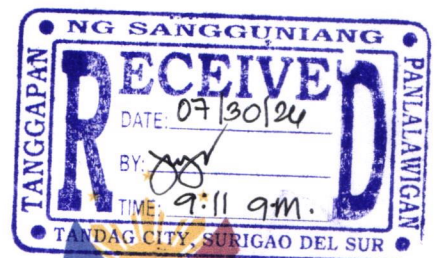




Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
TANDAG CITY

Office of the Governor



BAGONG PILIPINAS

SUBJECT: 2ND LETTER DATED JULY 27, 2026, REGARDING THE COMMENTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICER ON S.B.
RESOLUTION NO. 322 SERIES OF 2026 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN

Refer To: Committee on Environmental Protection
and Ecology

3rd Indorsement

July 28, 2026

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Respectfully indorsed to **Mr. Edgar G. Perez, II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan**, this Province, the herein 2nd indorsement from Atty. Limuel L. Auza, Provincial Legal Officer, for your appropriate action.



PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Acting Provincial Governor

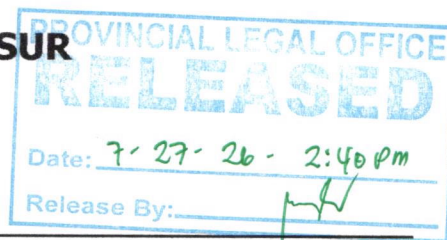
For the Governor:

JOHN VINCENT C. PIMENTEL
Provincial Administrator



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
TANDAG

Provincial Legal Office



2nd Indorsement

July 27, 2026



Respectfully returned to **HON. MANUEL O. ALAMEDA**, Acting Provincial Governor, is the herein 1st Indorsement dated July 15, 2026, relative to the attached Resolution No. 322, Series of 2026 entitled: "**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AICI) WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY THE SAME, IN MANIFESTATION OF THE POSITION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN, MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF CARMEN**" dated July 21, 2026.

Upon review of the resolution and its supporting documents, I recommend endorsing the same to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, specifically the Committee on Environmental Protection and Ecology. This action ensures compliance with the mandatory consultation requirements under Section 26 of RA 7160, which provides that prior consultation must be conducted for projects with potential environmental impacts including pollution, climate change, and the depletion of non-renewable resources all of which are relevant to the proposed mining operation.


ATTY. LIMUEL L. AUZA
Provincial Legal Officer



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
TANDAG CITY



Office of the Governor

SUBJECT: LETTER DATED JULY 24, 2026, RE: SUBMISSION OF SANGGUNIAN BAYAN
RESOLUTION NO. 322, SERIES OF 2026

1st Indorsement

July 24, 2026

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Respectfully indorsed to **Atty. Limuel L. Auza, Provincial Legal Officer**, the herein basic communication from Ma. Julina T. Borda-Jutilo, LLB., J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipal Government of Carmen, for your appropriate action.

MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Acting *Provincial Governor*

For the Governor:


JOHN VINCENT C. PIMENTEL
Provincial Administrator

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

July 24, 2026

JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Governor
Province of Surigao del Sur

Dear Hon. Pimentel:

Respectfully submitting to your level, **RESOLUTION NO. 322, Series of 2026**, entitled **"A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI) WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY THE SAME, IN MANIFESTATION OF THE POSITION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF CARMEN"** dated July 21, 2026.

Attached herewith are the following:

- 11) MGB Regional Office XIII letter dated July 8, 2026
- 12) Notice of Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. for Exploration Permit
- 13) Map Showing the EXPA within the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur
- 14) SP Ordinance No. 155-25 dated April 22, 2025
- 15) Municipal Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2002 dated December 9, 2002
- 16) Geo-Hazard Map within the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur
- 17) Sub-Watershed Map within the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur
- 18) Land Cover Map within the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur
- 19) Resolutions from the Eight (8) Barangays of the Municipality of Carmen opposing the EXPA of within the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur
- 20) Resolution of Hubason Tribal Farmers Association (HTFA) expressing strong opposition to any kind of mining activities within the ancestral domains

For your information and guidance.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,


MA. JULINA T. BORDA- JUTILO, LLB., J.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 51ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON JULY 21,
2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Jane V. Plaza		Municipal Vice- Mayor/ Presiding Officer
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REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

Hon. Carlos S. Estrada		SB Member
Hon. Harvey S. Manawatao		SB Member
Hon. Tanie A. Quillano		SB Member
Hon. Nilo S. Bigno		SB Member
Hon. Daniel A. Tejol		SB Member
Hon. Elvie U. Ohao		SB Member
Hon. Rencio P. Valeroso		SB Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Hon. Blandena V. Sugian		ABC President
Hon. Jeff Anthony D. Beloria		SK Federation President

ON LEAVE:

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBER:

Hon. Michael C. Escuyos		SB Member
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RESOLUTION NO. 322
Series of 2026

**"A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF
AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI) WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT
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OFFICE XIII TO DENY THE SAME, IN MANIFESTATION OF THE POSITION OF THE SANGGUNIANG
BAYAN, MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF CARMEN"**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, recognize the right of local government units and their constituents to be consulted on projects affecting the environment and ecological balance and require prior consultation prior to the implementation of environmentally critical projects;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Carmen has consistently pursued policies and development strategies anchored on environmental sustainability, watershed protection, biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, eco-tourism and community-based development;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Carmen adopted the Enhance Forest Land Use Plan (EFLUP) 2025-2034 through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 43, Series of 2025, which identifies the protection and conservation of forests, watersheds and biodiversity as key municipal development priorities;

WHEREAS, the municipality likewise adopted the Enhanced Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) 2024-2032, recognizing the critical role of forests, watersheds and ecosystems in climate change mitigation and adaptation;

WHEREAS, the forests and watersheds of Carmen form part of the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor and contain significant natural forests, wildlife habitats, threatened species and ecosystem services of local, national, and global importance;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Carmen is traversed by the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve, established under Presidential Proclamation No. 1747, together with its major tributary watersheds and river system that sustain agriculture, irrigation, fisheries, potable water supplies, biodiversity and local livelihoods;

WHEREAS, the Municipality's agricultural economy, food security and rural livelihoods are highly dependent on the continued integrity of its watersheds, irrigation systems, forests and natural resources;

WHEREAS, mining exploration and mining operations pose potential risks including deforestation, biodiversity loss, river and groundwater contamination, sedimentation of irrigation systems, degradation of agricultural lands, increased vulnerability to flooding and landslides and irreversible loss of ecosystem services;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Carmen has established and continues to support various conservation and environmental protection initiatives, including protected areas, forest restoration programs, agri-tourism development, eco-tourism programs and sustainable agriculture projects that are incompatible with large-scale mineral development activities;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipal Officials and the Local Government Unit of Carmen recognize their responsibility to safeguard the environment, protect community welfare, preserve natural resources and ensure sustainable development for present and future generations;

WHEREAS, it is the policy direction of the Municipality of Carmen to prioritize sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation, eco-tourism, climate resilience, and responsible natural resource management over extractive industries that may compromise the municipality's long-term ecological integrity and socio-economic well-being;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan and the Local Government Unit of Carmen, deem it necessary to formally express their institutional opposition to deny the Exploration Permit Application

of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) within the Municipality of Carmen and to communicate such position to concerned national government agencies;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Rencio P. Valeroso, duly seconded by all members present;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen, Surigao del Sur, to strongly oppose the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur and earnestly requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to deny the same, in manifestation of the position of the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipal Officials and the Local Government Unit of Carmen;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to declare that the Municipality of Carmen shall continue to pursue sustainable development pathways centered on environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, watershed management, climate resilience, food security, sustainable agriculture, eco-tourism, and community-based economic development;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the Municipal Mayor, MENRO, DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau, DENR- CENRO, DENR- Regional Office XIII, Governor of the Province of Surigao del Sur, PENRO-LGU, DENR- MGB Panel of Arbitrators, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action;

ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2026 at Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


MA. JULINA T. BORDA-JUTILO, LLB., J.D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


JANE V. PLAZA
Municipal Vice- Mayor/
Presiding Officer



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU
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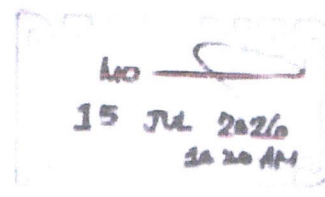
July 8, 2026

Honorable Nestor S. Valeroso, CPA, MBA

Mayor

Municipality of Carmen

Municipal Hall Complex, Poblacion
Carmen, Surigao del Sur



Dear Mayor N.S. Valeroso:

Respectfully forwarding one (1) copy of the re-issued **Notice of Application** of **Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI)** for its Exploration Permit (EP) application denominated as EXPA-000147-XIII covering an area of 837.132 hectares located in Brgy. Puyat, Carmen, Surigao del Sur; and Brgy. San Vicente, Madrid, Surigao del Sur.

Records of this Office show that a copy of the original Notice of Application was previously received by the Office of then Mayor for posting on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the subsequent issuance of a Certificate of Posting. AIWI was able to secure a copy of the letter bearing the receiving stamp of the Office of the Mayor, which served as the basis for the issuance of the Clearance to Issue the EP by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director, subject to certain conditions. However, AIWI failed to comply with the said conditions, resulting in the non-issuance of the EP. A copy of the receiving-stamped letter is attached for your reference.



To comply with the President's Economic Agenda, particularly on increasing competitiveness and promoting the ease of doing business to attract local and foreign direct investments into the country, this Office undertook a reevaluation of EXPA-000147-XIII. It was determined that no Certificate of Posting had been issued by the Municipality of Carmen. Consequently, AIWI was required to secure the same and requested re-issuance of the Notice of Application to ensure compliance with the posting requirement and to demonstrate its commitment to securing the project's social acceptability.

In view thereof, may we respectfully request your good Office to cause the posting of the attached Notice of Application on the Provincial Bulletin Board for a period of **one (1) week** pursuant to Section 4.1. of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2025-17, amending certain sections of DAO No. 2010-21, in re: "Providing for a Consolidated Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995."

"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT
IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."

Moreover, within **five (5) working days** from the last date of posting, your good Office shall issue a **Certification** that the posting has been complied with indicating therein the date it was posted. Any adverse claims, protests and/or oppositions shall be filed directly within ten (10) days from the date of posting with this Office, for purposes of its resolution by the Panel of Arbitrators.

Hoping for your favorable consideration on the matter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



FRANCIS GLENN N. SUANTE
OIC Regional Director



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c.l.: **The Punong Barangay**
Brgy. Puyat, Carmen
Surigao del Sur

The President
Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc.
P. de La Cruz St., San Bartolome
Novaliches, Quezon City



NOTICE OF APPLICATION
OF
AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC.
FOR
EXPLORATION PERMIT

Notice is hereby given to **AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC.** with office address in P. dela Cruz St., San Bartolome, Navaliches, Quezon City, Philippines, and who has filed an application for Exploration Permit for the exploration of nickel, chromite and other associated minerals pursuant to Section 4.1, of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2025-17, amending certain sections of DAO No. 2010-21 in re: "Providing for a Consolidated Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995", and DAO No. 2012-07 in re: "Rules and Regulation to Implement Executive Order No. 79, Entitled: Institutionalizing and Implementing Reforms in the Philippine Mining Sector, Providing Policies and Guidelines to Ensure Environmental Protection and Responsible Exploration of Mineral Resources", particularly described as follows:



- I. **Application Number** : **EXPA-000147-XIII**
- II. **Date of Filing** : **8 October 2007**
- III. **Location** : **Brgy. Puyol, Carmen, Surigao del Sur; and Brgy. San Vicente, Madrid, Surigao del Sur**
- IV. **Technical Description** : **See attached Location Map**
- V. **Size of the Area** : **837,132 hectares**
- VI. **Duration of Exploration Permit** : **Two (2) years, renewable for like periods but not to exceed a total term of six (6) years. Provided: That no renewal of permit shall be allowed unless the Permittee has complied with all the terms and conditions thereof, and has not been found guilty of violation of any provision of RA No. 7942 and DAO No. 2010-21.**

Any and all persons having adverse claims, protests and/or oppositions to the subject application are hereby notified that such adverse claims, protest, and/or oppositions should be filed for purposes of resolution by the Panel of

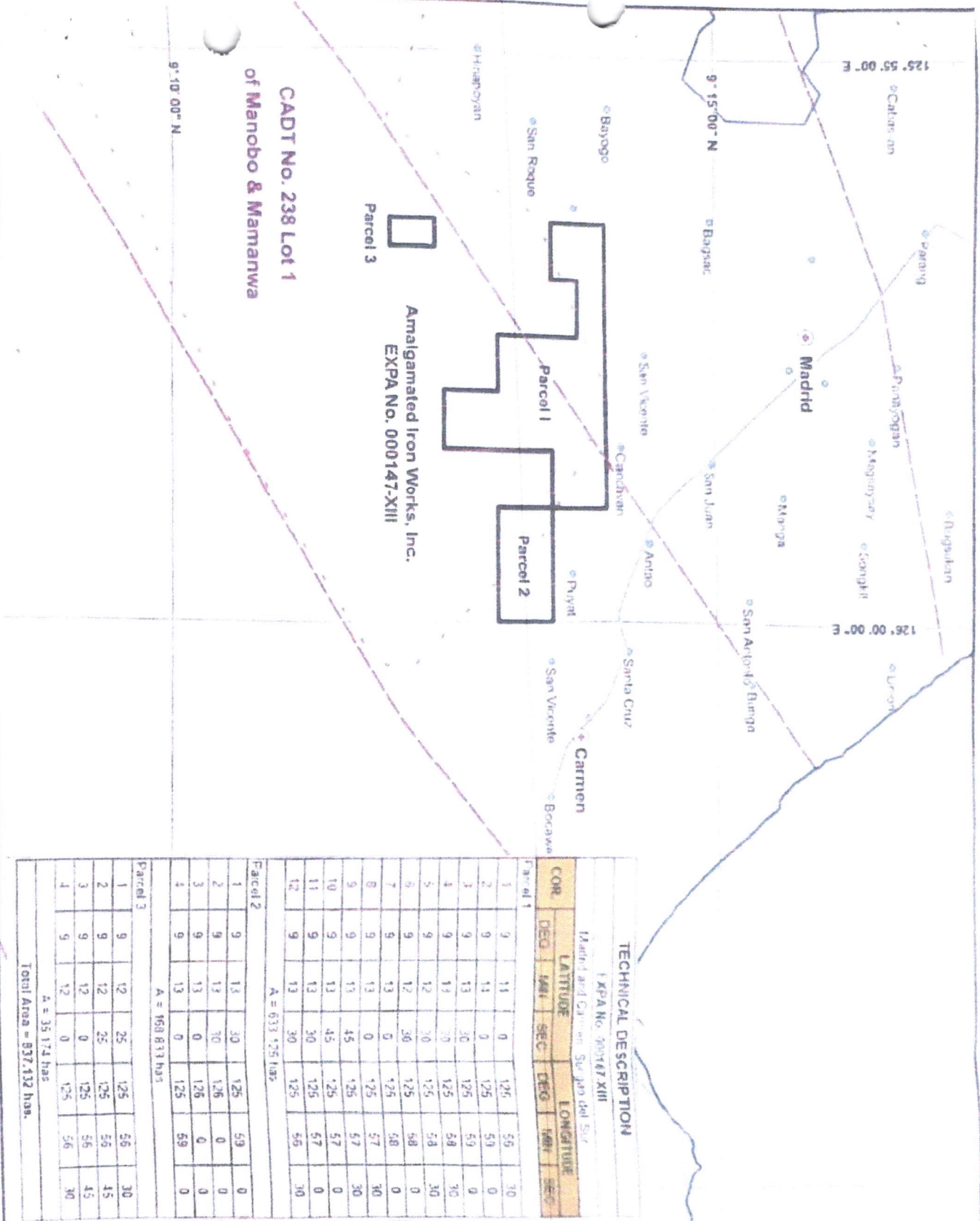
Arbitrators concerned pursuant to Section 4.f. of DAO No. 2025-17, amending Section 21 of DAO No. 2010-21, within ten (10) days from the last date of posting/publication/radio announcement hereof, whichever is the latest, directly with MGB RO No. XIII. Upon final resolution of any adverse claim, the Panel of Arbitrators shall issue a Certification to that effect within five (5) working days from the date of finality of resolution thereof.

For further particulars, course your inquiries to MGB RO No. XIII located in Km. 2 National Highway, Surigao City or call at (086) 826-1058 or email us at caraga@mgb.gov.ph.

Issued this 8th day of July 2026 in Surigao City, Philippines.




FRANCIS GLENN N. SUANTE
OIC Regional Director



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Map Showing the
Exploration Permit Application (EXPA)
of
Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc.
EXPA No. 000147-XIII
Date Filed: October 10, 2007
Total Area: 837, 132 Hqs
Location: Madrid & Carmen, Surigao del Sur

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| | Municipal Boundary | | Shore Line |
| | City Municipality | | CADT |
| | Barangay | | EPA |
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Republika ng Pilipinas
LALAWIGAN NG SURIGAO DEL SUR
TANDAG CITY

Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan
(Office of the Provincial Council)

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 137TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH SANGGUNANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SANGGUNANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL OF THE SOUTH, KAHAYAG, BISLIG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ON APRIL 22, 2025

PRESENT:

Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Jr.

- Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

Regular Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

District I

Hon. Jose Dumagan, Jr.
Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr.
Hon. Valerio T. Montesclaros, Jr.

District II

Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco
Hon. Margarita G. Garay
Hon. Raul K. Salazar
Hon. Gines Ricky J. Sayawan, Sr.

Ex - Officio Member:

Hon. Jimmy I. Guinsod

- Indigenous Peoples Mandatory
Representative, Surigao del Sur

Hon. Yuri Art Eufy R. Sanchez

- President, Panlalawigang Pederasyon
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

ABSENT:

On Official Business Leave:

Hon. Melanie Joy M. Guno

- President, Provincial Chapter of the
Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas

Hon. John Paul C. Pimentel

- President, Philippine Councilors'
League, Surigao del Sur Chapter

On Special privilege Leave:

Hon. Ruel D. Momo

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Hon. Antonio C. Azarcon

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo

- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ORDINANCE NO. 155-25
(Date April 22, 2025)

DECLARING HUBASON SUB-WATERSHED, BAYOYO-PANAGHOYAN SUB-WATERSHED, SUWAHID-DAAN SUB-WATERSHED, AGASAN-CADILOTAN SUB-WATERSHED, AND BUYAAN SUB-WATERSHED AS SUB-WATERSHED SYSTEMS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, THIS PROVINCE

AUTHOR:

HON. JOSE DUMAGAN, JR.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act (CWA) of 2004 provides that the State shall pursue a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the procedures in the prevention, control and abatement of pollution of the country's water resources;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic of Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides, that

"General Welfare. - Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2025 the 20th Sangguniang Panlalawigan passed Resolution No. 2823-25 earnestly requesting all the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the province of Surigao del Sur to furnish the 20th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of list of acknowledged protected areas and to identify the watershed system which are not yet recorded as protected areas by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Local Environment and Natural Resources Offices (NEROs) and encouraging said LGUs to protect these watershed systems and consider it as protected areas;

WHEREAS, in response to the said resolution, the Municipality of Carmen enacted Resolution No. 87, entitled "A Resolution Requesting the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur for a Local Declaration of Identified Watershed Systems in the Municipality of Carmen";

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Memorandum Circular of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Municipality of Carmen identified four critical sub-watershed systems within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, these sub-watershed systems are located outside existing designated protected areas, rendering them vulnerable to environmental degradation and unregulated activities;

WHEREAS, the protection and conservation of these sub-watershed systems are vital to ensure sustainable water supply, ecological balance, and the well-being of the communities in the Municipality of Carmen;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF SURIGAO DEL SUR IN A SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. There is hereby declared Hubason Sub-watershed; Bayoyo-Panaghoyan Sub-watershed; Suwahid-Daan Sub-watershed; Agasan-Cadilotan Sub-watershed; and Buyaan Sub-watershed as Sub-watershed Systems in the Municipality of Carmen, this Province.

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It shall be the policy of the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur to promote environmental strategies for the protection of water resources.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVE. This Ordinance aims to (a) formally declare the identified sub-watershed systems in the Municipality of Carmen as protected sub-watershed systems, (b) promote the conservation and sustainable management of these sub-watershed systems to ensure a reliable water supply and ecological balance; and (c) protect the well-being of communities dependent on these sub-watershed systems by mitigating environmental degradation and unregulated activities.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this ordinance, terms are defined hereunder:

- a. **Sub-Watershed:** A smaller drainage area within a larger watershed that collects and channels surface water and runoff into a specific stream, river, or water body, contributing to the overall hydrological system of the Municipality of Carmen.
- b. **Protected Area:** A geographically defined area designated and managed to achieve specific conservation objectives, such as the preservation of natural resources, biodiversity, and ecological processes, as recognized under Republic Act No. 7586 (National Integrated Protected Areas System Act) or local ordinances.
- c. **Ecological Balance:** The state of equilibrium in an ecosystem where natural resources, biodiversity, and environmental processes are maintained to support the health and sustainability of human and ecological communities.
- d. **Environmental Degradation:** The deterioration of the natural environment due to human activities or natural processes, including pollution, deforestation, soil erosion, or depletion of water resources, which threatens the sustainability of ecosystems.
- e. **Potable Water:** Water that is safe for human consumption, meeting the standards set by the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water, as sourced from systems like the Hubason Sub-Watershed.
- f. **Sustainable Management:** The use and conservation of natural resources in a manner that meets present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, as guided by principles in Republic Act No. 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act).
- g. **Unregulated Activities:** Human activities, such as illegal logging, mining, or construction, conducted without proper authorization or compliance with environmental laws, posing risks to the integrity of sub-watershed systems.
- h. **Watershed System:** A land area that drains water into a common outlet, such as a river or lake, encompassing surface and groundwater resources critical for water supply, ecological stability, and community well-being.
- i. **Local Government Unit (LGU):** A political subdivision, such as the Municipality of Carmen, vested with powers under Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code) to promote general welfare and implement environmental protection measures.
- j. **Conservation:** The protection, preservation, and careful management of natural resources to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect, ensuring their availability for future use.
- k. **Discharge:** Includes, but is not limited to the act of spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, releasing or dumping of any material into a water body.
- l. **Groundwater:** A subsurface water that occurs beneath a water table in soils and rocks, or in geological formation.

SECTION 5. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to the following sub-watershed systems located within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur,

- a. Hubason Sub-Watershed. A potable water source for Poblacion, San Vicente, Sta Cruz, and Antao, managed by LUWA, Carmen, Surigao del Sur,

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- b. Bayoyo-Panaghoyan Sub-Watershed. Supplies irrigation and potable water to Barangay Puyat. It features two (2) irrigation dams that provide water to rice paddies in Barangay Puyat, Sta. Cruz, and Antao in Carmen, Surigao del Sur, extending to Barangay Bunga, Linauza, Surigao del Sur.
- c. Suwahid-Daan Sub-Watershed. The Sua Spring serves as a major domestic and potable water source and eco-tourism site in barangay esperanza. It also has an irrigation dam that supplies water to Barangay Esperanza and neighboring Barangay San Vicente, Madrid, Surigao del Sur.
- d. Agasan-Cadilotan Sub-Watershed. A major headwater source of the Tago River, supplying irrigation water to the municipalities of San Miguel an Tago, Surigao del Sur. This sub-watershed contains vital irrigation dams supporting agricultural activities, and
- e. Buyaan Sub-Watershed. Declared under Proclamation No. 1747, S. 2009, as part of a watershed forest reserve, contributing to regional water security and conservation efforts.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS. As used in this Ordinance, the following acts are hereby prohibited:

- a. Discharging, depositing, or causing to be deposited material of any kind directly or indirectly into the water bodies or along the margins of any surface water, where, the same shall be liable to be washed into such surface water, either by tide action or by storm, floods or otherwise, which could cause water pollution or impede natural flow in the water body;
- b. Discharging, injecting or allowing to seep into the soil or sub-soil any substance in any form that would pollute groundwater;
- c. Directly using booster pumps in the distribution system or tampering with the water supply in such a way as to alter or impair the water quality;
- d. Undertaking activities or development and expansion of projects without permission of local authorities; and
- e. Construction of any structures, such as residential houses, pig pens, or any kind of structure within the vicinities of the sub-watershed areas.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION. The Municipal Government of Carmen, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) of said municipality shall formulate and implement measures to protect and conserve the declared sub-watershed systems, including but not limited to, regulating activities within these areas to prevent environmental degradation. They shall enjoin all Punong Barangays of the concerned areas to designate pollution control officers and conduct regular monitoring of the declared sub-watershed protection areas and shall furnish the Local Chief Executive a Monitoring Report.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions and other issuances which are inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

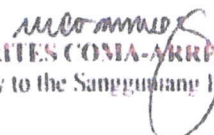
SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by appropriate agency or office, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

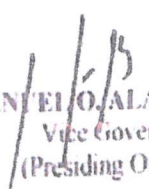
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ENACTED by the 20th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur on April 22, 2025
at the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur

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THEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance


MARITES COMIA-ARREZA
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:


MANTELO O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:


ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL
Provincial Governor

Date: _____

Republika ng Pilipinas
Bayan ng Carmen
Lalawigan ng Surigao del Sur

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 42ND REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON DECEMBER 9, 2002

PRESENT: Hon. Samuel C. Acilo - - Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Bernardo C. Tare - - SB Member
Hon. Vicente E. Bantugan - - -do-
Hon. Algerico G. Guiral - - -do-
Hon. Pablito G. Laorden - - -do-
Hon. Antonio T. Borda, Jr. - - -do-
Hon. Orencio B. Escatron, Sr. - - -do-
Hon. Pedro T. Pie, Sr. - - -do-
Hon. Antonio B. Borda, Jr. - - ABC President
Hon. Sheyne R. Dico - - SK Fed. President

ABSENT: Hon. Ma. Lourdes P. Arado - - SB Member, O.B., Tandag

ORDINANCE NO. 21
Series of 2002

" AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE HUNTING OF BIRDS, LIZARD AND OTHER WILD ANIMALS IN THE PROPOSED BIRD SANCTUARY FROM THE CORNER CALLED KANG-ORONG DOWN TO THE MARSH LAND IN CATUBATUBAHAN, KAGA-ASAN INCLUDING BUAYAHON LAKE UP TO THE FEEDER ROAD TO BALINGANGA FALLS AND IN THE FOREST OF BALINGANGA INCLUDING THE WILD LIFE AREA DECLARED BY SUDECOR UP TO THE SUMMIT OF BALINGANGA RANGE, IN BARANGAY CANCAVAN, CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR

Introduced by: Hon. SB Member Pedro T. Pie, Sr.
Seconded by: Hon. SB Member Bernardo C. Tare
Hon. SB Member Antonio T. Borda, Jr.
Hon. SB Member Pablito G. Laorden

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen, Surigao del Sur, that

Section 1. Title - " An ordinance prohibiting the hunting of Birds, Lizard and other wild animals in the proposed Bird sanctuary from the corner called Kang-orong down to the marsh land in Catubatubahan, Kaga-asan including Buayahon lake up to the Feeder road to Balinganga Falls and in the forest of Balinganga including the wild area declared by SUDECOR up to the summit of Balinganga range, in Barangay Cancavan, Carmen, Surigao del Sur;

Section 2. Administrative Provision - No person shall be allowed to hunt Birds, lizards and other wild animals with the use of gun, ear gun, slingshot, rubber band, traps and dogs in the proposed Birds sanctuary the area covered as follows;

- a. From the corner called Kang-Orong down to marshland in Catubatubahan, Kaga-asan including Buayahon Lake up to the feeder road to Balinganga Falls, in Barangay Cancavan, this municipality.

- b. In the forest of Balinganga and Kang-Orong up Hill including the wild life area declared by SUDECOR up to the summit of Balinganga Mountain Range, in Barangay Cancavan, this municipality.

Section 3. Penal Provision - Any person who violates this ordinance upon conviction shall be punished by a fine as follows:

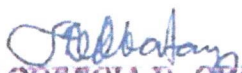
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| a. First offense | - - - Reprimand |
| b. Second offense | - - - ₱ 500.00 |
| c. Third offense | - - - ₱ 1,000.00 imprisonment of 15 days but not more than 1 month, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court. |

Section 4. - Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 5. - Effectivity Clause - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Section 6. Passed and Approved this 23rd day of December 2002, at Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

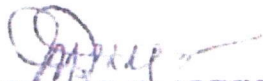
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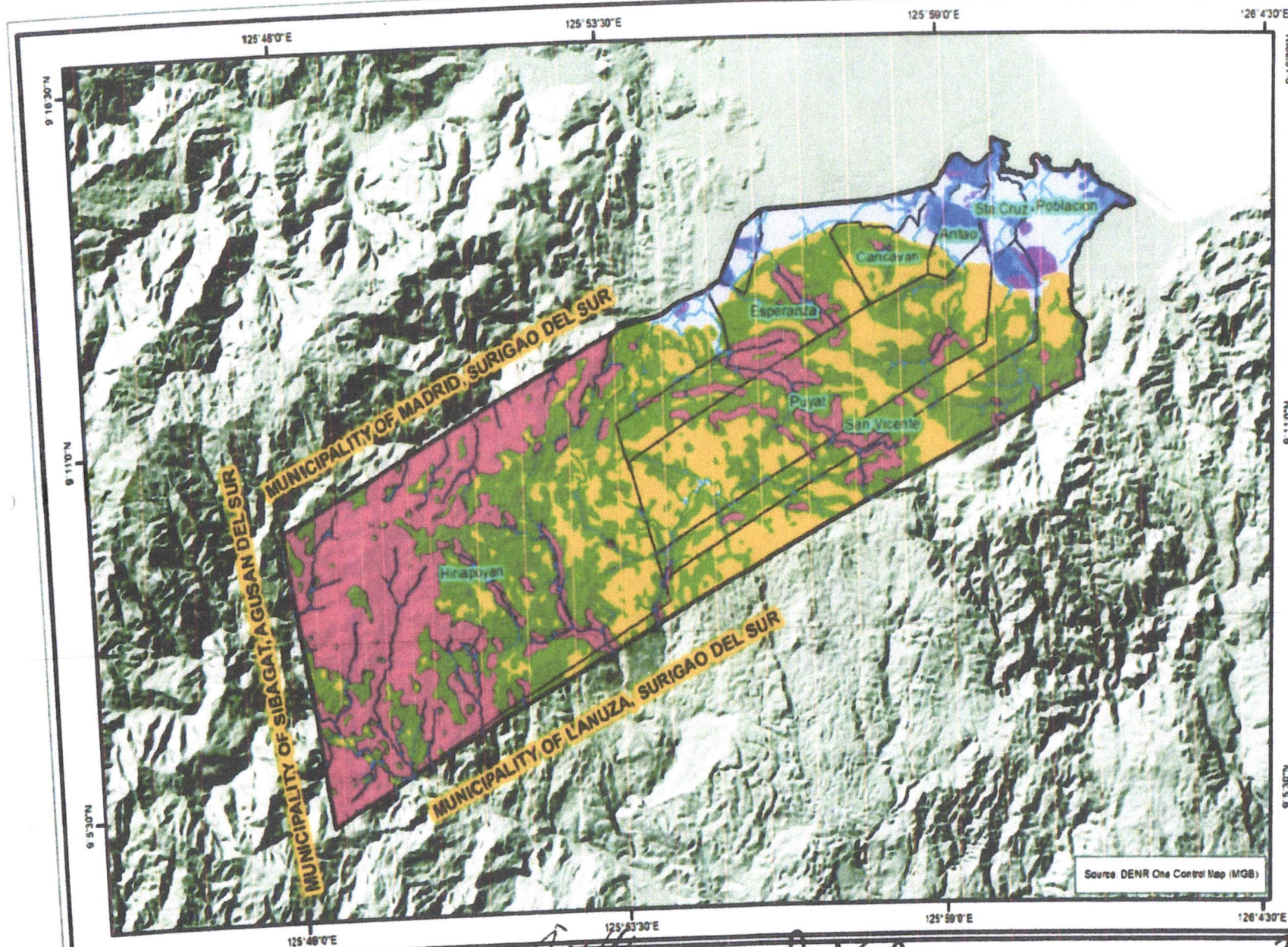

FLORENCIA D. QBATAY
SE Secretary

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:


SAMUEL C. ACILO
Mun. Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: 12/27/02


WENCESLAO R. ARREZA
Municipal Mayor



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GEO-HAZARD MAP WITHIN MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

Legend

Rivers network

Municipality of Carmen

Landslide Susceptibility

High Landslide

Moderate Landslide

Low Landslide

Flood Susceptibility

Very High Susceptibility to Flooding

High Susceptibility to Flooding

Moderate Susceptibility to Flooding

Low Susceptibility to Flooding

Source: DENR One Control Map (MGB)

Prepared by

ALDEN ANDOY
GIS Analyst/CENRO Caritan

Reviewed by

ALAIN GABANILLA
MENRO

Checked & Verified by

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OIC, CENRO Caritan

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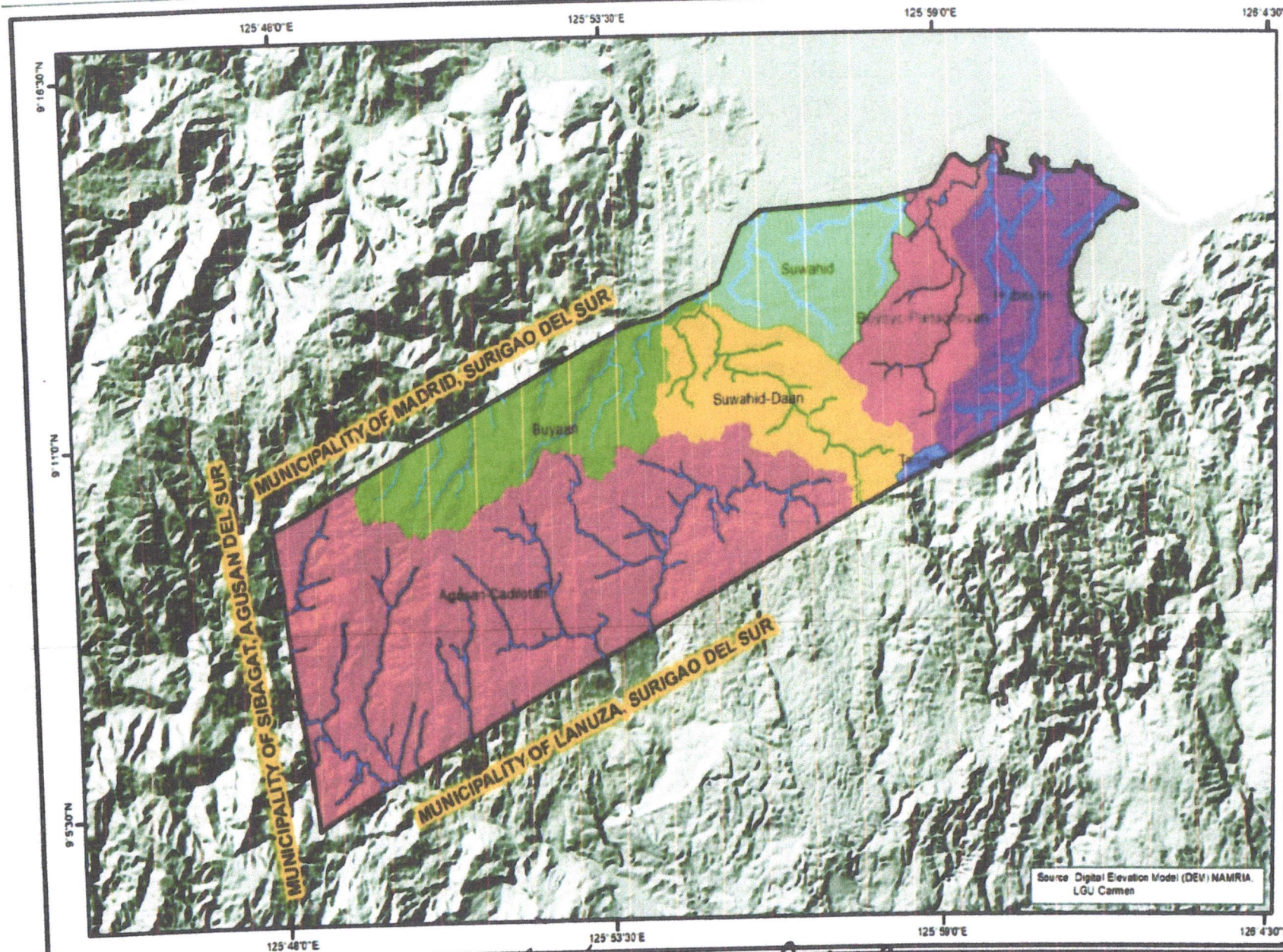
HON. JANE V. PLAZA
Mun. Mayor

Recommending Approval for DENR

ATTY. REDEMTOR A. OJA
ARD for Technical Services

Approved by

MARITES M. OCAMPO
OIC, PENRO Surigao del Sur



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Projection: Transverse Mercator

SUB-WATERSHED MAP WITHIN MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

Legend

- Rivers network
- Municipality of Carmen

SUB-WATERSHED

- Agasan-Cadlotan
- Boyoyo-Panaghoyan
- Buyaan
- Hubason
- Suwahid
- Suwahid-Daan
- Tandag

Source: Digital Elevation Model (DEM) NAMRIA,
LGU Carmen

Prepared by:

ALDEN ANDOY
GIS Analyst/CENRO Cantilan

Reviewed by:

ALAN GABANILLA
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GAY R. RESULTAR
OIC, CENRO Cantilan

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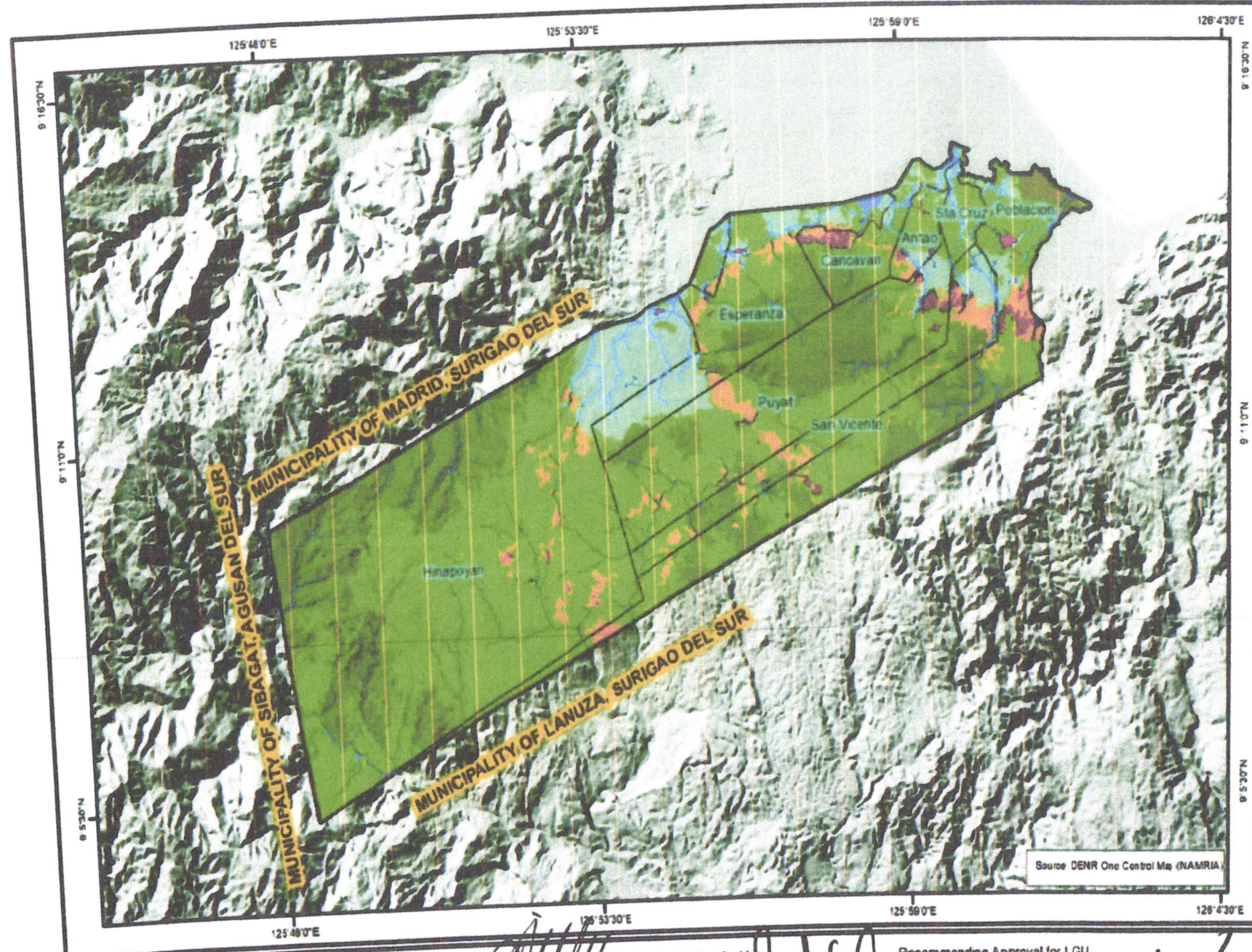
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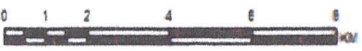
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OIC, PENRO Surigao del Sur








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LAND COVER MAP WITHIN MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

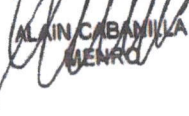
Legend

- Rivers network
- Municipality of Carmen
- LAND COVER**
- Closed Forest
- Open Forest
- Mangrove Forest
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- Annual Crop
- Brush/Shrubs
- Built-up
- Grassland
- Open/Barren
- Fishpond
- Inland Water

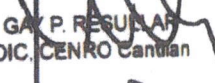
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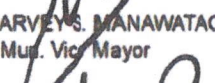
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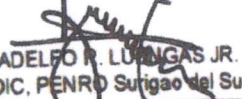

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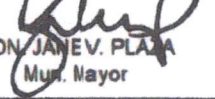
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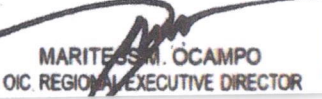
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ADELFO R. LUNINGAS JR.
OIC, PENRO Surigao del Sur


HON. JANE V. PLAZA
Mun. Mayor

Approved by:


MARITES S. OCAMPO
OIC, REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
Municipality of Carmen
BARANGAY ANTAO



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL
HELD LAST JULY 16, 2026 AT BARANGAY SESSION HALL, ANTAO, CARMEN, SURIGAO
DEL SUR.**

PRESENT:

HON. EMMANUEL Q. PIE	-	PUNONG BARANGAY/PRESIDING
HON. LUCINO U. ABA-A	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. RITO U. PIE	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. FLORA O. GALLEGU	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. ANA LIZA S. GUARTE	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. ANGELINA O. ARANCIS	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. REY S. SUMBILLA	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. AJ A. ROLE	-	SK CHAIRMAN

ON LEAVE:

HON. KATHILEEN KIM M. TOCMO	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
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RESOLUTION NO. 19

Series of 2026

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF ANTAO, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE MINING APPLICATIONS AFFECTING THE BAYOYO, PANAGHUYAN, AND BALINGANGA WATERSHEDS, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES - MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY SAID APPLICATIONS".

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, require consultation with affected local government units and communities before the implementation of projects that may significantly affect the environment and ecological balance;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Local Government of Antao received notice of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, which may directly and indirectly affect the watersheds supplying water to Barangay Antao;

WHEREAS, the vast agricultural lands and rice fields of Barangay Antao are highly dependent on the Bayoyo Sub-Watershed, Panaghuyan Sub-Watershed, and the Balinganga River Watershed, which provide continuous irrigation water essential for rice production, food security, and the livelihood of the farming community;

WHEREAS, the Bayoyo Irrigation Dam and the Panaghuyan Irrigation Dam supply irrigation water to the rice fields of Brangay Antao, making these watersheds indispensable to the municipality's agricultural productivity and economic development;

WHEREAS, the Balinganga River, originating from the forested areas of barangay Cancavan, likewise provides irrigation water that supports agricultural lands of Barangay Antao and contributes to maintaining the ecological balance of downstream communities;

WHEREAS, the forests surrounding Barangay Antao significantly contribute to watershed protection by regulating streamflow, conserving soil, preventing erosion and flooding, recharging groundwater, and maintaining the quality and quantity of water flowing into the irrigation systems and rivers serving the barangay;

WHEREAS, portions of these forest areas have been declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary under Municipal Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2002, recognizing their ecological importance as habitat for wildlife and native plant species and as vital components of the municipality's environmental conservation program;

WHEREAS, these forests contain native dipterocarp species, provide refuge for wildlife, and form part of the ecological network that supports biodiversity conservation and climate resilience within the Municipality of Carmen;

WHEREAS, under the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), the forests, watersheds, irrigation systems, wildlife habitats, biodiversity and agricultural resources constitute valuable natural capital that continuously provides ecosystem services such as water supply, flood regulation, food production, carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation and livelihood opportunities;

WHEREAS, environmental accounting recognizes that mining exploration and subsequent mining operations may result in the depletion of natural capital through forest destruction, biodiversity loss, river pollution, sedimentation of irrigation canals, soil erosion, deterioration of water quality, increased risks of flooding and landslides, and reduced agricultural productivity, thereby imposing long-term environmental and economic costs upon the community;

WHEREAS, after consultations conducted by the Barangay Government of Antao, the residents, farmers, irrigator's associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other stakeholders overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to mining activities affecting the watersheds upon which Barangay Antao depends, as evidences by the petition bearing their signatures;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Barangay of Antao, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur, in session assembled, to:

RESOLVE:

1. **EXPRESS** the strongest opposition of the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Antao to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, and to all present and future mining applications that may adversely affect the Bayoyo, Panaghuyan, and Balinganga Watersheds.
2. **EARNESTLY REQUEST** the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to **DENY** the Exploration Permit Application of AIWI and all other mining applications that threaten the integrity of the watersheds supplying irrigation water to Barangay Antao.
3. **DECLARE** that the protection of the Bayoyo, Panaghuyan, and Balinganga Watersheds is essential to sustaining agricultural productivity, ensuring food security, conserving biodiversity, protecting wildlife habitats, maintaining

irrigation systems, and safeguarding the welfare of present and future generations.

4. **REAFFIRM** the commitment of the Barangay Government of Antao to support sustainable watershed management, forest conservation, wildlife protection, climate resilience, and sustainable agricultural development consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS).
5. **AUTHORIZE** the Punong Barangay to transit this Resolution together with the petition signed by the residents of Barangay Antao, farmers, irrigator's associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other community stakeholders to the appropriate government agencies.
6. **FURNISH** copies of this Resolution to:
 - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
 - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office XIII
 - Office of the Governor, Province of Surigao del Sur
 - Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur
 - Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Carmen
 - Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen
 - Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)
 - National Irrigation Administration (NIA)
 - Department of Agriculture (DA) and all other concerned government agencies.

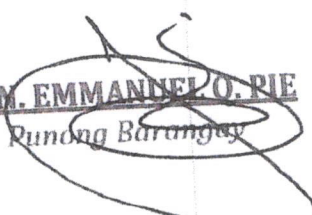
RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Barangay Government of Antao respectfully calls upon the DENR-MGB and all concerned government agencies to recognize that the Bayoyo, Panaghuyan, and Balinganga Watersheds, together with the forest declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary under Municipal Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2002, are invaluable assets. Consistent with the Philippines Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), these forests and watersheds generate ecosystem services - including irrigation water, biodiversity conservation, wildlife habitat, flood regulation, soil protection, carbon sequestration, and support for agricultural production - whose long-term environmental, economic, and social benefits far exceed the temporary gains that may be derived from mining. The Barangay Government and the people of Antao therefore respectfully and earnestly pray for the denial of the Exploration Permit that threaten these vital natural resources.

APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2026, during the regular session of the Sangguniang Barangay of Antao, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


LEONELIZA C. CUADRILLERO
Barangay Secretary

ATTESTED AND APPROVED BY:


HON. EMMANUEL O. PIE
Punong Barangay



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
Municipality of Carmen
BARANGAY HINAPOYAN



RESOLUTION NO. 28

Series of 2026

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF HINAPOYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE MINING APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE DAAN-SUAHID SUB-WATERSHED AFFECTING BARANGAY HINAPOYAN, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY SAID APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, require meaningful consultation with affected local government units and communities before implementing projects that may significantly affect the environment;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government of Hinapoyan received notice of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, which covers portions of the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed affecting Barangay Hinapoyan;

WHEREAS, the proposed exploration area is located within the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed, which has been identified and recognized by the Municipality of Carmen as a locally declared critical watershed because of its environmental significance, water resource functions, biodiversity values, and importance to agriculture and local communities;

WHEREAS, the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed is a tributary of the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve, which is protected under Presidential Proclamation No. 1747, recognizing its critical role in watershed protection and ecological stability;

WHEREAS, the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed lies within the ancestral domain covered by Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) No. 238, and is traditionally recognized by the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) as an important watershed, fishing ground, hunting area, and source of food, water, and livelihood that forms part of their cultural heritage and customary resource management system;

WHEREAS, our tribal community/ancestral domain is rich in cultural heritage, biodiversity, and natural resources, including the rivers which provides food and spiritual sustenance;

WHEREAS, the said mining activity is causing disturbance to the river ecosystem, affecting the fish population, and threatening our food security and traditional livelihood,

the mining activity is also desecrating our ancestral land, disturbing our sacred sites, and disrupting our cultural practices;

WHEREAS, the proposed exploration area forms part of the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Biodiversity Corridor, one of the country's most biologically significant landscapes, supporting rich biodiversity, native dipterocarp forests, threatened flora and fauna, and essential wildlife habitats requiring long-term conservation;

WHEREAS, the Daan Irrigation Dam located within the watershed supplies irrigation water to the rice fields of Barangay Esperanza, Municipality of Carmen, and Barangay San Roque, Municipality of Madrid, Surigao del Sur, thereby sustaining agricultural productivity, food security, and the livelihoods of farming communities;

WHEREAS, under the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), the forests, rivers, watersheds, biodiversity, irrigation systems, and ecosystem services found within the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed constitute valuable natural capital, providing long-term economic, environmental, cultural, and social benefits that far exceed the short-term gains from mineral extraction;

WHEREAS, environmental accounting recognizes that mining activities result in the depletion of non-renewable natural resources and significant environmental degradation through forest loss, destruction of wildlife habitat, biodiversity decline, river pollution, sedimentation, soil erosion, degradation of irrigation systems, increased flood and landslide risks, and impairment of ecosystem services upon which communities depend;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government of Hinapoyan recognizes that any disturbance within the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed will directly affect the watershed's ecological integrity, water resources, indigenous cultural heritage, downstream agricultural production, and the environmental sustainability of neighboring communities;

WHEREAS, following consultations conducted with the residents of Barangay Hinapoyan, including Indigenous Peoples, farmers, elders, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, and other community stakeholders, the overwhelming sentiment expressed was opposition to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and all other mining applications affecting the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed, as evidenced by the petition bearing their signatures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Barangay of Hinapoyan, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur, in session duly assembled, to:

RESOLVE:

1. EXPRESS the strongest opposition of the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Hinapoyan to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, and to all present and future mining applications affecting the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed.
2. EARNESTLY REQUEST the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to DENY the Exploration Permit Application of AIWI and all other mining applications affecting Barangay Hinapoyan and the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed in order to protect the watershed, biodiversity, irrigation systems, forests, rivers, and ancestral domain.

3. REAFFIRM the commitment of the Barangay Government to conserve the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed, the Mt. Hilong-Hilong Biodiversity Corridor, and the natural resources within CADT No. 238 for the benefit of present and future generations.

4. RECOGNIZE the rights of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples under Republic Act No. 8371 (Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997), particularly their right to protect and sustainably manage their ancestral domain, watershed, fishing grounds, and other natural resources.

5. AUTHORIZE the Punong Barangay to transmit this Resolution together with the petition signed by the residents of Barangay Hinapoyan, Indigenous Peoples, farmers, people's organizations, elders, women's organizations, youth organizations, and other community stakeholders to demonstrate the united stand of the community against mining activities.

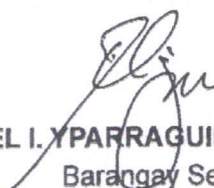
6. FURNISH copies of this Resolution to:

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office XIII Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region XIII National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Office of the Governor, Province of Surigao del Sur Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Carmen Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Department of Agriculture (DA) and all other concerned government agencies.

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Barangay Government of Hinapoyan respectfully calls upon the DENR-MGB and all concerned government agencies to recognize that the forests, biodiversity, ancestral domain, watershed resources, irrigation systems, rivers, fishing grounds, and ecosystem services of the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed are irreplaceable natural assets. Consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), these natural assets provide long-term environmental, economic, cultural, and social benefits that substantially outweigh the temporary gains from mineral extraction. The Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Hinapoyan therefore earnestly pray for the denial of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and all other mining applications within the watershed to safeguard the rights, welfare, and sustainable future of present and succeeding generations.

APPROVED this 20th day of July 2026, during the regular session of the Sangguniang Barangay of Hinapoyan, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


EMACEL I. YPARRAGUIRRE
Barangay Secretary

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO R. YAGAO
Punong Barangay



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN
BARANGAY STA. CRUZ



OFFICE OF THE PUNONG BARANGAY

BARANGAY RESOLUTION NO. 7

Series of 2026

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE MINING APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE CARAC-AN WATERSHED AND ITS TRIBUTARIES THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT BARANGAY STA. CRUZ, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES - MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY SAID APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS the Barangay Council of Barangay Sta. Cruz recognizes its responsibility to promote and protect the general welfare, health, safety, and environmental well-being of its residents;

WHEREAS the Barangay Council of Sta. Cruz received notice of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, which covers portions of the Municipality of Carmen and may directly or indirectly affect the watersheds supplying water to Barangay Sta. Cruz.

WHEREAS, the agricultural economy of Barangay Sta. Cruz is primarily dependent on rice production, and its extensive rice fields rely on a continuous and sustainable supply of irrigation water from the Hubason Sub-Watershed, Bayoyo Sub-Watershed, and Panaghuyan Sub-Watershed, all of which are tributaries of the Carac-an Watershed, declared a Critical Watershed Forest Reserve under Presidential Proclamation No. 1747;

WHEREAS these watersheds provide irrigation water essential for agricultural production, food security, and the livelihood of farmers in Barangay Sta. Cruz and neighboring communities.

WHEREAS, the people of Barangay Sta. Cruz firmly believe that the long-term environmental, economic, and social benefits derived from protecting the forests and watersheds of the Municipality of Carmen substantially outweigh the short-term economic gains that may be generated by mining activities,

WHEREAS, after consultations conducted by the Barangay Council, the residents of Barangay Sta. Cruz, together with farmers, irrigators associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other stakeholders, overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and to all mining applications that threaten the watersheds supporting Barangay Sta. Cruz, as evidenced by the petition bearing their signatures.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Jeffrey P. Orillaneda and duly seconded by all members present be it;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Barangay Council of Barangay Sta. Cruz, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur, In session duly assembled, that:

RESOLVE, To **EXPRESS** the strongest opposition of the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Sta. Cruz to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, and to all present and future mining applications that may adversely affect the Carac-an Watershed and its tributaries, particularly the Hubason, Bayoyo, and Panaghuyan Sub-Watersheds

To **REAFFIRM** the commitment of the Barangay Local Government Unit of Sta. Cruz to support sustainable watershed management, biodiversity conservation, forest protection, climate resilience, and sustainable agricultural development consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS).

To **AUTHORIZE** the Punong Barangay to transmit this Resolution together with the petition signed by the residents of Barangay Sta. Cruz, farmers, irrigators' associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other community stakeholders as evidence of the unified position of the barangay against mining activities that threaten the municipality's watersheds.

6. To **FURNISH** copies of this Resolution to **Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)**.

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Barangay Government of Sta. Cruz respectfully urges the DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII and all concerned government agencies to recognize that the forests and watersheds of the Municipality of Carmen are invaluable natural assets that sustain irrigation, agriculture, biodiversity, wildlife, climate regulation, disaster risk reduction, and the overall welfare of the people. Consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), these natural resources provide ecosystem services whose long-term environmental, social, and economic values far exceed the temporary benefits of mineral extraction. Accordingly, the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Sta. Cruz earnestly pray for the **DENIAL** of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and all other mining applications that threaten the integrity of the Carac-an Watershed and its tributaries.

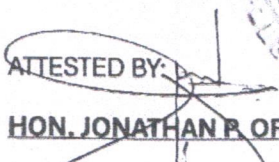
APPROVED this 17th day of July 2026 during the special session of the Sangguniang Barangay of Sta. Cruz, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur.

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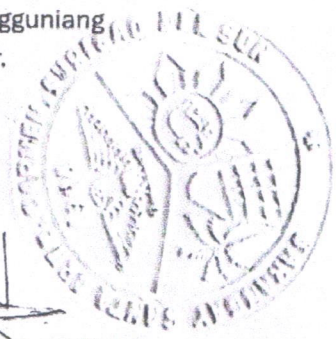

NOVELYN D. FRIAS

Barangay Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


HON. JONATHAN R. OROZCO

Punong Barangay





Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
Municipality of Carmen
BARANGAY POBLACION

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY OF POBLACION CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, HELD AT THE BARANGAY SESSION HALL ON JULY 20, 2026 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Renen L. Palacio - - Barangay Captain/Presiding Officer

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS:

Hon. Engelbert C. Ansing	-	-	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Rene S. Kindica	-	-	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Raul P. Lugo	-	-	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Nestor P. Maligsa	-	-	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Alma Y. Tare	-	-	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Juan Y. Pelisan Jr.	-	-	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Roberto C. Baga-an	-	-	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Terre John C. Sablas	-	-	SK Chairperson
Hawudon. Agapito S. Montenegro-	-	-	IP Mandatory Representative

ABSENT: None

BARANGAY RESOLUTION NO. 11
Series of 2026

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE MINING APPLICATIONS THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CARAC-AN WATERSHED AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY SAID APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Barangay Poblacion expressing the strong opposition of the exploration permit application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, and to all present and future mining applications that may adversely affect the Carac-an watershed and its tributaries, and earnestly requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to deny said applications;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature; **WHEREAS**, Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, require consultation with affected local government units and communities before projects that may significantly affect the environment and ecological balance are implemented;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government of Poblacion received notice of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, covering portions of the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, Barangay Poblacion is a downstream community whose vast agricultural lands and rice fields are highly dependent on the continuous supply of irrigation water originating from the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve, declared a Critical Watershed under Presidential Proclamation No. 1747, particularly through the Hubason Sub-Watershed, Bayoyo Sub-Watershed, Panaghuyan Sub-Watershed, and Aboli Creek, all of which contribute to the municipality's irrigation system and watershed network;

WHEREAS, these watersheds and tributaries provide essential irrigation water that sustains rice production, food security, and the livelihood of farmers in Barangay Poblacion and neighboring barangays;

WHEREAS, the forests of the Municipality of Carmen serve as vital watershed ecosystems by regulating streamflow, maintaining water quality, preventing soil erosion and flooding, recharging groundwater, and ensuring the sustainable supply of water for agriculture and domestic use;

WHEREAS, biodiversity assessment studies conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in partnership with academic institutions, have documented that the forest ecosystems of the Municipality of Carmen possess significantly high biodiversity, including native dipterocarp forests, endemic flora and fauna, and important wildlife habitats that contribute to the ecological integrity of the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor;

WHEREAS, these forests provide invaluable ecosystem services by mitigating the effects of climate change through carbon sequestration, regulating local climate, protecting watersheds, conserving biodiversity, reducing disaster risks, and supporting sustainable livelihoods for local communities;

WHEREAS, under the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), the forests, watersheds, rivers, biodiversity, irrigation systems, and agricultural lands of the Municipality of Carmen are recognized as valuable natural capital whose ecosystem services generate substantial environmental, economic, and social benefits for present and future generations;

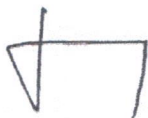
WHEREAS, environmental accounting further recognizes that mining exploration and mining activities may result in the depletion of natural capital through forest loss, biodiversity degradation, river pollution, sedimentation of waterways and irrigation canals, soil erosion, deterioration of water quality, increased flood risks, reduced agricultural productivity, and the loss of ecosystem services essential to community welfare;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government and the people of Poblacion firmly believe that the long-term value of conserving the forests and watersheds of Carmen far exceeds the short-term economic benefits that may be derived from mining activities;

WHEREAS, following consultations conducted by the Barangay Government, the residents of Barangay Poblacion, together with farmers, irrigators' associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other stakeholders, overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to mining activities that threaten the Carac-an Watershed and its tributaries, as evidenced by the petition bearing their signatures;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Roberto C. Bagaan, duly seconded by all members present;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Barangay of Poblacion, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur, in session duly assembled, that:

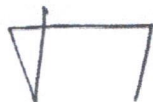


RESOLVED:

1. **To EXPRESS** the strongest opposition of the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Poblacion to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, and to all present and future mining applications that may adversely affect the Carac-an Watershed and its tributaries.
2. **To EARNESTLY REQUEST** the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to DENY the Exploration Permit Application of AIWI and all other mining applications that threaten the ecological integrity of the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve and its tributary watersheds.
3. **To DECLARE** that the protection of the Carac-an Watershed, Hubason, Bayoyo, Panaghuyan, and Aboli Creek is indispensable to sustaining irrigation water, food security, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and the economic well-being of Barangay Poblacion and the Municipality of Carmen.
4. **To REAFFIRM** the commitment of the Barangay Government of Poblacion to support sustainable watershed management, biodiversity conservation, forest protection, climate change mitigation, and sustainable agricultural development consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS).
5. **To AUTHORIZE** the Punong Barangay to transmit this Resolution, together with the petition signed by the residents, farmers, irrigators' associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other community stakeholders, as evidence of the unified position of Barangay Poblacion against mining activities affecting the municipality's watersheds.
6. **To FURNISH** copies of this Resolution to:
 - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
 - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office XIII;
 - Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Region XIII;
 - Office of the Governor of Surigao del Sur,
 - Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur;
 - Office of the Municipal Mayor of Carmen;
 - Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen;
 - Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO);
 - National Irrigation Administration (NIA);
 - Department of Agriculture (DA);
 - Climate Change Commission (CCC);
 - All other concerned government agencies.

RESOLVED FINALLY,

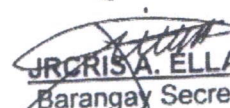
That the Barangay Government of Poblacion respectfully urges the DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII and all concerned government agencies to recognize that the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve and its tributaries are strategic



natural assets that sustain the municipality's agriculture, water security, biodiversity, and climate resilience. Consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), these forests and watersheds generate ecosystem services—including irrigation water, flood regulation, carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, and climate regulation—whose long-term environmental, social, and economic values substantially exceed the temporary benefits that may be derived from mineral extraction. The Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Poblacion therefore respectfully and earnestly pray for the DENIAL of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and all other mining applications that threaten the Carac-an Watershed and its tributaries.

APPROVED this 20th day of July 2026 at Barangay Poblacion, Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

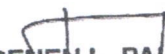
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


JRCRISA A. ELLAR
Barangay Secretary

ATTESTED:


RENEN L. PALACIO
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


RENEN L. PALACIO
Punong Barangay



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
Municipality of Carmen
BARANGAY CANCAVAN



OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL

EXERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF BARANGAY CANCAVAN, CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, HELD AT BARANGAY SESSION HALL ON JULY 20, 2026 AT EXACTLY 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

PRESENT:

HON. JUDIE M. ARREZA	- PUNONG BARANGAY / PRESIDING
HON. REZIE B. MOLLANEDA	- BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. ANGELITO A. BANGUIS	- BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. CAMILO C. CALUMBA	- BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. ROSALIE R. BIRADOR	- BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. EUTEMIO P. CALUMBA	- BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. JOSEPHINE A. CALAG	- BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. JOSEPH C. CURAYAG	- BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. DENIE JANE C. LOAYON	- SK CHAIRMAN

ABSENT: NONE

**Resolution no. 17
Series of 2026**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF CANCAVAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE MINING APPLICATIONS WITHIN BARANGAY CANCAVAN, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU (DENR-MGB) REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY THE SAID APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates every local government unit to promote the general welfare, including the preservation and enrichment of the environment, protection of public health and safety, and the enhancement of the people's right to a balanced and healthful ecology;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Barangay Cancavan is endowed with rich forests, watersheds, rivers, agricultural lands, and other natural resources that serve as the primary source of food, livelihood, water supply, and environmental security of its residents;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government of Cancavan received notice of Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, affecting portions of Barangay Cancavan, Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Cancavan is strategically located between the Bayoyo-Panaghuyan Sub-Watershed, and the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed, both of which are tributaries of the Caracan Watershed, a critical watershed recognizes under Presidential Proclamation No. 1747 for its vital ecological and hydrological functions;

WHEREAS, the Balinganga River,originating from the forests of Barangay Cancavan,is one of the major tributaries of the Carac-an Watershed, and serves as an essential water source for agriculture,domestic consumption,and ecosystem sustainability;

WHEREAS, the Balinganga River supplies irrigation water to the rice fields of Barangay Cancavan and Barangay Antao,thereby supporting food security, agricultural productivity,and the livelihood of farming communities;

WHEREAS, the proposed mining exploration and any subsequent mining activities pose serious risks to the environment, including deforestation, soil erosion, contamination of rivers and water sources, destruction of biodiversity, loss of agricultural productivity, and increased vulnerability to floods and landslides;

WHEREAS, these environmental impacts threaten the health, safety, livelihood, food security, and overall welfare of the present and future generations of the people of Barangay Cancavan;

WHEREAS, during the duly convened Special Barangay Assembly of Barangay Cancavan, attended by the residents and stakeholders of the barangay, the people overwhelmingly and unequivocally expressed their strong opposition to any mining exploration, development, extraction, or other mining-related activities within the territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Cancavan and categorically withheld their consent to any present or future mining operations in the barangay;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Barangay recognizes and respects the sovereign will and collective decision of the people as expressed during the said Special Barangay Assembly and considers it its duty to uphold, protect, and faithfully represent the interests of its constituents by opposing any activity that may endanger the environment, public welfare, and sustainable development of Barangay Cancavan;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government firmly believes that sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation, and responsible stewardship of natural resources are more beneficial and enduring for the community than mining activities whose adverse impacts may be irreversible;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon.Rezie B.Mollaneda, duly seconded by Hon. Camilo C. Calumba, be it

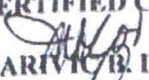
RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**,

1. To express, as it hereby expresses, the **strong and unequivocal opposition** of the Barangay Government of Cancavan, Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur, to the Exploration Permit Application of **Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII**.
2. To manifest the official position of the Barangay Government that it likewise opposes **all present and future mining exploration permits, mineral agreements, mining permits, exploration activities, extraction operations, and all other mining-related applications and activities** within the territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Cancavan.
3. To earnestly request the **Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB) Regional Office XIII** to deny the Exploration Permit Application of **Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII**, in deference to the expressed will of the people and in consideration of the protection of the environment, public welfare, and sustainable development of Barangay Cancavan.
4. To furnish copies of this Resolution to the Office of the Governor of Surigao del Sur, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Office of the Municipal Mayor of Carmen, the Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen, the DENR Regional Office XIII, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII, and other concerned government agencies for their information and appropriate action.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

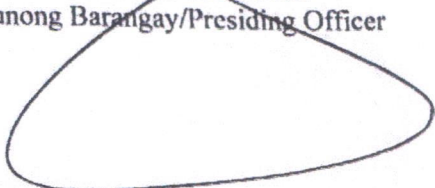
APPROVED this 20th day of July 2026, at the Session Hall, Barangay Cancavan, Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MARIVIC B. DAYOC
Barangay Secretary

ATTESTED:


HON. JUDIE M. ARREZA
Punong Barangay/Presiding Officer





Republic of the Philippines
REGION XIII
Province of Surigao del Sur
Municipality of Carmen
BARANGAY PUYAT



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY

MINUTES OF THE 10TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE YEAR 2026 OF THE
BARANGAY COUNCIL HELD AT THE BARANGAY HALL, PUYAT, CARMEN,
SURIGAO DEL SUR ON JULY 6, 2026 AT EXACTLY 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE
MORNING

Present:

Hon. Joy B. Valeroso

-Punong Barangay/
Presiding Officer

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS

Hon. Evangeline S. Yanson -	Brgy. Kagawad
Hon. Ericson U. Frias -	Brgy. Kagawad
Hon. Rotelio B. Talon, Jr -	Brgy. Kagawad
Hon. Cristy R. Desaca -	Brgy. Kagawad
Hon. Bartolome H. Macuray-	Brgy. Kagawad
Hon. Quinciano M. Daray -	Brgy. Kagawad
Hon. Alona O. Cuartero -	Brgy. Kagawad

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Jeff Anthony D. Beloria

- SK Chairman/SK
Federation President

Resolution No. 14

Series of 2026

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE
BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF PUYAT, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN,
SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF
AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO
ANY OTHER MINING APPLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE
TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BARANGAY PUYAT, AND EARNESTLY
REQUESTING THE DENR-MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU (MGB)
REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY SAID APPLICATIONS.**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides
that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and
healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as
the Local Government Code of 1991, require prior consultation with the affected
local government units and communities on projects that may significantly affect
the environment and ecological balance;

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Republic of the Philippines
REGION XIII
Province of Surigao del Sur
Municipality of Carmen
BARANGAY PUYAT



WHEREAS, Barangay Puyat is endowed with two (2) major sub-watersheds, namely the Bayoyo Sub-Watershed and the Panaghuyan Sub-Watershed, both of which are tributaries of the Carac-an Watershed, although situated outside the coverage of Presidential Proclamation No. 1747;

WHEREAS, These two sub-watersheds have been identified by the Municipality of Carmen and the Province of Surigao del Sur as critical watersheds because of their indispensable role in sustaining agriculture, domestic water supply, and ecological stability;

WHEREAS, The Bayoyo Irrigation Dam supplies irrigation water to the rice fields of Barangay Puyat, Barangay Sta. Cruz, Barangay Antao, all in the Municipality of Carmen, and Barangay Bunga, Municipality of Lanuza, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, The Panaghuyan Irrigation Dam supplies irrigation water to the rice fields of Barangays Puyat, Sta. Cruz, and Antao, thereby significantly contributing to food production and the livelihood of farmers;

WHEREAS, The Bayoyo and Panaghuyan Watersheds likewise serve as the primary source of potable water for the residents of Barangay Puyat and are essential to the health, welfare, and socio-economic well-being of the community;

WHEREAS, The Barangay Government recognizes that mining exploration and any future mining activities within the watershed have the potential to adversely affect water quality, watershed integrity, agricultural productivity, biodiversity, and the overall environmental security of the community;

WHEREAS, During consultations conducted with the residents of Barangay Puyat, farmers, irrigators' associations, people's organizations, and other stakeholders, the overwhelming sentiment expressed was strong opposition to mining exploration and mining activities within Barangay Puyat due to the risks posed to the community's vital water resources and agricultural lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Kagawad Alona O. Cuartero** and duly seconded by all members present, be it:

1. To **EXPRESS** the strong opposition of the Barangay Government of Puyat to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, covering portions of Barangay Puyat, Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur.
2. To **EARNESTLY REQUEST** the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to **DENY** the Exploration Permit Application of AIWI and any other present or future mining applications covering Barangay Puyat, considering the critical importance of the Bayoyo and Panaghuyan Sub-Watersheds as sources of irrigation and potable water.
3. To **DECLARE** that the Barangay Government of Puyat supports the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and sustainable management of the

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Bayoyo and Panaghuyan Sub-Watersheds for the benefit of the present and future generations.

4. To **REAFFIRM** the commitment of the Barangay Government of Puyat to support sustainable watershed management, biodiversity conservation, forest protection, climate change mitigation, and sustainable agricultural development consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS).
5. To **AUTHORIZE** the Barangay Captain to transmit this Resolution, together with the attached signature campaign signed by the residents of Barangay Puyat, members of the Sangguniang Barangay, People's Organizations, Farmers' Associations, Irrigators' Associations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other civic organizations, as evidence of the community's unified opposition to mining within the barangay.
6. To **FURNISH** copies of this Resolution to the following:
 - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
 - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office XIII
 - Office of the Governor, Province of Surigao del Sur
 - Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur
 - Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Carmen
 - Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen
 - Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)
 - National Irrigation Administration (NIA)
 - Department of Agriculture • and all other concerned government agencies

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Barangay Government of Puyat respectfully urges the DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII and all concerned government agencies to recognize that the Bayoyo and Panaghuyan Sub-Watersheds are indispensable natural assets supporting irrigation, potable water supply, agriculture, biodiversity conservation, watershed protection, and climate resilience. Consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), these forests and watersheds generate ecosystem services whose long-term environmental, social, and economic values far exceed the temporary benefits that may be derived from mineral extraction. Accordingly, the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Puyat respectfully and earnestly pray for the **DENIAL** of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and all other mining applications affecting Barangay Puyat and its watersheds.

APPROVED this 6th day of July 2026 during the regular session of the Sangguniang Barangay of Puyat, Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

[Signature]
ILKA KHRISHA KLAIRE O. RIVAS

Barangay Secretary

ATTESTED:

[Signature]
HON. JOY B. VALEROSO

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY HELD AT THE BARANGAY OFFICE, BARANGAY ESPERANZA, CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR ON JULY 17, 2026, AT EXACTLY 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

Present:

Hon. Jeffrey P. Suazo	Barangay Captain/Presiding Officer
Hon. Joan G. Orig	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Jessica A. Josol	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Florencia D. Dumas	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Jenny I. Lopio	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Ryan Christian Esguerra	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Esmeraldo R. Roluna	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Gregorio M. Orig	Barangay Kagawad
Hon. Robert Dale O. Lopio	Barangay SK Chairman

Absent:

None

BARANGAY RESOLUTION NO. 8
Series of 2026

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF ESPERANZA, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO ALL OTHER PRESENT AND FUTURE MINING APPLICATIONS WITHIN BARANGAY ESPERANZA, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE DAAN-SUAHID SUB-WATERSHED OF THE CARAC-AN WATERSHED, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DENR-MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY SAID APPLICATIONS."

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, require meaningful consultation with affected local government units and communities on projects that may significantly affect the environment and ecological balance;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government of Esperanza received notice of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, covering portions of Barangay Esperanza, Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, the proposed exploration area is located within the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed, a tributary of the Carac-an Watershed, which forms part of the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve established under Presidential Proclamation No. 1747, recognizing its importance as a critical watershed for water security, ecological stability, and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, Barangay Esperanza possesses extensive natural forests with rich biodiversity, including significant stands of native dipterocarp species, many of which are classified as threatened or endangered under existing environmental laws and DENR regulations, serving as habitat for wildlife and contributing to ecological balance;

WHEREAS, under the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), these forests constitute valuable natural capital by providing ecosystem services such as water regulation, biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration, soil protection, climate regulation, and sustainable livelihood, whose economic value greatly exceeds the short-term benefits derived from mineral extraction;

WHEREAS, the forests within Barangay Esperanza serve as an important watershed supplying clean water to the residents of Barangay Esperanza and neighboring communities, including Barangay Cancavan, Municipality of Carmen, and Barangay San Roque, Municipality of Madrid, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, the Daan Irrigation Dam provides irrigation water to the rice fields of Barangay Esperanza, Carmen, and Barangay San Roque, Madrid, Surigao del Sur, thereby supporting agricultural productivity, food security, and the livelihood of farming communities;

WHEREAS, the Suahid Irrigation Dam supplies irrigation water to the rice fields of Barangays Esperanza and Cancavan, Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, the Suahid Sub-Watershed is likewise the principal source of potable water for the residents of Barangay Esperanza and sustains the Sua Spring, a recognized local tourism destination that contributes to the local economy and community well-being;

WHEREAS, environmental accounting under PENCAS recognizes that mineral extraction results not only in the depletion of non-renewable mineral resources but also in environmental degradation through the destruction of forests, loss of biodiversity, pollution of rivers and streams, soil erosion, sedimentation of irrigation systems, degradation of water quality, increased flood and landslide risks, and the loss of valuable ecosystem services essential to agriculture, public health, and future generations;

WHEREAS, the people of Barangay Esperanza firmly believe that the long-term environmental, social, and economic costs of mining within the watershed far outweigh any short-term economic gains, and that the conservation of forests and water resources is indispensable for sustainable development and the welfare of present and future generations;

WHEREAS, after extensive consultations conducted by the Barangay Government, the Esperanzahanons, together with farmers, irrigators' associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other community stakeholders, overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the proposed mining activities and voluntarily signed a petition opposing the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and all other mining applications within Barangay Esperanza;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Sangguniang Barangay of Esperanza, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur, in session duly assembled, that:

1. To **EXPRESS** the strongest opposition of the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay Esperanza to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, and to all other existing and future mining applications within Barangay Esperanza, particularly within the Daan-Suahid Sub-Watershed of the Carac-an Watershed.
2. To **EARNESTLY REQUEST** the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to **DENY** the Exploration Permit Application of AIWI and all other mining applications affecting Barangay Esperanza, in order to protect the municipality's critical watershed, irrigation systems, potable water sources, biodiversity, agricultural productivity, and ecosystem services.

3. To **DECLARE** the commitment of Barangay Esperanza to the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and sustainable management of its forests, watersheds, biodiversity, and water resources consistent with the principles of sustainable development and environmental accounting under the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS).
4. To **AUTHORIZE** the Punong Barangay to transmit this Resolution together with the petition bearing the signatures of the Esperanzahanons, farmers, irrigators' associations, people's organizations, and other civic organizations as evidence of the community's united stand against mining within Barangay Esperanza.
5. To **FURNISH** copies of this Resolution to:
 - The Office of the Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
 - Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office XIII;
 - Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region XIII;
 - Office of the Governor, Province of Surigao del Sur;
 - Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur;
 - Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Carmen;
 - Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen;
 - Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO);
 - National Irrigation Administration (NIA);
 - Department of Agriculture (DA);
 - National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), if applicable;
 - and all other concerned government agencies.

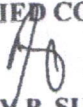
RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Barangay Government of Esperanza respectfully calls upon all concerned government agencies to uphold the constitutional right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology by protecting the forests, biodiversity, irrigation systems, potable water sources, agricultural lands, and ecosystem services of Barangay Esperanza for the benefit of present and future generations.

ADOPTED this 17th day of July 2026 at Barangay Esperanza, Carmen, Surigao del Sur.

I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


GANIT BEBELYN B. TALUCOD
Barangay Secretary

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


JEFFREY P. SUAZO
Punong Barangay /
Presiding Officer



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Municipality of Carmen
Barangay San Vicente



OFFICE OF THE PUNONG BARANGAY

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY OF SAN VICENTE, CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT BARANGAY SESSION HALL ON JULY 20, 2026.

PRESENT:

HON. BLANDENA V. SUGIAN	-	PUNONG BARANGAY/PRESIDING OFFICER
HON. MELVIN R. GONZAGA	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. RENERIA J. TEJOL	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. JOHNRIEL A. KINDICA	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. PABLITO M. TUICO	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. TEOFANA S. LEQUIT	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. TERESITA C. MIANO	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. SIXTO A. MALIKSE	-	BARANGAY KAGAWAD
HON. ROY J. TEJOL	-	SK CHAIRMAN

ABSENT:

NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 13
Series of 2026

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT OF SAN VICENTE, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO THE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION OF AMALGAMATED IRON WORKS, INC. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, AND TO ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE MINING APPLICATIONS THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CARAC-AN WATERSHED AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, AND EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES- MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU REGIONAL OFFICE XIII TO DENY SAID APPLICATION."

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, require prior consultation with affected local government units and communities before projects that may significantly affect the environment and ecological balance are implemented;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Government of San Vicente received notice of Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works Inc. (AIWI) identified as EXPA-000147-XIII, which covers portions of the Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, Barangay San Vicente is a downstream agricultural community whose rice fields and farming activities depend on the sustainable water supply originating from Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve, declared a Critical Watershed under Presidential Proclamation No. 1747, particularly through the Hubason Sub- Watershed, Panaghuyan Sub-Watershed, and Aboli creek, which form part of the municipality's watershed system;

WHEREAS, these watersheds sustain irrigation systems that are essential to agricultural production, food security, and the livelihood of the farming communities of Barangay San Vicente and neighboring barangays;

WHEREAS, the forest of the Municipality of Carmen perform indispensable ecological functions by protecting watersheds, maintaining water quality and quantity, preventing soil erosion, regulating streamflow, reducing flood risks, conserving biodiversity, and sustaining the municipality's water resources;

WHEREAS, biodiversity assessment studies conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in collaboration with academic institutions have established that the forest ecosystems of the Municipality of Carmen possess high biological diversity, including native dipterocarp forests, endemic flora and fauna, and important wildlife habitants that form part of the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor;

WHEREAS, these forests provide critical ecosystem services by mitigating climate change through carbon sequestration, regulating local climate, protecting watersheds, conserving biodiversity, reducing disaster risks, and supporting sustainable livelihoods for present and future generations;

WHEREAS, under the principles of the Philippine Environment and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), the forests, watersheds, biodiversity, irrigation systems, agricultural lands, and ecosystem services of the Municipality of Carmen constitute valuable natural capital whose long-term environmental, economic, and social benefits significantly outweigh the short-term gains mineral extraction;

WHEREAS, environmental accounting recognizes that mining exploration and mining activities may result in the depletion of natural capital through forest destruction, biodiversity loss, river pollution, sedimentation of waterways and irrigation canals, soil erosion, deterioration of water quality, increased flood and landslide risks, and reduced agricultural productivity;

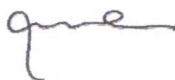
WHEREAS, the Barangay Government and the people of San Vicente firmly believe that protecting the forests and watersheds of Carmen is essential to safeguarding water security, agriculture, biodiversity, climate resilience, and the welfare of present and future generations;

WHEREAS, after consultations conducted by the Barangay Government, the residents of Barangay San Vicente, together with farmers, irrigators' associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other community stakeholders, overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works Inc. (AIWI) and to all mining application that threaten the Carac-an Watershed and its tributaries as evidenced by the petition bearing their signatures;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Melvin R. Gonzaga**, duly seconded by all members present;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Barangay of San Vicente, Municipality of Carmen, Surigao del Sur, in session duly assembled, that:

1. **TO EXPRESS**, the strongest opposition of the Barangay Government and the people of Barangay San Vicente to the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI), EXPA-000147-XIII, and to all present and future mining applications that may adversely affect the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve and its tributaries.
2. **TO EARNESTLY REQUEST** the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII to **DENY** the Exploration Permit Application of AIWI and all other mining application that threatens the ecological integrity of the Carac-an Watershed and its tributary watersheds.
3. **TO DECLARE** that the protection of the forests and watersheds of the Municipality of Carmen is indispensable to sustaining irrigation water, ensuring food security, conserving biodiversity, mitigating climate change, reducing disaster risks, and promoting sustainable development.
4. **TO REAFFIRM** the commitment of the Barangay Government of San Vicente to support sustainable watershed management, biodiversity conservation, forest protection, climate change mitigation, and sustainable agricultural development consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environment and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS).
5. **TO AUTHORIZE** the Punong Barangay to transmit this Resolution together with the petition signed by the residents of Barangay San Vicente, farmers, irrigator's associations, people's organizations, women's organizations, youth organizations, senior citizens, and other community stakeholders as evidence of the unified stand of the barangay against mining activities affecting the municipality's watersheds.



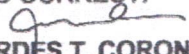
6. TO FURNISH copies of this Resolution to:

- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office XIII
- Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region XIII
- Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Carmen
- Sangguniang Bayan of Carmen
- Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)
- Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Climate Change Commission (CCC): and
- All other concerned government agencies.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Barangay Government of San Vicente respectfully urges the DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office XIII and all concerned government agencies to recognize that the Carac-an Watershed Forest Reserve and its tributaries are indispensable natural assets that sustain agriculture, water security, biodiversity, climate regulation, disaster risk reduction, and the socio-economic well-being of the Municipality of Carmen. Consistent with the principles of the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting System (PENCAS), these forests and watersheds generate ecosystem services- including irrigation water, flood regulation, carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, and climate resilience- whose long-term environmental, social, and economic values far exceed the temporary benefits that may be derived from mineral extraction. Accordingly, the Barangay Government and the people of San Vicente respectfully and earnestly pray for the DENR, of the Exploration Permit Application of Amalgamated Iron Works, Inc. (AIWI) and all other mining applications that threaten the integrity of the Carac-an Watershed and tributaries.

APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2026 during the regular session of the Sangguniang Barangay of San Vicente, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ANA LOURDES T. CORONEL
Barangay Secretary

ATTESTED:


HON. BLANDENA V. SUGIAN
Punong Barangay

HUBASON TRIBAL FARMERS ASSOCIATION (HTFA)
Sitio Hubason, Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INFLEXIBLE AND STRONG OPPOSITION OF
THE HUBASON TRIBAL FARMERS ASSOCIATION (HTFA) TO ANY AND ALL
MINING ACTIVITIES WITHIN ITS ANCESTRAL DOMAIN, AND DECLARING A
STRICT COMMUNITY POLICY SUPPORTING ONLY NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 001, SERIES OF 2026

WHEREAS, the Hubason Tribal Farmers Association (HTFA) is a duly recognized organization of Indigenous Peoples and tribal farmers dedicated to the preservation, protection, and sustainable management of their ancestral domain, environment, cultural heritage, and agricultural livelihood;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, guarantees the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) to their ancestral domains, recognizing their inherent right to self-determination and the absolute necessity of their Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) before any project can enter their territory;

WHEREAS, the ancestral domain of Sitio Hubason serves as the literal and cultural lifeblood of the community, containing sacred grounds, vibrant ecosystems, and critical agricultural lands that have sustained generations of tribal farmers;

WHEREAS, any form of mining activity whether large-scale, small-scale, exploration, or extraction carries catastrophic risks of environmental degradation, including severe soil erosion, siltation and chemical pollution of rivers and vital water sources, and irreversible destruction of agricultural lands;

WHEREAS, Surigao del Sur is highly vulnerable to climate-induced hazards, and the stripping of forest cover for mining operations will drastically increase the risks of devastating landslides and flash floods, directly threatening the lives and properties of the residents;

WHEREAS, the general membership, council of elders, and leadership of the HTFA assert that true community progress must be achieved through harmony with nature, explicitly aligning with the national and international frameworks for Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) which prioritize ecosystem restoration, agroforestry, watershed protection, and sustainable livelihoods managed by local communities;

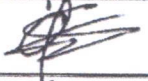
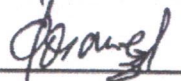
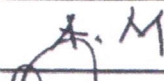
WHEREAS, the Hubason Indigenous Cultural Community formally declares that it will exclusively welcome, support, and partner with companies, organizations, or projects whose corporate frameworks and operations are entirely anchored on Nature-Based Solutions, environmental regeneration, and absolute respect for indigenous self-determination;

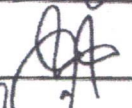
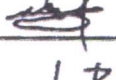
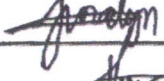
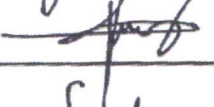
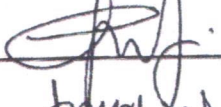
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Hubason Tribal Farmers Association (HTFA), to express its absolute, unconditional, and strongest opposition to any mining exploration, development, extraction, or other mining-related activities within its ancestral domain and community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the HTFA officially shuts its doors to extractive industries and instead opens its domain strictly to sustainable, non-destructive, and nature-based development projects that protect biodiversity while empowering tribal farmers;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), the Local Government Units (LGU) of Carmen and the Province of Surigao del Sur, and all relevant stakeholders for their information, official record, and appropriate action.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2026, at Sitio Hubason, Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Surigao del Sur.

Name	Position	Signature
1. <u>Mariage A. Sandag</u>	member	
2. <u>Dante S. Montenegro</u>	member	D.M
3. <u>Maria Jean Sandag</u>	member	MS.
4. <u>Agapito S. Montenegro</u>	CAPT-CHAIRMAN	
5. <u>Marven A. Sandag</u>	member	
6. <u>Valentino R. Gomez</u>	member	
7. <u>Joel A. Sandag</u>	Member	
8. <u>Encata A. Maca</u>	member	
9. <u>Dominador S. Montenegro</u>	Member	
10. <u>Floranie Montenegro</u>	member	F.M
11. <u>Emmanuel M. Juagpao</u>	member	E. J
12. <u>Daniel C. Fernandez</u>	member	D.F
13. <u>Melanie M. Juagpao</u>	member	St
14. <u>Meshalyn M. Juagpao</u>	member	u.
15. <u>Albert Maca</u>	Member	
16. <u>Sasha Paraiso</u>	Member	

Name	Position	Signature
17. <u>Kedyn A. Sandag</u>	Member	
18. <u>Jonhrol A. Sandag</u>	member	
19. <u>Foxon A. Sandag</u>	member	
20. <u>Eugene S. Bayor</u>	"	
21. <u>Mark L. Bayor</u>	"	
22. <u>Jay R. L. Bayor</u>	"	J.B
23. <u>Jonathan L. Bayor</u>	"	J.B
24. <u>Santiago M. Davog</u>	"	S.D
25. <u>Edna L. Bayor</u>	"	Edna L.
26. <u>Mark John F. Laorden</u>	"	M.L
27. <u>Arman S. Montenegro</u>	"	
28. <u>Marivic S. Montenegro</u>	"	
29. <u>Jonelyn S. Bayar</u>	"	
30. <u>Claudine B. Perez</u>	"	
31. <u>Gemalyn L. Bayar</u>	"	Leonora
32. <u>Janice S. Montenegro</u>	"	J.M
33. <u>Angelina L. Bayor</u>	"	Angelina
34. <u>Laurino A. Sandag</u>	"	
35. <u>Lojel A. Sandag</u>	"	
36. <u>Marlon M. Sandag</u>	"	
37. <u>Jonan M. Sandag</u>	"	Jonan M.
38. <u>Martin M. Sandag</u>	"	M.S