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**Dear Mr. E. B. Austin:**

This refers to your Letter dated December 23, 2021 requesting for Certification pertaining to the compliances with the terms and conditions of Silangan Mindanao Mining Company, Inc. (SMMCI) under the Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) No. 149-99-XIII, as well as the provisions of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order No. 2010-21<sup>1</sup>, covering an area of 2,202.2000 hectares located in Mainit and Placer, Surigao del Norte.

Please be informed that issuance of the said Certificate from this Office is based on the Memorandum<sup>2</sup> dated May 22, 2019 of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Central Office, which states that "*issuance of Certification as to the compliance of the Contractor(s)/Permittee(s)/ Permit Holder(s) with the implementation of the Work Programs, compliance with the terms and conditions, including reporting and fiscal obligations shall be through the implementation of the Standardized Monitoring Checklist in accordance with the MGB Memorandum Circular No. 2018-02<sup>3</sup>, as such case, the Certification shall be based on the preceding year. **The Certified True Copy of the standardized monitoring checklist and report of the MGB Regional Office concerned shall suffice as Certification.**" (emphasis supplied)*

Further, through our Letter dated September 15, 2021, this Office has already issued the said Certification to SMMCI by providing the Certified True Copy of the Tenement, Safety and Health, Environmental Management, and Social Development Monitoring Checklist for MPSA No. 149-99-XIII, conducted last May 6-8, 2021 covering CY 2020.

<sup>1</sup> A Consolidated DENR Administrative Order for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, Otherwise Known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995".

<sup>2</sup> Matters Concerning Existing Mineral Production Sharing Agreements and Other Tenements.

<sup>3</sup> Guidelines for the Compliance Monitoring and Rating/Scorecard of Mining Permit(s)/ Contract(s).



Moreover, this Office will not issue a Performance Rating/Scorecard for MPSA No. 149-99-XIII pursuant to MGB Memorandum Circular No. 2018-02 since it is still under development period, hence, it is **not applicable**.

Finally, this Office attests that SMMCI is a holder of a **valid and existing** mining rights for the MPSA No. 149-99-XIII.

**This serves as the requested Certification.**

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*By the Authority of the OIC, Regional Director:*



  
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