

MALACAÑANG  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 721

RELEASING FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 391, DATED MARCH 13, 1939, THE ISLAND OF SIARGAO AND ALL THE ISLETS PERTAINING TO IT IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, ISLAND OF MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, petitions have been filed for the release of the Island of Siargao and all the islets pertaining to it in the province of Surigao del Norte, Island of Mindanao, Philippines, from the mineral reservation established under Proclamation No. 391, dated March 13, 1939;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Mines, after geological exploration, has found that the Island of Siargao, lying Northeast of Surigao del Norte and within its jurisdiction, is composed of volcanic rocks, some sediments, limestone and alluvium containing no significant mineral deposits for purposes of the reservation; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 11 of Commonwealth Act No. 137, as amended, otherwise known as the Mining Act, the President may, with the concurrence of the Congress of the Philippines, by proclamation alter or modify the boundaries of any mineral reserve from time to time or revoke any such proclamation, and upon such alteration, modification or revocation, such portion or portions of the reserve excluded therefrom or such reserve, as the case may be, shall be and become part of the public domain as though no such proclamation had ever been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of Commonwealth Act No. 137, as amended, do hereby release from the operation of Proclamation No. 391, dated March 13, 1939, and declare reverted to the public domain the whole Island of Siargao and the islets pertaining to it in the province of Surigao del Norte, Island of Mindanao, Philippines.

This proclamation shall not take effect until it is concurred in by a resolution of the Congress of the Philippines duly adopted for the purpose.

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

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy.

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(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS  
President  
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) PONCIANO G.A. MATHAY  
Acting Executive Secretary