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**MR. MUHAMMAD JAMIL GAMUTAN, AL HADJ**

President  
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**Dear Mr. Gamutan:**

This refers to your Letter dated August 28, 2016 to the President of the Philippines, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and this Office, in connection with your complaints against two (2) PRC-licensed Geologists, namely, Messrs. Leo S. Deipraine and Carlito A. Auza of Ivanhoe Philippines, Inc. (Ivanhoe) for the alleged conduct unbecoming of a professional Geologist, i.e., tampering of analytical sampling results.


Please be informed that we are now addressing the other concerns/issues involving your Exploration Permit application denominated as EXPA-010-XII-96 filed on October 15, 1996 in the Mines and Geosciences Bureau covering an area of 5,068.41 hectares located in Pigkawayan and Libungan, Cotabato.

You may also be aware that this Office had also attempted to resolve the issue since 2011 but was not pursued apparently when Ivanhoe suspended its operations here in the Philippines and the concerned geologists left the said company.

On the other hand, our continuing evaluation shows that this Office found it proper to endorse your complaint against the said Ivanhoe Geologists to the Professional Regulations Commission, considering that the main issue involves "unethical" acts by professionals.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**MARIO LUIS J. JACINTO**  
Undersecretary  
Concurrent MGB Director

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