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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the special session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on September 14, 2023 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Vici M. Ventanilla

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 798-2023

INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION TO AND ENDORSING THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN ARC MINERALS CORP. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REHABILITATION PLAN SITUATED AT BARANGAY BARLO, MABINI, PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, Ms. Richelle M. Colcol, President of Northern Arc Minerals Corp., in her letter dated September 7, 2023, has submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the proposed Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Plan situated at Barangay Barlo, Mabini, Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Plan is designed to manage and rehabilitate the abandoned mine sites located in the area which includes the following four (4) work program activities: 1) Land Environment Rehabilitation, 2) Water Environment Rehabilitation, 3) Atmospheric Environment Rehabilitation, and 4) Wildlife Rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, accordingly, the main objective of Northern Arc Minerals Corp. in the implementation of the plan is to clean up the area to reduce adverse social and environmental impacts such that there is a need to convert the affected land, water and air environment into a safe, economical and sustainable condition in order to protect human health and safety as well as wildlife;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 30, S-2023 of the Sangguniang Barangay of Barlo, Mabini, Pangasinan has favorably endorsed to the Natural Resources Regulatory Group (NRRG) Environmental and Natural Resources Office and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau for the approval of a special permit for the removal and extraction of the old stockpile of any materials project to the area;



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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1-23-121 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Mabini, Pangasinan has also endorsed the application of Northern Arc Minerals Corp. to the concerned authorities;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan fully supports the Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Plan as one of the current concerns of the Provincial Government is the immediate rehabilitation of the tailings storage facility, abandoned mine waste dumps and remnants of the old mill plant in the said municipality;

WHEREAS, subject to compliance with pertinent laws, existing rules, regulations and ordinances appurtenant to the implementation of the proposed management and rehabilitation program, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan interposes no objection to the application of Northern Arc Minerals Corp. and consequently endorses the same;

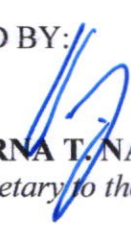
WHEREAS, RA 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 affirms that all mineral resources in public and private lands within the territory and exclusive economic zone of the Republic of the Philippines are owned by the State and it is the responsibility of the State to promote their rational exploration, development, utilization *and processing of all mineral resources*;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Vici M. Ventanilla, duly seconded, it was –

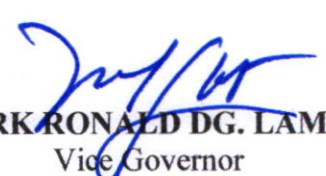
RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to interpose, as it is hereby interposed, no objection to and endorsing the application of Northern Arc Minerals Corp. for the implementation of the Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Plan situated at Barangay Barlo, Mabini, Pangasinan;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, the DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau, and Ms. Richelle M. Colcol, President, Northern Arc Minerals Corp., for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)