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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on March 10, 2025, at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Members Vici M. Ventanilla and Salvador S. Perez, Jr.

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 374-2025

AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH HEAVEN SOURCE ASIA MINING AND EXPLORATION GROUP, INC., FOR THE CONDUCT OF DREDGING ACTIVITIES IN THE HEAVILY-SILTED AGNO-LINGAYEN RIVER IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DREDGING MASTER PLAN PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local government units to protect, rehabilitate, maintain, preserve and conserve communal forest and watersheds;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, in partnership with Heaven Source Asia Mining and Exploration Group, Inc., a duly registered corporation and existing under and by virtue of Philippine laws, shall enter into an agreement for the conduct of dredging activities in the heavily-silted Agno-Lingayen River in the Province of Pangasinan through large-scale dredging and desilting operations based on the dredging master plan prepared and presented by the Department of Public Works and Highways;

WHEREAS, the conduct of dredging activities is in accordance with Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 01, S-2019 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Transportation (DOTr) (Providing Guidelines on the Issuance of Clearance and/or Permit for Dredging within Waterways or other Inland Bodies of Water);

WHEREAS, the dredging project is also in pursuance to DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-07, signed by Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, on February 27, 2020, Rationalizing Dredging Activities in Heavily-Silted River Channels pursuant to DENR-DPWH-DILG-DOTR Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, S-2019;



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WHEREAS, it is also defined in IAC Resolution No. 01, Series of 2023, issued on January 5, 2023, designating a portion of Agno-Lingayen River of the Province of Pangasinan as an exclusive River Dredging Zone (RDC), in accordance with the Department of Public Works and Highways Dredging Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the project aims to restore the natural state and water flow of the heavily-silted Agno-Lingayen River in the Province, and to prevent the unwanted risks to equally-precious lives and properties in the area;

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the parties and other terms and conditions for the implementation of the dredging project are already defined in the Memorandum of Agreement;

WHEREAS, for the above purpose, a Memorandum of Agreement shall be entered into and signed between the Province of Pangasinan, represented by Governor Ramon V. Guico III, and Heaven Source Asia Mining and Exploration Group, Inc., represented by Mr. Harry Chua, President/General Manager;

WHEREAS, local government units are empowered under Section 22 (a) (5) (c) and Section 465 (b) (vi) of RA 7160 to enter into contracts, but such power may be exercised with prior authorization emanating from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through a resolution/ordinance;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Members Vici M. Ventanilla and Salvador S. Perez, Jr., duly seconded, it was –


RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to authorize, as he is hereby authorized, the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Heaven Source Asia Mining and Exploration Group, Inc., for the conduct of dredging activities in the heavily-silted Agno-Lingayen River in the Province of Pangasinan, in accordance with the dredging master plan prepared and presented by the Department of Public Works and Highways;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor, Ramon V. Guico III, Province of Pangasinan, and Mr. Harry Chua, President/General Manager of Heaven Source Asia Mining and Exploration Group, Inc., for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY:


VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO
Vice Governor
(Presiding Officer)