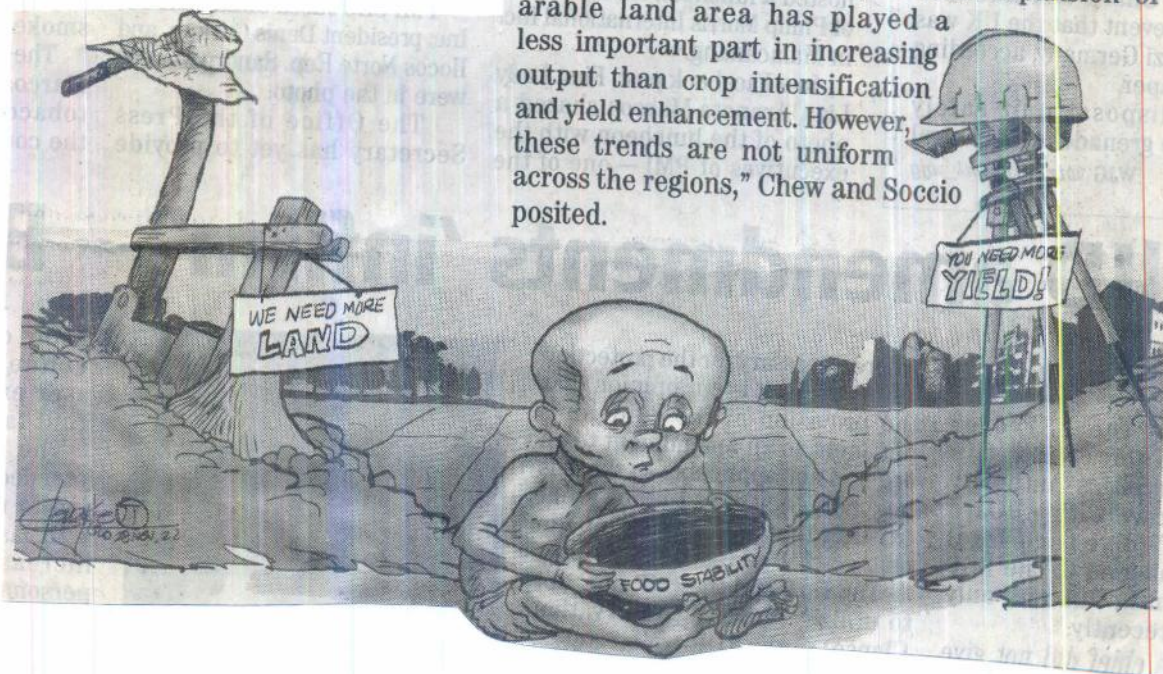
Likewise, land conversion is not an exclusive concern for Filipinos as the diminishing share of agricultural lands is a problem that most countries across the world are confronting, especially in Asia. Researchers Ping Chew and Marc Soccio, in a Raboresearch-hosted economic report on Agricultural Perspectives in the Asia-Pacific, have pointed out that "Asia's position in the global food market tilts heavily towards demand due to its huge population and limited agricultural resources."

They drew attention to their finding that while Asia hosts more than half of the global population, it only has a fifth of the world's arable lands. The less-than-ideal share of agriculture vis-a-vis other land utilizations has traditionally been compounded by lower yields compared to other regions, they said. The study also cited rapidly "depleting resources like water, deteriorating soil quality, inadequate logistics, and inefficient farming practices and land usage."

Those benefiting from land conversion would surely point out that increasing crop yield is more important than increasing the total land area allocated for farming. Data may support this position as, according to the same Raboresearch study, world agriculture production nearly doubled over the last 50 years although farmland share of total land areas across geographical borders increased only by 32 percent.

"The implication clearly is that expansion of arable land area has played a less important part in increasing output than crop intensification and yield enhancement. However, these trends are not uniform across the regions," Chew and Soccio posited.

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“For instance, Asia only marginally increased its share of world area harvested but increased its share of world agriculture output from 34 percent in 1963 to 47 percent in 2013. Thus, most of the production growth in land-scarce regions of Asia is due to yield gains and crop intensification. Within Asia, East Asia, where output has tripled with a mere 11 percent increase in area harvested is at the forefront of this trend.”

In ensuring food security, however, there should be no conflict between increasing crop yield per hectare and increasing the share of agriculture from total land areas.

They are not one-over-the-other targets but should complement one another if countries like the Philippines would have the capability to feed their people without resorting to importation.

The Philippine Statistics Authority’s 2012 Census of Agriculture reported 5.56 million farms or holdings covering 7.19 million hectares, translating to an average of 1.29 hectares per farm holdings. “The number of farms increased from 1980 to 2012 by 62.6 percent as the average area of farms/holdings decreased from 2.84 hectares per holding in 1980 to 1.29 per hectare per holding in 2012,” it said.

The increase in farms, as cited by the PSA, is largely irrelevant because they merely resulted from partitioning to smaller hectarage – from 2.84 hectares per unit to 1.29 hectares per farm. What we want to see, of course, is a substantial increase in the total land area utilized for agricultural activities.

It’s always entertaining to see lawmakers trade barbs, especially when television cameras are rolling. However, just so we are all on the same page in understanding where we stand as a country in terms of food security, it is high time we come up with newer census and studies on land use.

We want to see not only whether land conversions are eating up arable lands, but also where across the country’s many regions can we establish more state-supported farming enterprises to increase farm output both through increased yield and increased percentage of land allocated for agriculture.

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## Samar Island National Park gets huge boost

Gabon says the company started its tree planting program in 2020 in Concepcion village in Paranas town

BY ELMER RECUERDO

**CATBALOGAN CITY**  
— The Samar Island National Park received at least 5,000

seedlings of mahogany tree planted by a mining company doing an exploration work for possible bauxite extraction in Samar.

Marcventures Holdings Inc. community relations officer Arlene Gabon disclosed that the tree planting is part of the firm's commitment to help improve the forest cover of Samar, contribute to climate change mitigation, and provide livelihood to impoverished

farmers, many of whom are engaged in slash and burn farming in the area.

"Mahogany is not only a hardwood but is also endemic in Samar," Gabon said. "The tree is also used by traditional healers for their medicinal value."

She added that the company started its tree planting program in 2020 in Concepcion village in Paranas town and it is also implementing community development projects in the 49 villages in six municipalities in Samar that are within the areas covered by MHI's mineral production sharing agreement.

MHI has two subsidiaries — Alumina Mining Phils. Inc. and Bauxite Resources Inc. doing mining exploration in 11,000 hectares of land in the towns of Paranas, Motiong, Gandara, San Jorge, San Jose de Buan and Matuguinao.

Gabon said MHI is constructing two multipurpose buildings and two potable water systems in different villages as the CPD implementation. She said the projects were identified by members of the community themselves.

The CDP fund is equivalent to 10 percent of the exploration cost.



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## Mga parke sa lungsod, bukas na espasyo gagawing bahagi ng turismo

Ang pagpapaunlad ng mga urban park at open space ay isa sa mga prayoridad ng Pilipinas sa pag-iba-iba ng kanilang portfolio ng turismo para sa post-pandemic na paglalakbay.

Sa unang Philippine Parks Congress ng nakaraang linggo ay nagpahayag ng pag-asa si Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco na makakita ng mas maraming parke sa loob at labas ng Metro Manila -- mga 'world-class' na maaring pasyalan ng mga Pilipino at mga bisitang dayuhan.

"Ang mga parke ay mahalaga dahil ito ay nagbibigay-daan sa atin at sa ating mga pamilya na makipag-ugnayan sa kalikasan, na gumugol ng kalidad ng oras sa isa't isa, at upang ipaalala sa atin na sa kabila ng kung gaano kaabala ang buhay, dapat tayong palaging maglaan ng oras upang magpahinga, maglibang, at maglaan ng oras upang makipag-ugnayan sa kalikasan," sabi niya sa kanyang talumpati.

Sinabi ni Frasco na ang patuloy na pagsisikap ay isinasagawa upang magbigay ng gabay sa mga local government unit (LGU) sa buong bansa upang tumulong sa pagpapaunlad ng kani-kanilang mga parke.

Samantala, hinangad niya ang mas malakas na pagsusumikap sa pagpanatili upang matiyak na ang mga

pampublikong bukas na espasyo ay protektado mula sa masamang epekto ng hindi reguladong turismo.

Sa Rizal at Paco Parks pa lamang, sinabit niyang umabot na sa 3 milyon ang mga bisita mula Enero hanggang Nobyembre 2022, mula sa 1.5 milyon na naitala mula sa parehong panahon noong 2021.

Binigyang-diin din ni Nayong Pilipino Foundation Executive Director Gertie Duran-Batocabe ang pangangailangang gagawing mas inklusibo ang mga kultural na imprastraktura at mga open space.

Aniya ang Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 ay binibigyang-diin na ang mga kultural na imprastraktura at mga bukas na espasyo ay dapat na magiging mas inklusibo upang bigyang-daan ang dayalogo at kultural na pagpapalitan. Ang mga parke ay nagtataguyod ng sining, pamana, kultura at iba pang kaugnay na domain ng industriya ng malikhaing Pilipinas.

Ang tatlong araw na Parks Congress ay ginanap upang tipunin ang mga stakeholder ng publiko at pribadong sektor na kasama sa pagbuo ng urban parks at green spaces upang ilatag ang pundasyon para sa paglilida ng isang national framework para sa pagpapaunlad ng mga parke sa kalunsuran ng Pilipinas. (Mina Navarro)



## Seaside development in Batangas nests sea turtles

HAMILO COAST, a master-planned seaside residential community in Nasugbu, Batangas, has manifested its readiness to take care of olive ridley sea turtles by making the 40-hectare development a nesting ground for the species.

Named after their olive-green color, olive ridley sea turtles are known for their heart-shaped shells and are considered among the world's smallest sea turtles. The females of the species return to the same beach they hatched on to spawn or lay their own eggs, and bury them in sand nests to incubate for 45 to 72 days.

To keep these eggs safe and undisturbed, Hamilo Coast estate personnel install nest cages and monitor these regularly, following the guidelines of the World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines (WWF). With nest cages protecting the eggs from predators, their chances for survival significantly rise. In just a few weeks, these eggs will crack, and hatchlings will emerge within three to seven days to reach the surface and race towards the ocean.

CDHI Assistant Vice President for Estate Management and Operations Franklin M. Bolalin asserted that "protecting the turtles is just one of several measures we take to make Hamilo Coast a safe haven, not just for its residents and guests but also for marine wildlife."

Recently, turtle hatchlings were released to the ocean by the SM Leisure Resort Residences team in Pico de Loro Cove. New nest cages were also installed in Santelmo Cove, awaiting the hatchlings' emergence in the weeks to come. A total of 56 olive ridley sea turtles have been released as of mid-Nov. 2022 in Hamilo Coast.

Protecting these turtles is just one of CDHI's ways of establishing sustainable practices. In partnership with WWF, CDHI has been expanding and enhancing the scope of its sustainability program as part of a long-term strategic framework in the Hamilo Coast development.

As a result, Hamilo Coast is a recipient of the Longest Sustainability Partner award from the WWF. The recognition now further inspires it to embrace sustainable tourism and develop its area without compromising the quality of water and wildlife in the vicinity.

"Our sustainability efforts, in partnership with WWF, have created a positive impact in the Philippine tourism industry," Mr. Bolalin said. "We hope to continue encouraging seaside developments in the country to prioritize the conservation and protection of our beautiful marine resources."



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## Magnitude 5 quake rocks Surigao Sur

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The tremor at 12:43 p.m. recorded at Intensity II in Tandag, Surigao del Sur and Intensity I in Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte.

The earthquake was tectonic, caused by the movement of an active fault in the area.

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## MAGNITUDE 5 SA CARAGA REGION

NIYANIG ng magnitude 5 na lindol ang ilang bahagi ng Caraga region sa Mindanao nitong Linggo.

Sa ulat ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and

Seismology (Phivolcs), ang tectonic na lindol ay tumama alas-12:43 ng tanghali.

Ang epicenter ng pag-yanig ay naitala sa baybayin sa northeast ng bayan ng

Cortes, Surigao del Sur, malapit sa Philippine Trench.

Ayon pa sa Phivolcs, naramdaman ang lindol sa Intensity II sa Tandag, Surigao del Sur, at Intensity I sa Caba-dbaran City, Agusan del Norte.

Hindi rin umano inaasahan ang anumang pinsala sa naturang lindol pero may posibilidad ang aftershocks.

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National Ecology Center, East Avenue, Diliman, Lungsod ng Quezon

**PAGBEBENTA NG PAMPUBLIKONG LUPA**

Ang pabatid na ito ay ipinagkakaloob bilang patunay na ang Department of Environment and Natural Resources—National Capital Region, Patents and Deeds Section, alinsunod sa Department Administrative Order No. 38, 19 April 1990, ay magkakaroon ng bilihan sa DENR-NCR, *National Ecology Center, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City*, sa pamamagitan ng isang *sealed bidding* na makakapagbigay ng pinakamataas na halaga sa ika-10 ng umaga ng APR 11, 2023, ng lupang matatagpuan sa Brgy. Western Bicutan (Pinagsama) Taguig City na inilarawan ng mga sumusunod:

BILANG NG APLIKASYON	PANGALANG NG APLIKANTE	BILANG NG LOTE/PLANO	SUKAT NG LOTE SA METRO KUMADRADO	HALAGA NG LUPA KADA METRO KUMADRADO	KABUUKANG HALAGA NG LUPA	KABUUKANG HALAGA NG MGA ISTRUKTURA
IGPSA No. 007607-2184	EDWIN A. VIDA	Lot 34, Block 50, Psd00-036894	84 sq.m.	Php140.00	Php11,760.00	Php600,000.00

Ang mga *bid* ay dapat na selyado at dapat isumite sa nasabing Dibisiyon, mismo o bago sa itinalagang oras at petsa sa itaas at minarkahan na "*Bid for Land Described in MSA/IGPSA No. 007607-2184*". Ang mga *bid* sa pagbili ay dapat isumite sa pamamagitan ng pera, *money order*, *treasury warrant*, sertipikadong tseke, *cashier's check* o *manager's check* na nagkakahalaga ng humigit kumulang sa sampung porsiyento (10%) ng isinuniteng turing. Kung ang bumibili ay nais bawin ang kanilang dinpositong halaga bilang alok sa pagbili, ngunit natukoy na ang pinakamataas na bidder, ang katumbas na deposito ay makukumpiska pabor sa pamahalaan. Ang mga alok sa pagbili ay hindi dapat bababa sa kabuuang halaga ng nasabing lupa. Ang pamahalaan ay may karapatang tanggihan ang isa o lahat ng alok sa pagbili kung kinakailangan.

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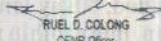
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Notice is hereby given that DENR, Community Environment and Natural Resources Office XI-4A, Capitol Compound, Maki, Digos City, will accept oral or written bids not later than ten (10:00 o'clock a.m on January 5, 2023 for the lease for commercial purposes of the tract of land herein below described:

Location	: Daring, Sta Cruz, Davao del Sur
Description	: Mc-11-001235-D
Area	: 76,746 sq.m.
Appraisal (land)	: Php 2,835.00 per sq. m. or Php 202,225,710.00 for the tract of land
Value of Proposed Improvements	: Php 700,000,000.00
Applied for by	: San Miguel Corporation Represented by: Ferdinand K. Constantino

The successful bidder if other than the applicant must reimburse the latter of the expenses for the publication of the notice of lease and the survey of the land. The right to lease the land will be awarded to the person offering the highest annual rental, which shall not be less than three per centum (3%) of the value of the land plus one per centum (1%) of the value of the proposed existing improvements. In order that a person may be entitled to participate in the bidding, he must be qualified public land applicant, and must, before the commencement of the same, make a deposit equivalent to at least three (3) months rental. Only deposit in cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified checks, cashier's check or manager's check can be accepted. A person bidding in representation of another may do so under a duly executed power of attorney. During the bidding, the bidder has to make an additional deposit everytime his bid is raised, to complete the three (3) month's rental; otherwise, such bid shall not be accepted. The right is reserved in reject any or all bids.  
Digos City, Davao del Sur, Philippines, October 20, 2022.

  
**RUEL D. COLONG**  
DENR Officer

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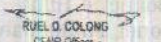
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Ipinangibigay siya sa mundo na ang DENR Community Environment and Natural Resources Office XI-4A, Capitol Compound, Maki, Digos City ay tatanggap ng bidyato o nakasulat na alok sa ika-5 na Enero bago 10:00 ng umaga sa ika-5 ng Enero bago 2023 para paupahan ang isang suklat na lupang publiko na nilalarawan sa ibaba nito:

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Halaga ng nakatayang Proyekto	: Php 700,000,000.00
Aplikante	: San Miguel Corporation Represented by: Ferdinand K. Constantino

Ang karapatan ng upahan ng nasabing lupa ay ibibigay sa tao o partido na makapagbibigay ng pinakamataas na upa sa isang taon na hindi trabaho sa tatlong (3%) porsiyento sa halaga ng lupa at isang (1%) porsiyento sa halaga ng itatayang estruktura. Upang ang isang tao ay makakausap sa nasabing subasta, kailangan siya ay karapat-dapat na aplikante at kailangan bagu magsumite ang subasta ay nakadeposito siya ng halagang katumbas ng tatlong buwang upa. Ang deposito ay kailangang isalaping papel, money order, cashier's o manager's check, ang siya lamang tatanggapin. Ang isang tao na sumali sa subasta na nagrepresenta ng ibang tao ay makakausap lamang kung mayroon siyang pahintulot na ibinigay sa pansamantalang ng kaakalang pahintulot na nilagayan ng Notary Publico. Sa panahon ng subasta, ang taong sumali ay magkaroon ng dagdag na deposito kapag ang kanyang alok ay dinatasa para makumpleto ang kabuuang tatlong buwang upa. Ang karapatang bumanggi o tanggihan ang anumang alok o sa lahat ng alok ay palaging nakalalaran para sa pamahalaan.

Ang magpawagi sa alok na to kung hindi siya ang aplikante ay linalangang tumubasan ang kabayaran ngugot sa pagpapatahal ng panawagan ito at sa pagpapasukat ng lupa.  
Lungsod ng Digos, Lalawigan ng Davao del Sur, Octubre 20, 2022.

  
**RUEL D. COLONG**  
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## NOTICE OF RESCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) of the MAALINAO-CAIGUTAN-BIYOG MINING PROJECT of MAKILALA MINING COMPANY, INC. located in BRGY. BALATOC, MUNICIPALITY OF PASIL, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, PHILIPPINES.

Due to the onslaught brought about by severe tropical storm Paeng, the Public Hearing originally scheduled on 04 November 2022 was postponed. Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the MAALINAO-CAIGUTAN-BIYOG MINING PROJECT to attend the Public Hearing that is rescheduled to:

Date	Time	Venue
06 December 2022 (Tuesday);	09:30 AM (Registration starts at 08:30 AM)	Pasil Municipal Gym, Amdalao, Pasil, Kalinga

The Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the review of the EIS of the aforementioned project by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The following is the project information:

<b>Project Name</b>	Maalinalao-Caigutan-Biyog Mining Project
<b>Project Location</b>	Brgy. Balatoc, Municipality Of Pasil, Province Of Kalinga, Philippines.
<b>Project Capacity</b>	Mining: 4,500,000 MT/ yr Processing: 2,400,000 MT/yr
<b>Project Type</b>	Resource Extractive Industry: Extraction of Metallic Ores/ Minerals and Metallic Mineral or Ore Processing
<b>Project Rationale</b>	This Project endeavors to maximize the economic utility of the mineral resources in the Cordillera Administrative Region, while consequently spearheading the growth of the immediate locality through the inevitable socioeconomic development that is integral to any mineral development project. This includes increased taxes and royalties levied to the government, employment growth from mining-related activities and supporting industries (commerce) in the area, social development, and others. MMCI's environmental and social development programs are also anticipated to have positive impacts on the community as required under various mining laws and regulations
<b>Project components</b>	<p><b>Major Components:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underground Mining Area</li> <li>• Underground Magazine</li> <li>• Surface Magazine</li> <li>• Process Plant Buildings</li> <li>• Run off Mine Pad</li> <li>• Emulsion Plant</li> <li>• Waste Rock/ Topsoil Storage Facility</li> <li>• Internal Roads and Bridges</li> <li>• Paste Plant Buildings</li> <li>• Fresh water and Contact Water Dams</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Admin Facilities</li> <li>• Emergency Power</li> <li>• Water Treatment Plant</li> <li>• Maintenance and Storage Facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Proponent</b>	Makilala Mining Company, Inc

All interested parties who wish to attend or participate in this Public Hearing should preferably confirm their attendance/participation and may give their opinion(s) in a concise position paper to the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION (EIAMD) of this Office through email at [eia@emb.gov.ph](mailto:eia@emb.gov.ph), three (3) days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able to register or submit written positions may be given the opportunity to share their issues on the day of the hearing itself.

The project's EIS and Executive Summary for the Public are downloadable on our website: (kindly access the Notice of Public Hearing/ Consultation link found in our website) while copies will be available in the following offices:

- **EMB CAR**  
DENR Compound, Gibraltar Road, Baguio City
- **Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office- Pasil**  
Pasil Municipal Hall, Pasil, Kalinga

For more details, please contact the EIAMD Division at this Office at telephone number (02) 8539 4378 loc. 116 and look for the project case handlers **Engr. George Silvedero** and **Engr. Jason Paolo Esguerra**.



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**INVITATION TO BID**

The National Mapping And Resource Information Authority, Bids and Awards Committee (NAMRIA BAC) invites interested bidders for the following project:

1. Supply and Delivery of 187,000 liters Automotive Diesel Oil (ADO) for Hydrography Branch  
Approved Budget for the Contract -- PhP 16,914,000.00

The bidding schedule is as follows:

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| 1. Issuance of Bidding Documents               | Starting November 21, 2022  |
| 2. Pre-Bid Conference:                         | 10:30AM November 29, 2022<br>NAMRIA Boardroom/Lecture Hall<br>Fort A. Bonifacio, Taguig City  |
| 3. Deadline of Submission and Opening of Bids: | 10:30AM, December 13, 2022<br>NAMRIA Boardroom/Lecture Hall<br>Fort A. Bonifacio, Taguig City |

The NAMRIA BAC reserves the right to cancel the bidding process, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids received and to accept such bid most advantageous to the government.

Dir. RUEL M. BELEN  
Chairman, B A C

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**INVITATION TO BID**

National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, Bids and Awards Committee (NAMRIA-BAC) invites interested bidders for the project "SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF UPDATED LARGE-SCALE TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AT SCALE 1:10,000 FOR THE UNIFIED MAPPING PROJECT (UMP) CY 2023, covering cluster of provinces listed, as follows:


CLUSTERS	AREA (HECTARES)	NUMBER OF MAP SHEETS
1. CLUSTER 63 ABRA Approved Budget for the Contract -- PHP 35,096,044.00	420,000	185
2. CLUSTER 64 ILICOS SUR Approved Budget for the Contract -- PHP 33,769,544.00	326,635	153
3. CLUSTER 67 ILOILO Approved Budget for the Contract -- PHP 34,578,044.00	500,000	212
4. CLUSTER 68 CEBU Approved Budget for the Contract -- PHP 34,340,044.00	495,000	211
5. CLUSTER 69 DAVAO DEL SUR Approved Budget for the Contract -- PHP 38,791,348.00	602,871	213

PROJECT DURATION: Seven (7) Months per Cluster


The bidding schedule is as follows:

1. Issuance of Bidding Documents: Starting -- November 29, 2022  
10:30AM December 6, 2022  
NAMRIA Lecture Hall/Boardroom  
Fort A. Bonifacio, Taguig City
2. Pre-Bid Conference: 10:30AM December 20, 2022  
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**Dr. FUEL DA BELEN**  
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