

**COMPANY STATEMENT ON THE ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7, series of 2023, DATED  
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It is highly regretful that Philippine Mining Service Corporation (PMSC) was issued the Executive Order directing it to cease and desist from processing, selling, and transporting dolomite due its alleged violation of local tax laws and regulations and environmental laws.

PMSC has been doing business and processing dolomite in the southern town of Alcoy, Cebu for more than 40 years in compliance with national and local laws of the Republic of the Philippines, being a legitimate mineral processing permittee holder granted by no less than the State or the National Government, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). PMSC's products are vital to the businesses like sintering iron ores and glass making, and soil conditioner used by a lot of industries, particularly those in the export industries.

Through the years, PMSC has been consistently reaping and receiving various environmental awards and has been in the forefront of the progress of the local economy and the social development in the towns of Alcoy and Dalaguete. Specifically, it has been providing the basic employment of 263 direct and indirect employees in the locality and those of its suppliers and buyers.

Since October 2020, PMSC has received a total of four (4) local tax assessments from the Province of Cebu. In accordance with and pursuant to the Local Government Code of the Philippines as well as the Revenue Code of Cebu, PMSC has timely protested the said assessments to the province. But since PMSC did not receive any reply from the province on the said protests, as mandated by applicable laws and jurisprudence, PMSC elevated the issue on the legality and validity of said tax assessments to the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Cebu, which cases have been pending until today.

On January 4, 2023, the province suddenly issued a Notice of Levy and auction sale of PMSC's properties. PMSC filed an extremely urgent motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and an application for a writ of preliminary injunction since as far as it is concerned, PMSC is not and cannot be legally considered as delinquent under the law as the tax assessments were duly and timely protested and are still pending with the RTC. In fact, on February 3, 2023 a Temporary Restraining Order was granted by the RTC to PMSC and eventually writ of preliminary injunction was finally issued on February 23, 2023.

On the alleged violation of environmental laws, PMSC was suspended way back on September 2020, pursuant to the DENR suspension order, which was included in the province's previous EO 25-B. The suspension order was lifted on November 3, 2020 by no less than the DENR. It must be stressed that the lifting of the suspension order was made only after a thorough investigation was made by a team from the DENR-7 through the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO-DENR) Cebu, Environmental Management Bureau-7 (EMB-7), Regional Office No. VII, and the Mines & Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office No. VII. Moreover, PMSC has been consistently monitored by the Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) with respect to its compliance to the lifting order.

In light of the issuance of EO No. 7, PMSC is concerned about the risks it may cause to the safety of its employees, the negative impact to our customers, partners and investors and the adverse effects to the local economy of Alcoy and Dalaguete.

PMSC, as a law-abiding corporate citizen, shall continuously adhere to the laws and the tenets of due process, comply with the rule of law, protect the environment, and ensure the safety of its people and its stakeholders, as well as contribute to steady employment, the local economy and social development and the nation's progress.