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S.E.C. REG. NO. ANO 91-199178



March 31, 2004

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
Environmental Management Bureau
DENR, Region IX
Veterans Ave., Zamboanga City

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your office a Manifesto and Letter of Complaint filed to our office by the residents and indigenous people of Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, concerning environmental problems cause by "Large-scale Mining Operation of **TVI Resource Dev't. Co., Inc.**"

According to the report from Rosendo Canlas, our Bantay Kalikasan Officer of Siocon, the mining operation of TVI Greatly affects the livelihood of the majority of the residents of Siocon which rely mostly on farming, fishing and fish pond operation. According to the residents, the chemical wastes coming from mining operation unavoidably slips down from Mt. Caratuan, the mining area, passing through the rivers, and mixes with sea water causing great losses of fishpond operators, farmers and fishermen affected by the contaminated water.

I would like to request for the temporary suspension of "**Environmental Clearance Certificate**" issued by the DENR on this company while undergoing review and investigation I believe that prolong operation of this said mining company will aggravate the situation and will cause further environmental damage, loss of lives and property and eventually a repeat of a tragic incident of Ormoc and Leyte tragedy.

Our investigation disclosed that some influential politician of Zamboanga del Norte are behind this mining operation.

For your appropriate action.


DIR. RILYN M. DOMINGO
Regional Director, Region IX
BANTAY BAYAN R-IX

cc: President GMA
Office of the Ombudsman
DILG, Region IX
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