

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING SUPPORT AND FAVORABLE ENDORSEMENT OF THE DIDIPIO GOLD-COPPER MINING PROJECT RAN BY OCEANA GOLD PHILIPPINES, INC. FORMERLY AUSTRALIAN PHILIPPINES MINING INCORPORATED (APMI) OVER THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BARANGAY DIDIPIO KASIBU, NUEVA VIZCAYA

WHEREAS, it must be noted that on September 7, 2005 the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Nueva Vizcaya passed Resolution No. 2005-252 favorably endorsing the said project believing the said company shall be true to its word;

WHEREAS, in the said Resolution, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Nueva Vizcaya enumerated therein its conditions for the endorsement, to wit:

1. That the Australian Philippine Mining Company must give assurance of Environment protection and preservation;
2. That the company must properly pay to the Province of Nueva Vizcaya fees, taxes and government charges like real property tax, excise tax, business tax, the like and municipal impositions to the Municipality of Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya;
3. That rehabilitation and development of access roads within the Province of Nueva Vizcaya must be undertaken;
4. That the qualified Vizcayanos must be the priority in the hiring of employees of the company, first from the Didipio, and next from the Municipality of Kasibu and then any resident of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya;
5. That this endorsement refers only to the intended mining operation within Didipio Area; and
6. The provisions of IPRA Law, the Mining Act and all laws and regulations promulgated by duly constituted authority must be complied with.

WHEREAS, it was further emphasized that the said endorsement shall continue to exist provided the subject mining company will comply with the conditions as set;

WHEREAS, regrettably, OceanaGold disregarded downright its commitment to abide with the conditions set when it constructed access roads not within the jurisdiction of Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya and then followed by its blatant refusal to pay fees and taxes to the Province of Nueva Vizcaya;

WHEREAS, these unacceptable actions of OceanaGold are utter display of arrogance, betrayal and disrespect to authorities of the Province which are in effect grave insult to the people of Nueva Vizcaya.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Board Member Merlie G. Talingdan duly seconded by Board Member Efren M. Quiben, be it –

RESOLVED, that this Sanggunian withdraws, as it is hereby withdrawing, support and favorable endorsement of the Didipio Copper Gold Mining Project ran by OceanaGold Philippines, Inc. (formerly Australian Philippines Mining Incorporated (APMI) over the territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Didipio, Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the President of the Philippines, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, the Honorable Secretary of the Department of Environment Protection and Natural Resources (DENR), the Honorable Governor Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, the Director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) both of National and Regional office, the Regional Director of DENR Region II, the Regional Development Council, PENRO-Nueva Vizcaya, the Honorable Mayor Romeo Tayaban of Kasibu, the Barangay Council of Didipio, Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya, and OceanaGold, for their information.

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