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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO SUPPORT
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE'S POLICY TO
PERMANENTLY BAN OPEN PIT MINING IN THE
PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the negative environmental impact of open pit mining is well-documented, widely-known, and undisputed;

WHEREAS, it is likewise a fact that this negative environmental impact, in turn, triggers the displacement of communities that are affected by contaminated water sources, unstable earth prone to landslides and rockslides, and other consequences of open pit mining;

WHEREAS, the lifespan of an open pit mine may span decades, during which time the environment and affected communities can expect no succour;

WHEREAS, without dedicated and consistent rehabilitation efforts, the site of an inoperative open pit mine will remain unliveable and dangerous;

WHEREAS, there is research to the effect that even considering rehabilitation efforts, certain dangerous results of open pit mining such

as acid mine drainage may take hundreds if not thousands of years to resolve;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's policy is that new open pit mining projects must no longer be permitted in the Philippines and that eventually existing open pit mines must be closed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, in view of the evidence of the environmental and human costs of open pit mining, to:

- (1) Support President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's position to put an end to open pit mining in the Philippines; and
- (2) Call for the immediate comprehensive review and amendment of *Republic Act No. 7942*, or "The Philippine Mining Act of 1995," to reflect the policy against open pit mining and to strengthen accountability of mining firms for the environmental and human impact of mining operations in the Philippines, among others.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III