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Hon. ROMEO B. DORADO

Greetings!

CARPUS is a German Non-Governmental Organization aiming for sustainable development and equitable globalization worldwide. In 1997 CARPUS initiated the international biosphere-partnership between the PCSDS and the Protected Areas Management Board of Brandenburg/Germany. CARPUS also supports various NGOs in Palawan by accessing and providing international funds for the implementation of conservation and human rights projects.

We are very aghast about the latest news from Palawan. Despite the memorandum for the prohibition of new small-scale mining sites, large-scale mining site are being continuously approved. We believe that the approval of the FTAA for the Canadian based MBMI mining company will have a negative effect to the biosphere reserve of Palawan.

We also heard about the mining application of MacroAsia and Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC) and we fear that the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) will endorse those applications in its last session on June 25, 2010 before the new elected administration takes over.

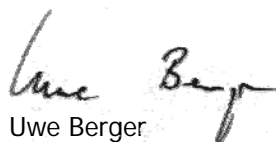
We appeal to the PCSD not to endorse the two mining applications in order to protect the unique and endangered ecosystem of Palawan and to protect the natural resources which are the base of livelihood for hundreds of indigenous people and farmers.

As we learned more than 600 protesters marched to the Provincial Capitol in Palawan last June 7, to request for the halt of those mining applications. We believe that the Government shall protect the lives of those people and follow their request.

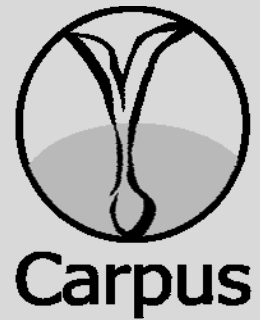
As many researches proofed, open scale mining is incompatible with sustainable development as it is one of the most destructive form of land use causing natural disasters and social problems.

We hope the PCSD will make a decision in favor to the people of Palawan.

Sincerely Yours



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