

“The Public Eye Awards”

Nominations form

Nominated company (name):

Toronto Ventures Inc. (TVI)- Resources Development Phils., Inc with address at 1903-B West Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Short description of the company:

TVI-Resource Development Phils., Inc. is one of the subsidiaries of the TVI Pacific, Inc., a Canadian-owned mining company operating in the Phils. TVI Pacific Inc. has at least twelve (12) subsidiaries in the country. These are Miracle Mining Corporation, Pico Minerals Corporation, ESCAF Minerals Corporation, CAL mining Ventures, Inc., Goldcrest Asis Mining Ventures, Lake Bonavesta Mining Corporation, TVI Minerals Processing, Inc., FILCAN Mining Corporation, Alberta Resource Development Corporation, TVI Resource Development (Phils.) Inc., Paramount Gold Resource Corporation, and Exploring Drilling Corporation.

TVI Pacific Inc. has the biggest claimed area in the Philippines. Except for EDCO, which is solely a drilling company, the other subsidiaries have claims which total to 1,256,302 hectares in the country. Considered to be neophyte in terms of assets, it is at present aggressively expanding its investments in the country with the goal of making it the number gold exploration and development company in the Philippines

The corporate Executive Officer is Mr. James Clifford and the project manager is Engr. Rey Magpantay.

Nominated for the following award categories:

- X environment
- X human rights
- O labour rights
- O taxes
- O special prize _____
(name a award category in the style of the above)

More than one category can be chosen, if a company has acted irresponsibly in all these areas or if it cannot be assigned to just one category. In this case the organising committee will decide the final category.

Reasons for nomination:

Under this heading there should be presented as much information as possible on the irresponsible behaviour of the nominated company – ideally covering each of the points below, including references or sources. Please use a separate page for each case example of the company. Additional supporting material such as reports or newspaper articles, and also film material, is welcomed.

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...”The right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy economic, social, cultural. Political development, in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realized.” (Article 1, section 1, Declaration on the right to Development res. 41/128, 1986)

General information on the case and date or time period

The Subanons who manifested their strong opposition to the TVI’s entry into their Ancestral Land as well as the whole community of Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte.

Evidences gathered clearly indicates that there are numerous abuses by the TVI guards and the Special CAFGU Armed Auxiliaries (SCAA). It appears that TVI wanted to win their claim in any manner possible. While TVI seeks legal means to stop the indigenous peoples, settlers, and other supporters from blocking their operation, they also resorted to some other means of pressuring the people to give way.

It is noteworthy that almost all of these abuses are in violation of the rights which the Philippine Constitution upholds and the international law recognize. People have been prevented from transporting basic commodities, deprived the egress and ingress of their territory, undermining religious practices, harassment, deprivation of health services, illegal detention.

The situation in Canatuan, does not in any way contribute to the economic, social, cultural well-being of the indigenous cultural communities in the area. Instead the entrance of TVI has caused division, inequalities, deprivation of their basic rights and others.

Characteristics of the company’s irresponsible behaviour

Case Background

The history of large-scale mining activities in Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte started when Benguet Corporation, a Filipino-owned mining firm, obtained a Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) on October 23, 1996 over a total mining area of 508.3396 hectares in Sitio Canatuan, Barangay. Tabayo¹. On June 16, 1997, Benguet Corporation transferred its mining right to Toronto Ventures Inc. (TVI)-Resource Development Philippines, Inc., a Canadian-based mining firm. However, prior to the said agreement, TVI had already acquired an environment Compliance Certificate (ECC) on June 6, 1997 from the office of the DENR². The ECC confers

¹ MPSA or Mineral production Sharing Agreement with No. 054-96-IX was issued by the Republic of the Philippines by and between Ramon B. Bosque-claimholder and Benguet Corporation-operator. Both claimholder and operator being collectively referred to as the ‘contractor’.

² ECC or Environmental Compliance Certificate was issued to Canatuan Mining project of TVI PACIFIC INCORPORATED (TVI Minerals processing, Inc. and TVI Resources Development (Phils.), Inc.) located in **Send your nominations to:** The Public Eye on Davos, Berne Declaration, Quellenstrasse 25, PO Box, CH-8031 Zurich, Switzerland; email: publiceye@evb.ch; fax: +41 (0)1 277 70 01.

authority to TVI to finally start its operation on a delimited area of 486 hectares, allowed a 60-meter pit wall for its open-pit and extraction rate of not exceeding 1,850 metric tons of ore per day. TVI presently maintains a pilot processing plant with a capacity of 50 metric tons per day.

But even before the ECC was granted to TVI, it already started to process ores for gold and silver production as revealed by the fact finding mission launched by non-government organizations spearheaded by Tri-PeaceDev and Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP) on April 2-7, 1997.

Siocon town is located in the southern part of the province of Zamboanga del Norte. The Municipality lies southwest of Dipolog City, the provincial capital of Zamboanga del Norte and covers an area of 50,320 hectares, 80.34% of which is forest land with a population count of almost 30,000 inhabitants.

Siocon is primarily agricultural with farming as the major source of livelihood and income for the people. Fishing is the secondary largest source of livelihood either deep sea fishing or sustenance fishing. There are about 30 fish pond concessionaires in the area.

The town people consist of three groups: Christians, who live in the lowland area to manage their lowland farming; the Subanen, settled in the hinterlands which developed the upland farming as their main source of livelihood; and Muslims who mostly live in the coastal area to concentrate on fishing activities.

The total forest and watershed in the area is 32,605 hectares. The town has one forest concessionaire operating - DACON, Inc which stripped the dipterocarp trees and displaced rare and endangered species in the area.

Fishing grounds of Siocon Bay, Panubigon, Micubo, Lituban, Sta. Maria and Molambuhangin have proven to be rich of tuna, cravella, barracuda, Indian sardines and other common fishes.

Agriculture is the dominant sector which made the town famous for "the rice granary of Zamboanga del Norte".

Just like in any areas of the country where minerals are abundant, the municipality has its mineral deposit which is found to be of commercial quantity. Coal is the major type of mineral deposit that is found and is presently the object of interest for a large-scale exploitation.

Small-scale mining exploitation of gold is now operated in the southeastern part of the town particularly in Sitio Canatuan, Brgy. Pisawak and Candiz. These areas have

Statement Cantuan, Brgy. Tabayo, Zamboanga del Norte last June 06, 1997 signed by Victor Ramos, Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources Center.

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experienced the high influx of people coming from different places just to earn their living through small-scale mining.

Ancient relics discovered and attested to the fact that this municipality has been inhabited before the coming of the Spaniards, these were excavated at Kayatian hill where a church façade was also found. The settlers were the Subanen, Maguindanao and Kalibugan who occupied the hinterlands of Zamboanga Norte.

Subanen in Siocon where in the place since time immemorial, one of them organized themselves as Siocon Subanen Association Inc. (SSAI) which is a holder of CADC consisting of 6,522.684 hectares issued last October 21, 1997³ and after five (5) years CADT was issued. SSAI group are mostly found in Sitio Canataun, Brgy. Tabayo, Siocon.

The sacred land turned into "armed" camp. The mining company hired a paramilitary force known as SCAA (Special CAFGU Active Auxiliaries). These were armed and trained by the military but paid and operate as employees of the company. They are in-effect a sanctioned private army of the company.

By 1996, the SCAA were more than a hundred strong. They barred access to the community and built armed checkpoint on the public highway through the area. The strong-arm tactics and abuses committed by these guards have been a frequent source of fear and hostility since that time.

SSAI listed the abuses of this paramilitary including shootings, imposition of checkpoint and a blockade on essential goods including food, placement of hidden barbed nail in trails, confiscation of goods, desecration of sacred places and others.

SSAI and small-scale miners of the Canatuan small-Scale Miner's Multipurpose Cooperative (CSSMPC) first registered their opposition to any large-scale mining interest in 1991 and had staged human barricade in September 1995, next on November 22, 1996 and on February 3, 1997 the group blocked the passage of the bulldozer which started to cut its way through the area to commence the open-pit activity. As a result, TVI mining operation was temporarily suspended. August to September 1999, the SSAI and CSSMPC staged their separate human barricade respectively to prevent TVI from conducting new test drills.

The most recent incident was March 17, 2004, a multi-sectoral group called " Save Siocon Paradise Watershed Movement" in Barangay Pisawak, 15 kilometers from Poblacion Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte prevented the Toronto Ventures Incorporated (TVI) heavy equipments from moving towards the mining site. The human barricade was staged against the incoming full blast operation of the mining company by April, 2004.

³ CADC or Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim was issued to Subanen of Zombaonga del Norte with an area involving 6,523.684 hectares, more or less, situated in the Municipality of Siocon, Zambonaga del Norte last October 21, 1997 signed by Victor O. Ramos, as the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

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A number of SCAA of TVI surrounded the protestors and relentlessly fired their armalite automatic rifle. Four were wounded with multiple gunshot, they were Subanon Chieftain Macario Salacao, Eddie Cayabyab, Juan Veloria and Gaudencia Montemor.

March 18, 2004 , TVI negotiated with the protestors on the entry of heavy equipments which was facilitated by Mayor Cesar Soriano. TVI represented by Rey Magpantay promised to present permits and documents requested by the community until 12:00 on the next day. However, TVI failed to present any of the documents. Mayor Soriano supported the barricade and until the mining company can present legal documents on their operation, this human barricade will continue. During the term of Mayor Soriano in 2002, the Sangguniang Bayan of Siocon approved a resolution banning any form of environmental destruction especially large-scale mining.

A number of charges filed against the community leaders, and this is a type of harassment that has been used before on a number of occasions, and also by companies elsewhere in the community. In some cases, the ridiculous nature of the charges itself reveals that the purpose is more to harass community leaders and disrupt local opposition than any expectation of conviction.

Canatuan is a test case of how a community that commits to work through the official promises of protection of indigenous rights and community aspiration, then all communities should have the earnest concern of the unfolding events. The Canatuan community, represented their organization, have done everything in the power to raise the voice of their opposition.

Canatuan is a sacred place of the Subanen, the ancestors were buried in this land, voices of these forefathers may later on join them just to bring back the serenity of the place and protect the peace-loving Subanen.

National and International Instruments Violated

1. United Declaration on Human Rights
2. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
3. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
4. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
5. Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or degrading Treatment or Punishment
6. The Philippine Constitution of 1987
7. The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act or R.A. 8371
8. The Philippine Mining Act of 1991 or RA. 7942

Violations

A. Human Rights Violations

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1. Violations and abuses on their (Subanons') basic rights as indigenous people;

Guaranteed under:

- right to life, liberty and security –UDHR⁴
- freedom of movement and residence – UDHR
- right to recognition everywhere as person before the law-UDHR
- right of all peoples to self-determination - ICCPR⁵
- right to life – ICCPR
- right to liberty and security of persons- ICCPR
- freedom of movement – ICCPR
- right to privacy – ICCPR
- freedom of thought, conscience and religion – ICCPR
- right of children to protection- ICCPR
- right of person belonging to indigenous cultural communities to enjoy their own culture – ICCPR

The mining company entered in the area by force, threat and intimidation and without the free and prior informed consent from the community living in Sitio Canatuan, Brgy. Tabayo. Later on, the mining company established a plant site in the area.

The mining site is sacred to the Subanom of Siocon since its is the traditional prayer or worship area of the Subanon since the time of Apo Manglang, whose ancestry goes back to the time of Apo Tabunaway.

Now, TVI commits one heinous crime by destroying Mount Canatuan which has caused the desecration of their traditional grounds.

Supporting documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers)

- complaint filed by Timuqy Boy Anoy against TVI ref. Civil case no. 54
- Testimony of Timuay Macario Salacao – May 27, 2004
- Resolution No. 40 series of 2001 of SSAI – June 27, 2001
- Complaint at the Office of Ombudsman –Mindanao - Nov. 11, 1999
- Petition filed by SSAI in the Office of the DENR – Aug. 6, 2001
- Complaint to the Office of the CHR Reg, 9 –case no. 2002-1770

⁴ On December 10, 1948, The United Nations general Assembly adopted the Universal declaration of Human Rights. The Declaration is a landmark document for its contains an extensive list of rights which nations have agreed to promote and protect. The Declarations proclaims two broad categories of rights; civil and political rights; and economic, social, political rights. The Declaration has gained legal effect and has become part of international law which binds all nations.

⁵ ICCPR discusses the civil and political rights found in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in greater detail. Except for right to self-determination, all civil and political rights contained in ICCPR are automatically demandable. They may be evoked in cases brought before the courts, quasi-judicial bodies and administrative tribunals.

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2. Militarization and acts of violence and intimidation;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to life, liberty and security – UDHR & ICCPR
- Right against slavery, torture – UDHR & ICCPR
- Freedom from slavery – ICCPR
- Freedom of movement – ICCPR

October 19, 1999 at about 8:00 o'clock in the evening while Timuay Boy Anoy returning to home in Sitio Canatuan from a conference in Manila hired a motorcycle from the Poblacion. Upon reaching the TVI's checkpoint he was stopped by the armed security guards. The guards were instructed not to allow Timuay Boy Anoy to pass through, he then took an abandoned, rough, rugged and dangerous road in order to reach home

October 27, 2001, at about ten o'clock in the evening while Rosanna Anguit riding on board a motorcycle stopped at the TVI's checkpoint. They requested TVI guard Artemio Hamoy to allow them to pass through but such request was denied prompting them to walk for about three (3) kilometers despite being 8 months pregnant at that time.

In November 11, 16, 17, 19 and 30, 2003 mines tailings owned by Alexander Loyloy which are already sacked and piled were brought to TVI processing plant using 3 cargo trucks guarded by 6 armed SCAA and several hired laborers.

In May 26, 2004 rubber plantation owned by Ereneo Kalibo was bulldozed by TVI, these trees already produced rubber and almost 100 trees were destroyed.

Supporting documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers)

- Complaint filed by Timuay Boy Anoy against TVI ref. Civil case no. 54
- Testimony of Timuay Boy Anoy – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Ereneo Kalibo – May 28, 2004
- Testimony of Jessie Rafols – May 28, 2004
- Resolution No. 40 series of 2001 of SSAI – June 27, 2001
- Joint affidavit of Jose Anoy and Apolonia Bulagao – Dec. 18, 2003
- Affidavit complaint of Alexander Loyloy – Dec. 18, 2003
- Affidavit of Nelson Silaya – Dec. 18, 2003
- Sworn Statement of Staneley Velcero by CHR – May 15, 2003
- Complaint at the Office of Ombudsman –Mindanao - Nov. 11, 1999
- Petition filed by SSAI in the Office of the DENR – Aug. 6, 2001
- Complaint to the Office of the CHR Reg, 9 –case no. 2002-1770
- Affidavit of Camilo Aquino – 2002
- Affidavit of Rosanna Anguit – 2002
- Affidavit of Leonardo S. Hortillano – 2002
- Affidavit of Jennie S. Lim – 2002

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- Joint Affidavit of Rufina Duriendez, Editha b. Rodriguez, & Perla Villagamas – 2002

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3. Establishment of checkpoints and blockade on the entry of food and other basic necessities;

Guaranteed under:

- Freedom of movement – UNHR & ICCPR
- Right to work – ICESPR

Three (3) roadblocks were set-up at the road leading to the TVI compound. Roadblocks are maintained by elements of the Special Citizen Armed Auxiliary or SCAA paid by the mining company.

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- Testimony of Timuay Macario Salacao – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Apolonia Bulagao – May 28, 2004
- Testimony of Jessie Rafols – May 28, 2004
- Resolution No. 40 series of 2001 of SSAI – June 27, 2001
- Petition filed by SSAI in the Office of the DENR – Aug. 6, 2001
- Complaint to the Office of the CHR Reg, 9 –case no. 2002-1770
- Affidavit of Gregorio Pisical - 2002

4. Disrupting education and delaying construction of school building;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to education – ICESCR⁶

The Subanon community wrote a letter to the Local Government Unit of Siocon with a resolution requesting for a school building in Sitio Canatuan but the materials given by the LGU was confiscated by Colonel Edang, Chief security of TVI and transferred it to a new near the “skyline” or 2nd checkpoint which is far from the original and existing proposed by the community.

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Testimony of Timuay Boy Anoy – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Apolonia Bulagao – May 28, 2004

5. Disrupting travel from farm to market road;

Guaranteed under:

⁶ ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. Both the ICCPR and the ICESCR are treaties or international agreements which Philippines have signed. As such, they have the same force and effect as Philippine laws. They may be invoked before the courts without the need of any implementing legislation.

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- Right to life, liberty and security – UDHR & ICCPR
- Freedom of movement and residence – UDHR
- Right to work – ICESCR

Timuay Macario Salacao experienced being blocked and prevented to enter into the community. He was disappointed because it is not their tradition to be prevented, the road should be free from passage to anyone.

Crispin Gumata experienced for the last ten (10) years that they were not free to move around their territory. They are being stopped and prevented by the SCAA at the checkpoints on their way to their respective houses or farm lots.

Last March 29, 2004 after Mrs Apolonia Bulagao attended the picket held at Barangay Pisawak for two (2) days, she returned to Sitio Canatuan but she was prevented to get inside because she identified as one of the picketers. She then took another a dangerous way along the river bank just to go to her house. Her daughter who did not attend the picket is also banned because what was written in the list of banned personalities was Bulagao family.

Supporting Documents:

- Testimony of Apolonia Bulagao – May 28, 2004
- Resolution No. 40 series of 2001 of SSAI – June 27, 2001
- Complaint at the Office of Ombudsman –Mindanao - Nov. 11, 1999
- Petition filed by SSAI in the Office of the DENR – Aug. 6, 2001
- Testimony of Timuay Macario Salacao – May 27, 2004

6. Prohibition on the entry of health services;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to a standard of living adequate to health and well-being of a person and family-UDHR
- Right to health – ICESCR

A government midwife of the Local Government of Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, whose talk is to visit far flung barangays of the said municipality.

On February 22, 2001, while Ms. Castellano was on her way to Sitio Mambong, barangay Candiz of Siocon, TVI guards prohibited the entry of the motorcycle she was riding. The explanation of Ms. Castellano proved futile as the motorcycle driver was banned by the TVI. She even presented to the guards her purpose but later on forced to take a longer and dangerous route. She identified the guards then as Jun Apilar, Romeo Borja, and a certain Pasukin.

Last May 10, 2004, during the national election, Mrs Apolonia Bulagao was so weak. Mr. Martinez his neighbor accompanied her to the Poblacion of Siocon for a check-up in the hospital. The next day, when they returned to Sitio Canatuan, she was prevented to get inside. A TVI guard doubted her condition whether if she was really

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sick and chilling at that time. Since they are prevented to get inside their community, they went back to the Poblacion.

Support Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Affidavit of Fe N. Castellano – 2002
- Testimony of Apolonia Bulagao – May 27, 2004

7. Destruction of their fishing and hunting grounds, including their herbal medicine area;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to work -ICESCR
- Right of persons belonging to indigenous cultural communities to enjoy their own culture – ICCPR
- Right to culture – ICESCR

The presence of TVI caused apprehension on the part of the Subanon that their fishing and hunting grounds will be destroyed by the said mining company.

Supporting document (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Affidavit of Apolonio Samsom – 2002

8. Violation of their religious rights;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to participate in the cultural life of the community-UDHR
- Right of persons belonging to indigenous cultural communities to enjoy their own culture – ICCPR
- Right to culture, arts - ICESCR

Some lumads invoked from the time of the arrival of the TVI mining company in their ancestral land, life in Canatuan became worst. There were instances that some residents were intimidated, threatened and even prohibited by TVI guards from attending religious activities. Their Baylan (Subanon priest) had a hard time in convincing some Subanon to attend in their religious activities due to harassment employed on them.

On the other hand, a church worker Fe Lanoy, declared under oath that on April 12, 2001, while passing through the TVI checkpoint, TVI guard Saturnino Eyon prevented them including the materials for their church during the Holy week, despite their plea, Eyon refused the vehicles entry prompting them to just walk carrying some of their baggage.

Monsignor Edmund Layan, Parish priest of Siocon, was not spared and was just made to walk when his motorcycle was ordered by the TVI guards to be left at the checkpoint. Monsignor Layan was then on his way to Sitio Canatuan for some church activity

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Supporting of Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Affidavit of Etal A. Lumayas – 2002
- Affidavit of Fe P. Lanoy – 2002

9. Blasphemy of their religious rites and rituals;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to participate in the cultural life of the community-UDHR

The Subanon are against the mining operation of TVI because the Canatuan mountain is highly regarded as sacred ground of their ancestors.

TVI started scrapping the Mt. Canatuan which the altar of the Subanon community.

Supporting documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Complaint filed by Timuy Boy Anoy against TVI ref. Civil case no. 54
- Testimony of Timuay Boy Anoy – May 27, 2004

10. Undermining livelihood activities;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to social security- UDHR
- Right to life, liberty and security – UDHR
- Right to life – ICCPR
- Freedom of movement – ICCPR
- Right to work - ICESCR

Crispin Gumanta, a Subanon, and a member of the “hukom basal” (legislative body) of the Subanon tribe in Siocon owned a farmland near the plant site of the Mining company Farming is the means of livelihood for the farmers in Canatuan. Since TVI started their operation, Crispin prevented to till his land and even prevented to pass the road heading to his farm which affects his livelihood.

TVI confiscated several commodities for sale by some owners of sari-sari store⁷ within Canatuan. Though some of those were returned after several days of follow-up made but many were not returned.

The impact of mining in the upland brought destruction to the lowland. According to Godofredo Galos, president of the Siocon Farmers Association and chair of the Save Siocon Watershed Paradise Movement (SSWPM) that fish now in the rivers have open wounds and smells foul this was not seen before the operation of TVI. People of Siocon are afraid to buy fish because of this incident. The farm products is also affected, the maize become smaller which also resulted to the small yield of their

⁷ Sari-sari store – is a local name of a community store.

production, this appearance was noticeable since last year. Mr. Galos owns a one (1) hectare rice paddy which can yield 60-80 cans of rice per hectare but for the last two years he can only harvest 40-60 cans of rice with supplemental fertilizer.

May 26, 2004, the rubber plantation owned by Ereneo kalibo was bulldozed by TVI, almost 100 trees were destroyed.

Fishpond operators are already complaining on the decreasing production of prawn and milkfish caused by toxic chemicals generated by the mining operation of TVI. The mining waste of TVI generates toxic chemicals that kill fishes, corals and even the people of Siocon. According to the operators around 400 hectares of fishpond are affected in Siocon.

The fisherman of the coastal Barangays also opposes the mining operation of TVI for fear of losing the fishing ground of the fisher folks. The present observation that their "bancas"⁸ cannot pass through the mouth of the river .

Market vendors in Siocon also voiced out their apprehension that their commerce will be affected by the low production of fisher folks and farmers.

According to the Chairman of the Committee on Environment in the Municipality of Siocon, Sangguniang bayan member Lunie Lucas that Siocon is known for as the fishing ground of Zamboanga del Norte. The mining activities caused impoverished to the community like to the fishpond operators who has experienced low yield of income. The fisherman also experienced the impact of mining, now the fish available in the coastal are already meager, the prices of the fish went up and this affects the community of Siocon.

Supporting documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Testimony of Crispin Gumanta – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Jessie Rafols – May 28, 2004
- Resolution No. 40 series of 2001 of SSAI – June 27, 2001
- Joint affidavit of Jose Anoy and Apolonia Bulagao – Dec. 18, 2003
- Affidavit complaint of Alexander Loyloy – Dec. 18, 2003
- Affidavit of Nelson Silaya – Dec. 18, 2003
- Sworn Statement of Staneley Velcero by CHR – May 15, 2003
- Petition filed by SSAI in the Office of the DENR – Aug. 6, 2001
- Affidavit of Nida S. Mante – 2002
- Testimony of Godofredo Galos – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Kag. Lunie Lucas – May 28, 2004

11. Spread of forbidden vices such as prostitution and rape;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to life, liberty and security – UDHR

⁸ Banca looks like a kayak and this is used by fishermen.

- Right to social security – UDHR & ICESCR
- Freedom from slavery – ICCPR

Two house helpers of TVI employees were raped by their employers, one of them eventually gave birth to a child.

Two other victims were molested by TVI crushed worker and a TVI guard. The case as reported before the Police authority of Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte.

There were also reports of sexual abuses on some female residents in the area.

12. Causing division within the community;

Guaranteed under:

- Right to life, liberty and security – UDHR
- Freedom of association – ICCPR

TVI organized another namesake group called Siocon Subanon Association Inc. under the leadership of Marciano Sapián later on led by Juanito Tumangkis who were both migrants of Siocon.

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Testimony of Timuay Boy Anoy – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Timuay Macario Salacao – May 27, 2004
- Resolution No. 06 series of 2004 of Barangay Pisawak

13. Peace Order

Guaranteed under:

- Right to international peace and security – ICCPR

March 13 and December 26, 2004 ambushes caused death to 4 (four) TVI employees and a number of hitch hikers. Both incidents caused much tension in the area and are believed to be an inside job of TVI to increase the deployment of SCAA in the mining compound and relocation of the people in the mining site for fear.

The entry of heavy equipments of ALNOR, subcontracted by TVI caused disturbance to the community nearby and to Barangay Pisawak, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte.

March 17, 2004 four community members were shot and wounded by the SCAA during the human barricade of the people of Siocon against the entry of the heavy equipments of TVI.

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Resolution No. 05 series of 2004 of Barangay Pisawak
- Affidavit of Brgy. Capt Francisco – May 29, 2004

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- News articles – March 2004

14. Displacement

The specific mining area claimed by the Subanon indigenous peoples as their ancestral domain. Several Subanon families were displaced by the construction of the mine plant, office buildings, barracks and warehouses of the TVI. Continuous bulldozing caused some families to relocate to some other areas.

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Testimony of Crispin Gumanta – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Jessie Rafols – May 28, 2004

15. Bribery to the community

TVI brought Timuay Boy Anoy as head of the Siocon Subanon Association, Inc., anywhere just to get the consent of the community with the help of a staff from the Office of the Southern Cultural Communities. The mining company offered 5 million pesos and later on was increased to 10 million because of his strong opposition.

When Timuay Boy Anoy went to Manila to follow-up for the CADC processing, he accidentally met Atty. Bernardo who invited him to stay in their house, but the latter only visited the office which the former handed a folder with documents inside entitled Memorandum of Understanding with TVI, but Timuay Anoy refused to sign. Atty. Bernardo offered Timuay Boy Anoy a house of his own in Manila courtesy of TVI but the latter still refused to sign. Atty. Bernardo invited Timuay Boy Anoy in Sulo Hotel to eat, where later on he met Atty. Banhulot And Atty. Anresan, which they handed again the folder and asked how much money he needs. But Timuay Anoy still refused to sign the papers.

Timuay Macario Salacao also experienced being bribed by the mining company. TVI bribed him for three (3) times after he arrived from Manila during the height of their CADC processing. The TVI staff asked him how much he would want since he was identified as strong supporter of Timuay Boy Anoy and his strong stand against mining in the area. The TVI staff asked if someone could accompany him in going through the bank during their bank transaction. The TVI employees were Mr. Limbago and Durong Bangge.

TVI also asked Crispin Gumata to work with TVI, but in reality he is not qualified to work in a higher position because he was not able to finish school. According to Crispin, if he works with TVI, it's like saying he is favoring the continuing operation of the mining company in their ancestral land and favoring the destruction brought by mining to them.

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That sometime in September 2003, Colonel Maghari, a chief security of TVI Mining Company arrived in Brgy Captain Cemecilio Francisco's house in Brgy. Pisawak with around six (6) other armed SCAA's riding the Toyota-hilux vehicle of the company. Around 9:00 in the morning, Col Maghari asked him if he could make a barangay resolution allowing the operation of TVI in Sitio Canatuan with the approval of the Barangay council. Maghari then handed a paper as guide in making the barangay resolution. Colonel offered a wage of 280/day or roughly P 6,000.00 a month without an actual work for TVI in return for approving the operation of TVI through the Barangay resolution of the brgy. Council of Pisawak. The next day, Col. Maghari visited the brgy. Captain's house to fetch the said resolution, but Capt. Francisco responded that the council will not issue a resolution favoring the mining activity of TVI. Captain Francisco is personally against because if the mining company fails, the residents in the lowland would be greatly affected and he is worried on this because he will be responsible for it if he grants a barangay resolution.

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Testimony of Timuay Boy Anoy – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Timuay Macario Salacao – May 27, 2004
- Testimony of Crispin Gumata – May 27, 2004

16. Illegal search and seizure

Guaranteed under:

- Right to life, liberty and security – UDHR & ICCPR

Onsino Mato, one of the indigenous peoples leaders against the entry of TVI in their sacred ground. That, on May 8, 2004 about 10:00 pm to 12:00 midnight he observed that 6 armed persons with SCAA uniformed of TVI mining company roamed around their premises. The group tried to forcibly enter his house and shouted "we have to shoot him instead!".

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Police blotter filed in Siocon Police – June 1, 2004-10-30

17. Violent Dispersal

Guaranteed under:

- right to form an join associations – UDHR, ICCPR & ICESPR
- freedom of opinion and expression - ICCPR
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

September of 1999, the protesting Subanon were completely surrounded, indiscriminately and mercilessly treated like animals by police forces not wearing name plates and composite elements of paramilitary groups known as SCAA and CAFGU along with some political goons and company workers. Protesters were

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brutally beaten up with rattan sticks, tied up and dragged like resisting pigs, ganged up and pushed to the ground, kicked and butt stroke, handcuffed and dispersed in a 3-hour drama of tug-of-war as they tried to maintain their rank against the barrage of blow and advancing bulldozer. Some wives collapsed while watching what was done to their husbands. Children were brushed aside and a wayward blow of a rattan stick hit a 6-month old Lesjolando Gonzaga, in the arms of his father.

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Affidavits of the injured person of 199 dispersal
- New releases
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18. Baseless accusations

Guaranteed under:

- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Three (3) Subanon IP leaders (Timuay Boy Anoy, Onsino Mato And Fernando Mudai), identified as anti-TVI were charged of murder as the masterminds of the December 26, 2003 ambush that killed TVI workers. Last September 2004, the case was dismissed for lack of grounds.

Brgy Capt. Cemecilio Francisco of Brgy. Pisawak, as one of the identified leaders of the anti-TVI and one of the leaders of anti-TVI bribed to issue a barangay resolution was charged for the crime of frustrated murder on the incident happened last April 13, 2004 at Brgy Kilalaban, Baliguian, Zamboanga del Norte filed by Rosendo Delantar a worker/driver of the mining company. The case was dismissed last August 2004.

Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Affidavit complaint of the murder case
- Copy of the dismissal court order of the murder case
- Affidavit complaint of the frustrated murder case
- Copy of the dismissal court order of the frustrated case

B. Environment

During the 6th Annual Barangay Assembly last March 20, 2004, the Mayor of Siocon that in Social acceptability of TVI should not only conduct public consultations, meetings in different barangays but it should include the population of Siocon if they are in favor of the mining operation of TVI.

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The province Zamboanga del Norte has 2 (two) proclaimed watersheds namely : Ambogoc Watershed in Dapitan City with an area of 176 hectares, and Siocon Watershed in the municipality of Siocon with an area of 612 hectares.

1. Soil erosion and Siltation

In open-pit mining, the method preferred by most of the companies like TVI will strip large tracts of land with top soil.

Sangguniang Bayan Member Lunie Lucas of Siocon, head of the Committee on the Environment said that 70% of the coastal resources of Siocon are damaged because of the heavy siltation coming from the two major rivers of Siocon whose headwaters are in Canatuan mountain.

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- Resolution No. 02 series of 2004 of Brgy. Matiag
- Resolution No. 06 series of 2004 of Barangay Pisawak
- Resolution No. 14 series of 2004 of Brgy. M. Francisco
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- Resolution No. 06 series of 2004 of Brgy. S. Arabia
- SIMASSFRATI Irrigators Association Incorporated Resolution No. 18 series of 2004
- Siocon Fish Farmer's position paper – 2004
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- Anak Miskin Association Resolution No. 02 series of 2004

2. Deforestation

MPSA holder like TVI whose method is an open-pit mining has auxiliary right of cutting trees which resulted to the deforestation of Mt. Canatuan.

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3. Cyanide contamination

Siocon Fish Pond Operators complaining on the decreasing of prawn and milkfish caused by toxic chemicals generated by the mining operation of TVI. The operators insist that the mine waste of TVI generates toxic chemicals that kill fishes, corals and even the people of Siocon. Estimation from the group that around 400 hectares of fishpond are affected in Siocon.

The fishermen of the coastal Barangays of Siocon also oppose the mining operation of TVI, for fear of losing the fishing ground of the small fisherfolks. Their present observation that their bancas cannot pass through the mouth of the river unlike in the previous years where they still use the river for transportation purposes in an indication that their fear is real.

Market vendors in Siocon also voiced out their apprehension that their commerce will be affected by the low production of the fisher folks and farmers.

Godofredo Galos relates that, fish now in the rivers have open wounds and smells foul, and this is his first time to see this kind of appearance and he haven't this appearances of fishes in their rivers before the operation of TVI in Sitio Canataun.

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C. Health

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D. Labor

Rograciano de Casa Jr. was hired by the mining company as welder mechanic for three months last November 18, 2003 duly signed by Engr. Diambang, a personnel head and Mr. Apilar, a personnel In-charge.

The mining company failed to provide Mr. de Casa necessary protect and safety devices like mask and exhaust fan to protect the employee from inhaling the fumes of welding rod inside the drums and tanks.

Due to failure of the mining company, Mr. de Casa contracted occupational disease with lead poisoning beyond the maximum amount allowed in the boy.

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Supporting Documents (available with the nominating organizations or the Public Eye Awards organizers):

- Affidavit of Rograciano de Casa Jr.
- Copy of various test results

Demands/Recommendations

A. TVI Management

1. TVI Management advises its Security Affairs Officers and Consultants to stop perpetrating human rights violations such as harassment, economic blockade, food blockade, intimidation, indiscriminate firing, among others. These endangers lives and result in the loss and damages to properties.
2. TVI management's "Safety First" motto ensures facilities of the plant to conform to international standards. Improvements of plant facilities and securing the safety of plant workers and laborers through concrete safety measures must be utmost concern.
3. TVI makes transparent its actual income in terms of gold/silver production to the Local Government of Siocon and fully informs all affected communities of all activities relating to its operation - including full disclosure of MPSA conditions, environment measure and community development and rehabilitation plans.
4. TVI management agrees not to undertake further mineral exploration or development of mines until all issues related to its present mining operation are settled - ensuring environmental safeguards, health and safety of mine workers, improvement of plant and tailings dam, labor and workers rights, small-scale miners' rights and privileges, and the recognition of the ownership of Subanon over their Ancestral Domain.
5. TVI management allows its workers to join trade unions of their choice, free from harassment and intimidation, as well as confers other rights guaranteed by Internal Labor Organization.
6. TVI's full disclosure of their security operations, its consultant and cohorts involved in the human rights violation in their own backyard.
7. TVI management take into account labor issues (underpayment of salaries and wages, overtime fee, social securities and safety of the employees).

B. Executive Branch of the Republic of the Philippines

1. The scrapping of R.A 7942 (The Philippine Mining Act), R.A. 7076 (Small-scale mining Act), PD 463, and all related laws that are oppressive to the people.

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2. The Philippine government recognizes that the influx of foreign mining firms and the alarming rate of the exploitation of our mineral resources compromise the welfare of communities and environment.
3. Full implementation of the Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act and the investigation of the alleged connivance of the National Commission of the Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) officers with mining companies to the detriment of the indigenous peoples' interests and struggle for the recognition of their rights over their ancestral Domain.
4. The immediate cancellation of all existing financial and technical assistance agreements (FTAA), mineral production sharing agreements (MPSA), exploration permits, and other mining agreements, licenses and other instruments because they are all based on a highly flawed system.
5. Moratorium on the issuance of large-scale mining permits, licenses, agreements and other instruments for one hundred years.
6. Rehabilitation, restoration of mining areas and accountability of mining corporations for the destruction that they caused.
7. Prohibiting state and privately sponsored armed groups from areas where there are current and prospective mining operations.
8. Upholding workers' rights.

B. Senate Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources

1. Initiate the scrapping of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 or R.A. 7942, and institute a new, comprehensive pro-people mining Act – including the protection of industrial, social and economic, cultural rights and the rights to self-determination of the indigenous people.
2. Conduct a Congressional inquiry – in aid of legislation – on the mining operation of TVI in Siocon-Canatuan and make public its findings.

C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1. Fast tract of the pending petition for cancellation and/or revocation of MPSA No. 054-96-IX at the office of the Secretary of the DENR.
2. Immediate action of the request of the Subanon community to settle the conflict of TVI and the IP community.

D. Regional Office of Environment and Natural Resources Center

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1. The Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau of the regional office of the DENR agrees not only to take water samples but also the sediments from the Siocon and Lituban rivers, regularly and as often as once every two (2) months. Findings should be made public and be published in local newspaper in the province; copies should be furnished to the local government of Siocon and to other concerned government agencies in the province.

E. Commission on Human Rights

1. The regional office of the Commission on Human Rights investigates human rights violations allegedly orchestrated by the Special CAFGU Armed Auxiliary employed by TVI in Canatuan.

F. Local Government of Siocon

1. The local government of Siocon constitute the local Mining and Environmental Monitoring committee to be composed of representatives from the Local Government Agencies of the DENR, Environment and Natural Resources Council, Philippine National Police, Health Office, Department of Social Welfare and Development, among others. It is recommended to include representatives from the tri-people and Local Government Organizations.
2. The local government of Siocon conducts a genuine, highly publicized consultation on Mining and invites sectors way ahead of schedule to ensure participation from the different sectors from the constituents.
3. The local government of Siocon ensures that the DENR sub-station inside the TVI be always attended by the Local DENR personnel who must submit reports regularly to the Local Mining and Environment Monitoring Committee.
4. the Local Government of Siocon sponsors symposia/fora on Philippine mining Act or R.A 7942. Experts in the government and NGOs must be invited to present their interpretations and views.

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