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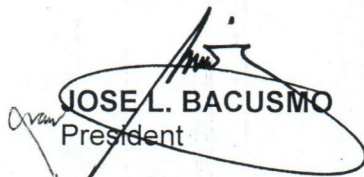
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R E: VSU Advocacy Team

In view of the continued environmental threats to the Leyte Cordillera Range (including Mt. Pangasugan), there is a need to intensify the awareness of the surrounding communities, especially on the impacts of mining. As such, you are hereby directed to constitute the **VSU Advocacy Team** to conduct advocacy campaigns especially on the ill effects of mining to the environment and community. Please coordinate with Dr. Ma. Juliet C. Ceniza regarding this assignment.

Please be guided accordingly.


JOSE L. BACUSMO
President



September 17, 2008

Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo
President
Visayas State University
Baybay City, Leyte

Dear **Dr. Bacusmo**;

With the recent developments and the continued environmental threats to the Leyte Cordillera Range (including Mt. Pangasugan), there is a need to intensify the awareness of the surrounding communities, especially on the impacts of mining. In view of these and to facilitate the awareness campaign, the Institute of Tropical Ecology and Institute of Environmental Governance has organized a team of VSU staff, together with other private individuals, to conduct an intensified awareness campaign on the impacts of mining.

From the initial discussions with the group, some staff of VSU were identified to compose the teams, representing relevant fields of expertise, to conduct the info campaigns. We have decided to form five (5) teams (please see attached) to facilitate intensified campaign in the affected communities, the soonest possible time, and get them ready for steps and actions that the mining proponents might do. May I therefore request your kind office to allow the following staff to be part of the advocacy team and also issue appropriate Memo relating thereto. The list is as follows:

1. Dr. Paciencia P. Milan
2. Dr. Beatriz S. Belonias
3. Dr. Humberto R. Montes
4. Prof. Senona A. Cesar
5. Ms. Analyn M. Mazo
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22. Ms. Cynthia Godoy

The teams will conduct simultaneous advocacy campaigns to cover the majority, if not all of the barangays of Baybay, and maybe later extend awareness campaign to the neighboring affected municipalities of Leyte. We hope that through this intensified awareness campaign especially on the ill effects of mining to the environment and the community, the local stakeholders will be more enlightened and aware.

In addition, the group deemed it necessary to start the campaign the soonest possible time. In behalf of the group, I would like to ask for minimal financial support for expenses that might be incurred, especially relating to the preparation of the campaign materials and minimal travel expenses. Attached is the estimated budget for the information campaign.

I hope for a favorable action on this request. I also wish to thank you for your wholehearted support and great concern for our environment. We pray for a successful endeavor for the continued advocacy to protect of Mount Pangasugan and the Leyte forests. Best regards and more power.

Very sincerely yours,


MARIA JULIET C. CENIZA
Director

Approved:

JOSE L. BACUSMO
President

- The following is the suggested team composition for the VSU Advocacy::

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
BIOLOGIST	PPMILAN	MJCCENIZA	LLALIO (FCIC)	BSBELONIAS	HRMONTES
FORESTER/MARINE	DPEQUE	APASA SACESAR	MBANDE EDESPINOSA	EOMANGAOANG AMMAZO	TAPATINDOL AFLANDEZ
SOCIAL SCIENCE	PFKNORIEL JBMODINA (PANGASUGAN) TAVILA (CARIDAD)	FR. EAGOLO ESAZ	RGRAVOSO JBANOC (FCIC)	MCANO LNUNEZ	MATWTABADA BUY (FCIC)
SOILS	MARAGON	RRALLOS	ABTULIN	CGODOY	AAFERRAREN
TEAM LEADER	JBMODINA	MJCCENIZA	MJBANDE	EOMANGAOANG	MATWTABADA

BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VSU ADVOCACY TEAM

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Advocacy Material	
Tarpaulin (1 per team @ 5 teams @ P700.00)	P 3,500.00
Transportation Cost*	
September 27, 2008 (20 liters diesel @ P55.00 per liter)	P 1,100.00
September 28, 2008 (15 liters @ P55.00 per liter)	P 825.00
October 4, 2008 (10 liters @ P55.00 per liter)	P 550.00
October 5, 2008 (10 liters @ P55.00 per liter)	P 550.00
For other Barangay visits ** for the remaining 70 barangays @ 1500/trip for 8 trips	P 12,000.00
Snacks for the Advocacy Team	
Snacks (26 people @ P20.00 each for 4 days- 20 Barangays)*	P 2,080.00
For the other Barangays**	P 4,260.00
Total Cost	P 24,865.00

*for the initial advocacy activity for 20 Barangays at 5 barangays per visit (see schedule below)

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Sep 27, 7 PM	Caridad	San Agustin	Hilapnitan	Bunga	Maybog
Sep 28, 9 AM	Igang	Gacat	Kansungka	San Isidro	Villa Mag- aso
Oct 4, 7 PM	Guadalupe	Pangasugan	Marcos	Patag	Gabas
Oct 5, 7 PM	Kilim	Candadam	Sta. Cruz	Cogon	Hibunawan

** the schedule for the other Barangays will be set after the first round of the info campaign