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Introduced by Honorable Senator JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT ILLEGAL MINING
ACTIVITIES RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOSS
OF LIVELIHOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAUIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES**

WHEREAS, in the Province of Zambales, three (3) mining companies namely; Primerock/Kao Lee Mining (KLM), Geo Grace Mining and Golden Harvest Global, have applications to operate within the province;

WHEREAS, Primerock/Kao Lee Mining (KLM) has been operating in the Municipality of Palauig since 2007 and it has been extracting ore from open pits, denuding the mountains of age-old trees, and constructing badly-engineered roads for the transport of its ore from its stockpiles to its causeway/pier to the detriment of the people of Palauig and its marine life;

WHEREAS, Primerock/Kao Lee Mining (KLM) operates without the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and only applied for an ECC only on May 2, 2008 and its operation effected the irreversible damage to the environment even as these have resulted in the marginalization of municipal fishers who have experienced fish kills and of subsistence farmers;

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2008, one of the barges of KLM forcibly passed through the sea lane very close to the fishcages in Palauig shore causing the water to turn murky which result in fish kill and thus, the fishers had an insurmountable financial loss;

WHEREAS, KLM has been and is able to ship out large quantities of ore depriving the Provincial Government of Zambales of its much need revenues;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through its offices namely, the Regional Office, Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), and Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau is unable to stop the wanton destruction of the environment by KLM despite the several complaints from the residents affected by its operations;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the illegal mining activities of some mining companies operating in the Province of Zambales resulting in the destruction of environment and loss of livelihood of the people of Palauig, Zambales.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA