

PETITION REJECTING THE ENTRY OF ANTI-PEOPLE, PRO-IMPERIALIST, AND DESTRUCTIVE MINING OPERATIONS IN THE CORDILLERA

Affected by wanton exploration of our resources, We, members of community organizations in the Cordillera, and concerned individuals present our united stand against the Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement(FTAA), Mineral Production Sharing Agreement(MPSA), and Exploration Permit Application(EPA) applications of Newcrest, Newmont, Arimco, Climax, CAL, and other local and foreign mining companies.

We conclude that the present governments' policy on mining does not serve the interest of affected communities, the Cordillera peoples, and the Filipino people in general. Our ancestral lands, forests, and rivers will be destroyed and our existence as indigenous peoples are threatened. We manifest our continued strong opposition through petitions, community meetings and consultations against the impending approval of FTAA applications of Newcrest and other mining companies despite their continued exploration work, act of disuniting the communities to pursue their interest, intimidation and harassment to force the people into supporting their mining operations.

Let this be the final word: WE hold the mining companies liable and accountable when the time comes that the Cordillera peoples are pushed to take other options in the defense of their life, land, livelihood and resources. The reactionary government is doubly accountable and responsible for it has enacted and pursued an anti people, oppressive and pro-imperialist policy on mining.

WE THEREFORE demand, in the interest of justice in the Cordillera and the interest of the Filipino people to:

Immediately stop the impending approval of FTAA applications of Newcrest and Newmont; Stop the processing of all FTAA, MPSA, and EPA mineral agreement in the Cordillera; Recognize the land rights of the Cordillera peoples and their inherent right to control and manage the resources within it; Conduct full investigation on the destructive effect of mining operations of all mining companies operating in the Cordillera, and hold them legally and financially liable to the people and the destruction of the environment caused by their operations, and; Stop all acts of deception, and harassment by the big mining companies, reformist NGOS and the reactionary state which create disunity and fear amongst the people.

Let this petition be forwarded to the: Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Provincial Local Units in the Cordillera, Office of the President and the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples for their immediate action.

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