

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5280, June 15, 1968]

**AN ACT GRANTING PHILEX MINING CORPORATION A
FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FIXED
POINT-TO-POINT COASTAL, AERONAUTICAL, LAND BASED AND
LAND MOBILE RADIO STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND
TRANSMISSION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE
PHILIPPINES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Philex Mining Corporation is hereby granted a franchise to operate all points radio stations, and particularly, point-to-point radio stations, from Manila to Padcal, Benguet; Poro Point, San Fernando, La Union; and to such other places wherein it operates its business, and conducts its mining activities and related works, and between each of these points to one another, as well as from car to car, sea to shore or shore to sea, as well as coastal, aeronautical, land based and land mobile radio stations for the reception and transmission of wireless messages on radiotelegraphy or radiotelephony, each station to be provided with radio transmitting apparatus and radio receiving apparatus; and to maintain land mobile service within the points specified herein, which shall continue in force during the time that the Government has not established similar service at the places selected by the grantee; to construct, maintain and operate the aforementioned coastal, aeronautical, land based and land mobile, and point-to-point stations in the Philippines: Provided, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one point-to-point radio station be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act, and be completed within four years from said date.

SEC. 2. Such provisions of Act Numbered Thirty-eight hundred and forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;" Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, as are applicable to radio stations shall be applied, as far as practicable, to the radio stations referred to in Section one.

SEC. 3. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall not engage in domestic public telecommunications business in the Philippines, it being understood that the purpose of this franchise is to grant the grantee the right to construct, install, maintain and operate its radio stations herein granted at the places above-mentioned for the primary purpose of promoting and protecting the business and other interests of the grantee.

SEC. 4. No fees shall be charged by the grantee, and the radio stations that may be established by virtue of this Act shall be used exclusively in communications