

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGUEY : SS
MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL)
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JOINT AFFIDAVIT

We, Onsino Mato, Lino Thi and Pancho Tumangkis, all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines, after first having been duly sworn in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That we are members of the Council of Elders of Canatuan, Tabayo, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines and on October 12, 2002 we received an invitation from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples through TAA Ponciano Agbadan to hold and attend a council meeting at Atilano Pension House in Zamboanga City, Philippines on October 15, 2002;
2. That we were surprised that the matters to be discussed pertains to CADC No. 032 of Gutalac and not CADC No. 113 of Canatuan, however, due to the fact that the one calling for a meeting was NCIP, a government agency, and in order to discover if there were hidden agenda of the said meeting, we decided to attend said meeting along with seven other council members;
3. That during the meeting at Atilano Pension House in Zamboanga City, we discovered that the said meeting was not called by NCIP but the unilateral act of TAA Ponciano Agbadan. As a matter of fact, not one official from the NCIP aside from Ponciano Agbadan, attended the said meeting. However, Atty. Pablo Bernardo, representing TVI, together with his relative, Cherino Limpuson of Lintangan, Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte was also present.
4. That during the meeting, Danilo Bason made a speech convincing the group to accept and consent to the mining operation of TVI of Canatuan because TVI will construct road, schools, hospitals, tribal religious centers, will give royalty, honorarium to the members of the council and other sky high promises. But our group objected to the proposal because we believe in the sustainable usage and development of natural resources in our ancestral domain against and contra distinguishing to the open-pit mining operation of the TVI.
5. That prior to October 15, 2002 the council meeting at Canatuan, Tabayo, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte had passed **Resolution No.6 banning open pit mining at Canatuan and categorically no-to-TVI mining operation**, that was on September 15, 2002.
6. That in the afternoon of October 15, 2002, a resolution was passed around for signature of the participants of the meeting but because the resolution will give consent to the mining operation of TVI in Canatuan, we did not sign the said resolution, such that, some of us were even promised of P 5,000.00 if we only sign the resolution.

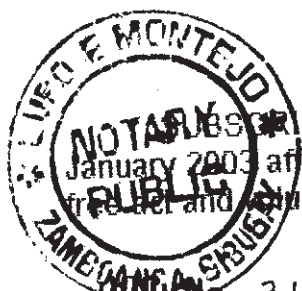
7. That because we did not like to sign the said resolution, we decided to leave for home that afternoon of October 15, 2002, and Atty. Pablo Bernardo gave to our leader, Timoy Jose "Boy" Anoy an amount of P 11,000.00 for our travel expenses.
8. That we executed this affidavit for the purpose of showing that the CADC Community of Canatuan, Tabayo, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte did not give their free and prior informed consent to the mining operation of TVI at Canatuan and that the resolution allegedly passed at Atilano Pension House in Zamboanga City is, Resolution No.7, is illegal because it was not passed and discussed in the Community and rigged with fraud, deceit and bribery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereby affix our signature this 27th of January 2003 at IPIL, Zamboanga Sibuguey, Philippines.


ONINO MATO
 Affiant

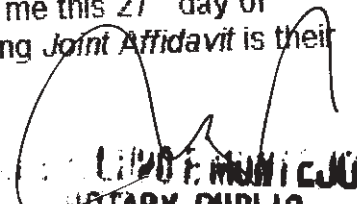

PANCHO TUMANGKIS
 Affiant


LINO TILI
 Affiant



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January 2003 affiants declaring that the foregoing Joint Affidavit is their free and voluntary deed.

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