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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

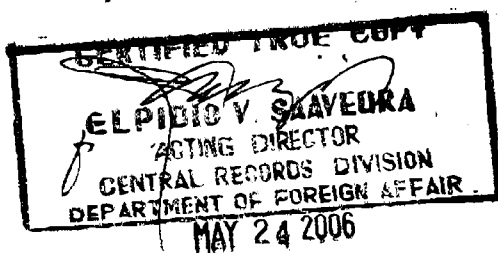
KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals*, was signed on 4 August 2005 in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

WHEREAS, the *Ministerial Understanding (MU)* promotes cooperation among the ASEAN Member Countries in the development of their respective mineral resources. The *MU* gives significance to the development of minerals as an engine for economic growth and social progress in the ASEAN region. It focuses mainly on exchanges of information, promotion of trade and investment in mineral resources, and the promotion of environmentally and socially responsible mineral resources management and development.

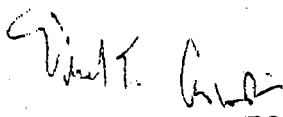
NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every Article and Clause thereof.

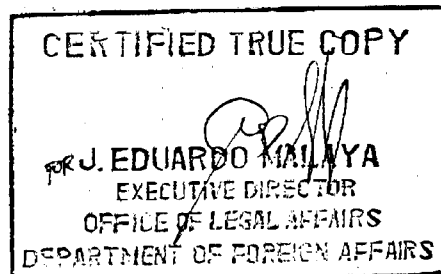
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this 25th day of APRIL in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.



BY THE PRESIDENT:


EDSEL T. CUSTODIO
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs



Kagawaran ng Ugnayang Panlabas



Department of Foreign Affairs

OFFICE OF ASEAN AFFAIRS

Our Ref. No. : Div5- 571 -LTC/06
 Subject : Ratification of the Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN
 Cooperation in Minerals
 Date : 26 May 2006

Dear Secretary General Ong:

I am pleased to transmit, for information and reference, a certified true copy of the Instrument of Ratification signed on 25 April 2006 by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on the Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals.

With our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
 LUIS T. CRUZ
 Assistant Secretary

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HON. ONG KENG YONG
 Secretary-General
 ASEAN Secretariat

Cc: All ASEAN Directors-General

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