


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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORT THAT A LANDSLIDE AT THE SEMIRARA PANIAN OPEN-PIT  
CHARCOAL MINE IN ANTIQUE KILLED NINE WORKERS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: “The State shall protect and  
2 advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm  
3 and harmony of nature”;

4 WHEREAS, various media sources in July reported that a landslide on July 17 at the  
5 Semirara Panian open-pit charcoal mine buried and killed nine workers;

6 WHEREAS, the Department of Energy allegedly ordered Semirara Mining and Power  
7 Corporation, a subsidiary of DMCI Holdings Inc., to halt mining operations after the incident;

8 WHEREAS, it was reportedly the second deadly landslide at the Panian mine, located on  
9 Semirara Island off northwestern Antique;

10 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* wrote that on 13 February 2013, the western  
11 wall of the mine collapsed on 13 miners who were taking a break from work – three of the  
12 miners got out alive, five were killed and another five were never found;


13 WHEREAS, after a four-month suspension, SMC was reportedly cleared of negligence  
14 by the DOE and was allowed to resume full operations in June 2013;

15 WHEREAS, quoting the DOE, the *Inquirer* said Semirara Mining Corp. is the biggest  
16 producer of coal in the Philippines, accounting for 97 percent of the 8.41-million-metric-ton  
17 domestic production in 2014;

18 WHEREAS, it is imperative for the State to impose strict occupational safety measures in  
19 mine sites;

20 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
21 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that a  
22 landslide at the Semirara Panian open-pit charcoal mine in Antique killed nine workers.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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