## **ABSTRACT**

Mustajir. THE MODEL OF IMPROVING COMMUNITY WELFARE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PT GAG NICKEL ON THE ISLAND GAG KING RAJA AMPAT DISTRICT, under the guidance of Prof. Dr. H. Faisal Santiago, SH, MM as a Promoter and Dr. Megawati Barthos, S.H., M.M as a Ko Promoter.

Background problems: Indonesia is a rich country in natural resources (SDA) which should be used and processed in an effort to improve the quality of life of the people nationally. One of the mining operations that will be discussed is related to the mining of PT Gag Nickel on Gag Island, where besides the existence of a mining location the potential of existing resources in an area must also be considered, one of which is tourism potential, so there must be an appropriate juridical analysis so that the Tourism sector on Gag Island goes hand in hand with existing mining operations in the region, which ultimately aims to prosper the local community.

**Problems Formulation**: 1) What is the mining model of mining activities in an open pattern by PT. Nickel Gag on Gag Island (designated as protected forest based on Minister of Forestry Decree No.891 / KPTS-II / 1991) in order to have a positive impact as an effort to improve the welfare of the local community?; 2) How is a proper juridical analysis so that the tourism potentials on Gag Island can develop and go hand in hand with the mining activities on Gag Island in order to improve the economy of the local community?.

**Research Method:** This study uses a normative legal research methods with a normative empirical approach, which is carried out by studying and reviewing books on law that contain legal theories, research results and other legal materials relating to research The writer did with the support of interviewees.

Research Result: First, the basis for PT Gag Nickel's operational permit is the operating permit for the production operation stage in accordance with the Decree of the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources No. 430.K / 30 / DJB / 2017 dated 30 November 2017 concerning Approval of the Increase in Production Operational Contract Phase of PT GAG Nikel Production Process this is valid until 30 November 2047, so mining by PT Gag Nikel can be done. Second, appropriate reformulation so that the tourism potentials on Gag Island can develop and go hand in hand with mining activities on Gag Island in order to improve the economy of the local community. It is necessary to set a strategy related to the development of the former mining area, namely by establishing Gag Island as a Geopark so that sustainable development can be realized for the sake of environmental sustainability on Gag Island. Finally, I hope this research will be useful to increase the knowledge of law in Indonesia.

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