



Republic of the Philippines  
**Rizal Provincial Government**  
Antipolo, Rizal

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

10 January 2014

**HON. RAMON J.P. PAJE**

Secretary  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
DENR Building, Visayas Avenue  
Quezon City

**SUBJECT: SP-RIZAL RESOLUTION NO. 223, S. 2013, A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ALL FORMS OF PERMITS, CONTRACTS, OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND CLEARANCES ON QUARRYING AND MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL AND SP-RIZAL RESOLUTION NO. 243, S. 2013, A RESOLUTION ON THE MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL ON THE RENEWAL OF ALL FORMS OF PERMITS, CONTRACTS, OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND CLEARANCES ON QUARRYING AND MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL**

Dear Mr. Secretary Paje:


Greetings from our Provincial constituencies.

We make reference to the subject SP-Rizal Resolutions.

In light of the position taken by the Eastern Rizal Miners' Association (ERMA) dated January 3, 2014 which we received today, copy of which is transmitted herewith, and with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan taking cognizance thereof, it is respectfully requested that the statements of facts and submissions therein stated be validated and considered in rationalizing and in giving due course to any action on the request of our Provincial leadership as embodied in the SP-Rizal Resolution Nos. 223 and 243, s. 2013, copies likewise attached, for our further information, reference and guidance.

Thank you and warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

  
REBECCA A. YNARES



Republic of the Philippines  
RIZAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT  
Antipolo City

27<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 228, s. 2013

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Introduced by: BM TEODULO C. DEL ROSARIO  
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RESOLUTION NO. 223, s. 2013

**A RESOLUTION**

**DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ALL FORMS OF PERMITS, CONTRACTS, OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND CLEARANCES ON QUARRYING AND MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL**

**WHEREAS**, the R. A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 expressly provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers necessary, for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to promotion of the general welfare including the preservation and enrichment of culture, promotion of health and safety, enhancement of the right of the people to a balanced ecology, and preservation of the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 468 (a)(1)(vi) of the Local Government Code of 1991 "the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endangered the environment xxx such as activities which result in pollution, destruction of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance";

**WHEREAS**, it is the primary concern of the Provincial leadership to protect and safeguard the environment in order to ensure the rights of Rizaleños to a balanced and healthful ecology and their liberty to all risks, dangers and hazard of pollution which development and progress imminently generate;

**WHEREAS**, based on a study, one of the biggest negative impacts of quarrying on the environment is the permanent damage to biodiversity, while modern quarrying/mining safety protocols, both for labor and the environment, are not being strictly complied with and observed while the mining activities continue to pose serious threat to the ecology, the health and safety of workers and to the surrounding community residents;

**WHEREAS**, mining and quarrying including the appurtenant processing activities have various negative impacts: it produces pollution, siltation of the river and creeks, nuisances, traffic disturbance due to the transport of mined materials, it affects the image and reputation including the agricultural, tourism and related activities of the surrounding areas;

**WHEREAS**, the number of existing quarry operations in the Province is deemed sufficient in number and adding more of the same kind may hasten and aggravate further environmental degradation and further increase the contribution of siltation of waterways, flooding and surface run-off and soil erosion that would impair our health, safety and economy;

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WHEREAS, last 26 September 2013, The YNARES ECO SYSTEM (YES) or the YES TO GREEN PROGRAM was launched last Thursday, 26 September 2013 at the Ynares Center, Antipolo City, Province of Rizal;

WHEREAS, the project (YES) has three (3) components namely: GREENING the environment, CLEANING the environment and RECYCLING, embodying the aim to address environmental issues of waste management, clogged water tributaries, deforested mountains and watersheds, and declining livelihood opportunities;

WHEREAS, last 18 October 1994, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has issued Memorandum Order No. 21 declaring a moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of application for all forms of permits, contracts, operating agreements and clearances on quarrying and mining activities in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal;

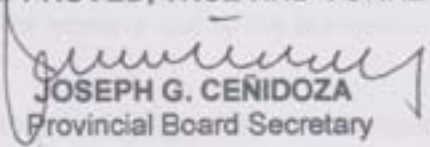
NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved, as it is hereby Resolved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Rizal, in session assembled, **DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ALL FORMS OF PERMITS, CONTRACTS, OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND CLEARANCES ON QUARRYING AND MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL**, subject to rules and regulations and guidelines to be issued by the Honorable Governor, and unless and until the carrying capacity (point of saturation) of the Province to hold or bear mining and quarrying including mine processing or aggregate crushing plants has been determined with finality by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in the Province of Rizal;;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, strongly urging the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to declare a moratorium on Large-Scale Mining Activities and Operations when circumstances so warrant, to ensure that environmental rules and regulations being implemented by concerned national and local government agencies are faithfully complied with; and put to a stop the acceptance, processing and approval of operating agreements and mine processing and aggregate crushing plant/s activities/operations in the Province of Rizal;

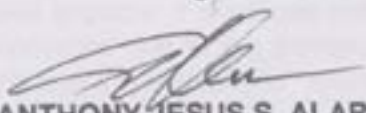
**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished all concerned offices/agencies for their information and appropriate action;

**ADOPTED**, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 at the Gat. Jose P. Rizal Hall, 3/F Rizal Provincial Capitol, Ynares Center Complex, Antipolo, Rizal.

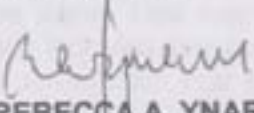
**CERTIFIED APPROVED, TRUE AND CORRECT:**

  
JOSEPH G. CEÑIDOZA  
Provincial Board Secretary

**ATTESTED:**

  
ANTHONY JESUS S. ALARCON  
Acting Vice-Governor  
Temporary Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

  
REBECCA A. YNARES  
Governor

**RESOLUTION NO. 243, s. 2013**

**A RESOLUTION  
ON THE MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND  
APPROVAL ON THE RENEWAL OF ALL FORMS OF PERMITS,  
CONTRACTS, OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND CLEARANCES ON  
QUARRYING AND MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL**

**WHEREAS**, last 7 October 2013, the 27<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Rizal adopted SP Resolution No. 223, s.2013, entitled: "A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ALL FORMS OF PERMITS, CONTRACTS, OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND CLEARANCES ON QUARRYING AND MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL";

**WHEREAS**, the R. A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 expressly provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers necessary, for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to promotion of the general welfare including the preservation and enrichment of culture, promotion of health and safety, enhancement of the right of the people to a balanced ecology, and preservation of the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 468 (a)(1)(vi) of the Local Government Code of 1991 "the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endangered the environment xxx such as activities which result in pollution, destruction of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance";

**WHEREAS**, it is the primary concern of the Provincial leadership to protect and safeguard the environment in order to ensure the rights of Rizaleños to a balanced and healthful ecology and their liberty to all risks, dangers and hazard of pollution which development and progress imminently generate;

**WHEREAS**, last 26 September 2013, The YNARES ECO SYSTEM (YES) or the YES TO GREEN PROGRAM was launched last Thursday, 26 September 2013 at the Ynares Center, Antipolo City, Province of Rizal primarily to promote the right of the people particularly Rizaleños to a meaningful and wholesome environment;

**WHEREAS**, the project (YES) has three (3) components namely: GREENING the environment, CLEANING the environment and RECYCLING, embodying the aim to address environmental issues of waste management, clogged water tributaries, deforested mountains and watersheds, and declining livelihood opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, based on a study, one of the biggest negative impacts of quarrying on the environment is the permanent damage to biodiversity and natural landscape, while modern quarrying/mining safety protocols, both for labor and the environment, are not being faithfully and strictly complied with and observed while the mining activities continue to pose serious threat to the ecology, the health and safety of workers and to the surrounding community residents;

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**WHEREAS**, mining and quarrying including the appurtenant processing activities have various negative impacts: it produces pollution, siltation of the river and creeks, nuisances, traffic disturbance due to the transport of mined materials, it affects the image and reputation including the agricultural, tourism and related activities of the surrounding areas;

**WHEREAS**, the number of existing quarry operations in the Province may hasten and aggravate further environmental degradation and further increase the contribution of siltation of waterways, flooding and surface run-off and soil erosion that would impair our health, safety and economy;

**WHEREAS**, by way of a Supplemental Resolution to SP Resolution No. 223, s.2013, this Resolution is hereby given favorable due course by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Rizal to include the renewal of all previously issued permits, contracts, operating agreements and clearances on quarrying and mining activities in the Province of Rizal, including large-scale mining permit (MPSA) issued by the national government;

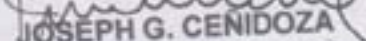
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**RESOLVED FURTHER**, strongly requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to declare a moratorium on the renewal of Large-Scale Mining Activities and Operations when circumstances so warrant, to ensure that environmental rules and regulations being implemented by concerned national and local government agencies are faithfully complied with; and put to a stop the acceptance, processing and approval of operating agreements and mine processing and aggregate crushing plant/s activities/operations including its renewal thereof in the Province of Rizal;

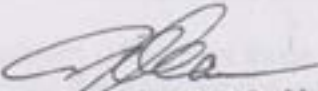
**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished all concerned offices/agencies for their information and appropriate action;

**ADOPTED**, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013 at the Gat. Jose P. Rizal Hall, 3/F Rizal Provincial Capitol, Ynares Center Complex, Antipolo, Rizal.

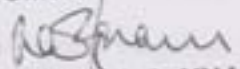
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