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14 mining firms still operating despite suspension order

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According to one of the leading local news provider, the following fourteen (14) mining companies which are subject of suspension or closure order are still operating:

Dinagat Islands:

1. AAMPhil Natural Resources Exploration
2. Kromico Inc.
3. Libjo Mining Corporation
4. Oriental Synergy Mining Corporation
5. Oriental Vision Mining Philippines Corp.
6. SinoSteel Philippines H.Y. Mining Corporation
7. Wellex Mining Corporation

Surigao del Norte:

8. ADNAMA Mining Resources Corp.
9. Claver Mineral Development Corp.
10. Platinum Group Metals Corp.
11. Hinatuan Mining Corp.

Surigao del Sur:

12. CTP Construction and Mining Corp.
13. Carrascal Nickel Corp.
14. Marcventures Mining and Development Corp

It can be recalled that these mining companies were suspended by former DENR Secretary Gina Lopez for siltation of rivers and coasts, and for destroying watersheds.

It was reported that aside from the suspension order issued by former DENR Secretary in February 2017, closure order was sent to these mining companies which are extracting nickel ore which are mostly shipped to Japan and China. However, despite the suspension and closure order, these mining companies are still operating.

Based on the report, the Regional Director of Mines and Geosciences Bureau 13 (MGB-13), Engr. Roger A de Dios, stated that these 14 mining companies filed a motion for reconsideration in the MGB central office.

MGB-13 official confirmed that these mining companies have been allowed to operate again as they appealed their cases during a press forum on 6 October 2017. Environmentalists and anti-mining groups are protesting the reopening of these mining companies' operations..

It is recommended that Members who intend to load minerals from the Philippines to obtain the following documents from shippers to ensure that cargo is being legally exported in order to avoid any potential issues with the local authorities:

- a. Authority to load issued by Bureau of Customs
- b. Mineral Ore Export Permit issued by DENR-MGB
- c. Ore Transport Permit issued by DENR-MGB

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