

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**PROCLAMATION NO. 172****EXCLUDING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE SURIGAO MINERAL RESERVATION A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN NONOC ISLAND, SURIGAO CITY, DECLARING IT OPEN FOR DISPOSITION AND DONATING THE SAME TO THE SURIGAO CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE**

WHEREAS, a proposal has been filed for the release of a parcel of land situated in Nonoc Island, Surigao City from the Surigao Mineral Reservation established under Proclamation No. 391 dated March 13, 1939, for the purpose of establishing a Special Economic Zone;

WHEREAS, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, after geological verification, has determined that said parcel of land is in part occupied by the nickel refinery plant of Nonoc Mining and Industrial Corporation and the mining contract area of Pacific Nickel Philippines, Inc., with the remaining portion containing no more nickel ore deposit of commercial value;

WHEREAS, Nonoc Mining and Industrial Corporation and Pacific Nickel Philippines, Inc., pose no objection to the release of such parcel of land from the Surigao Mineral Reservation;

WHEREAS, the Surigao City Government has manifested its support for the release of the same parcel of land from the Surigao Mineral Reservation and expressed its intention to acquire the same by donation and thereby, enable it to host the Special Economic Zone;

WHEREAS, the Director of Mines and Geosciences has recommended the exclusion of the same parcel of land from the Surigao Mineral Reservation after due public hearing and publication of his written recommendation in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with the procedure for the disestablishment or modification of boundary of a mineral reservation provided for under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995;

WHEREAS, the National Government recognizes Region XIII or the CARAGA Region, which includes Surigao City, as a major development area to spur economic growth in Mindanao, and that the possible establishment of a Special Economic Zone in this area is considered as a strategic approach to attain such goal.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and pursuant to the provisions of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Public Land Act and the Administrative Code of 1987, do hereby exclude from the operation of the Surigao Mineral Reservation, and declare open for disposition for commercial or industrial use and donate to the Surigao City Government for the purpose of establishing a Special Economic Zone the parcel of land situated in Nonoc Island, Surigao City within the Surigao Mineral Reservation more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the attached Plan, being N 41⁰13'W, 2,045.90 meters from BLLM No. 27, Surigao Cadastre, thence:

Lines	Distance	Bearing
1-2	400.18 meters	N64 ⁰ 58'E
2-3	181.13 meters	S20 ⁰ 56'E
3-4	161.25 meters	S16 ⁰ 40'E
4-5	161.26 meters	N73 ⁰ 13'E
5-6	99.19 meters	S56 ⁰ 39'E
6-7	346.98 meters	N16 ⁰ 53'E
7-8	366.65 meters	N74 ⁰ 07'E
8-9	264.56 meters	S13 ⁰ 48'E
9-10	56.38 meters	N78 ⁰ 40'E
10-11	457.18 meters	S14 ⁰ 04'E
11-12	53.29 meters	S74 ⁰ 07'W
12-13	199.64 meters	S13 ⁰ 58'E
13-14	174.22 meters	N87 ⁰ 34'E



14-15	28.79 meters	N37 ⁰ 40'E
15-16	116.13 meters	N29 ⁰ 44'E
16-17	93.86 meters	S69 ⁰ 27'E
17-18	31.01 meters	S08 ⁰ 44'E
18-19	31.53 meters	S17 ⁰ 25'W
19-20	8.00 meters	S39 ⁰ 04'E
20-21	19.42 meters	S61 ⁰ 15'W
21-22	7.06 meters	N48 ⁰ 41'W
22-23	17.54 meters	S70 ⁰ 18'W
23-24	89.39 meters	S22 ⁰ 15'W
24-25	29.84 meters	S67 ⁰ 06'W
25-26	70.83 meters	N58 ⁰ 07'W
26-27	85.92 meters	S58 ⁰ 20'W
27-28	12.98 meters	S34 ⁰ 27'W
28-29	45.12 meters	S05 ⁰ 20'W
29-30	39.38 meters	S18 ⁰ 58'W
30-31	26.29 meters	S28 ⁰ 22'E
31-32	46.57 meters	S31 ⁰ 17'W
32-33	62.82 meters	S03 ⁰ 53'E
33-34	38.98 meters	S23 ⁰ 54'W
34-35	28.03 meters	S17 ⁰ 33'W
35-36	20.98 meters	S51 ⁰ 41'W



36-37	15.28 meters	S80 ⁰ 05'W
37-38	53.06 meters	N76 ⁰ 42'W
38-39	51.44 meters	S88 ⁰ 51'W
39-40	42.34 meters	N58 ⁰ 22'W
40-41	37.15 meters	S40 ⁰ 03'W
41-42	62.22 meters	S36 ⁰ 46'W
42-43	56.75 meters	S35 ⁰ 55'W
43-44	219.48 meters	N57 ⁰ 24'W
44-45	266.98 meters	N33 ⁰ 09'E
45-46	86.80 meters	N69 ⁰ 33'E
46-47	464.87 meters	N45 ⁰ 18'W
47-48	94.08 meters	S43 ⁰ 32'W
48-49	139.03 meters	S20 ⁰ 37'E
49-50	116.83 meters	S21 ⁰ 35'E
50-51	112.96 meters	S76 ⁰ 16'W
51-52	61.94 meters	N14 ⁰ 23'W
52-53	62.00 meters	N04 ⁰ 03'E
53-54	146.24 meters	N27 ⁰ 53'W
54-55	47.24 meters	N67 ⁰ 34'W
55-56	78.01 meters	N17 ⁰ 00'W
56-57	46.07 meters	N24 ⁰ 21'W
57-58	118.52 meters	N36 ⁰ 59'W

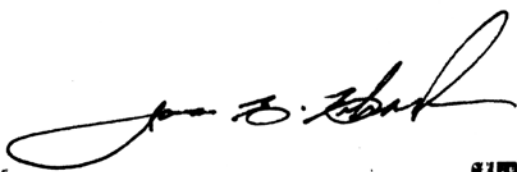


58-59	484.36 meters	N14 ⁰ 25'W
59-60	303.21 meters	S76 ⁰ 03'W
60-61	152.40 meters	N17 ⁰ 12'W
61-62	172.86 meters	N12 ⁰ 04'E
62-63	86.57 meters	N24 ⁰ 41'W
63-64	86.62 meters	N74 ⁰ 39'W
64-1	105.18 meters	N12 ⁰ 48'W

containing an area of approximately 106.473 hectares.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.



By the President:

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