

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION INCORPORATED REGION IX
WESTERN MINDANAO
D. Riconalla, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte

April 5, 1996

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT
Fidel V. Ramos
Republic of the Philippines
Malacañang, Manila

Thru : Hon. Victor O. Ramos
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FROM : Indigenous Cultural Communities Economic
Development Foundation Inc., Rep., By Datu Ponciano M.
Agbadan, et Al., D. Riconalla, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte

SUBJECT : PETITION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF GOLD MINING EXPLORATION
OPERATION OF TVI RESOURCES DEV., PHIL., INC., AT THE
HILLSTOP, OF SITIO CANATUAN, TABAYO, SIOCON, ZAMBO.,
DEL NORTE;

EXCELLENCY :

We the undersign petitioners all of legal age, Filipino, and all are a residence, and postal address at Barangays Makiang, D. Riconalla, Tabayo, Candis, Pisawak, Bulacan, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, hereby strongly petition the immediate cancellation of Gold Processing exploration of TVI Resources Development Phil., Inc., under its Mineral Production Sharing Agreements Application, denominated as APSA-R-IX-039, Issued by the DENR, Regional Office, Zamboanga City, on January 21, 1994, covering 2,754 Hectares, located in the afore-cited area, for the following grounds to wit:

1. That the TVI is a big Mining Corporation using heavy equipment, used to open-pit Bulk methods to extract mines Buldox large chunks of Land at the Canatuan hillstop mountain, creating massives alteration of mountains terrain cause to endanger the lives of the nearby residence, and the entire Siocon lowland populace; (see open-pit bulk mining) (Benguet & Itogon)

2. That these also causes soil erosion of our mountainous in this Municipality, our top soils became in the bottom of Balubuan creek, and Lituban rivers cause losses of water sources of the entire Siocon populace, damaging the irrigation canal of Lituban Dam, which is detrimental to the Siocon Farmers beneficiaries. (see picture of Lituban) (Irrigation canal)

5. That this abovementioned Barangays are thickly populated by the Indigenous Cultural Communities living surroundingly of the TVI Mining Co., and the land found thereat does not possess minerals extraction, and we have occupied this agricultural land since time immemorial and this is suited for agricultural land purposes, and this issue that goes beyond the Law "Is the Right of our Ancestral Land Law" (see DENR Administrative Order No. 02, series of 1993)

4. That the promulgation of RA No. 7942 of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 it needs a proper consultation/dialogue with entire populace, as well as the Indigenous Cultural Communities residing near the Mining Operation, before the issuance of Mining Exploration Permit shall be made. (see R.A. No. 7942-s-95)

5. That we may ready to faces any judicial/or extrajudicial action, and blame the authorities concern in the event "If we are the next victims of "CRMOC TRAGEDY" done by man made calamities;
(see CRMOC FLOOD OF 1991) (And MAHINDUQUE TRAGEDY of 1996)

We hope, and prayed that this humble appeal be given preferential action.

Very truly yours,

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