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TO : The Director of Mines & Geo-Sciences
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FROM : The Minister of Natural Resources
Diliman, Quezon City

SUBJECT: Guidelines in the Disposition of Gravel, Pebbles
and Cobbles in Luna, La Union.

Pursuant to the handwritten instructions of the President dated December 27, 1980 on the Memorandum of the Executive Director of the National Environmental Protection Council (NEPC) dated October 28, 1980 lifting partially the ban against beach mining in Luna, La Union, the following are issued for the guidance of all concerned:

1. Only sorted gravel, pebbles and cobbles shall be allowed to be extracted in Luna, La Union, and extraction thereof shall be covered by a special permit issued by the Bureau of Mines & Geo-Sciences Regional Office No. 1 at Baguio City under Mines Administrative Order No. MRD-27.

2. The area from the waterline at low tide level to one hundred (100) meters landward shall be divided into small blocks of not more than 1,000 square meters (20 m. x 50 m.) each, the width being parallel to the shoreline and tied to permanent reference points.

3. No permit shall be issued to any block within a distance/radius of 25 meters from the "baluarte" or any historical/public structure.

4. Applicants should be individuals preferably bona fide residents of Luna, La Union, as certified by the Municipal Mayor, and is entitled to only one permit for a period of six (6) months renewable for a similar period.

5. The permittee shall assume full responsibility and shall be liable for damages to private and/or public property that may be occasioned by his extraction or operation under the permit.

6. The permit shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the permittee and not transferable.

7. Extraction shall be limited to hand-picking and/or hand-sorting subject to supervision of the Bureau of Mines & Geo-Sciences and the Municipality of Luna and to periodic monitoring by duly designated or authorized representatives of the NEPC, and extraction using machines, payloaders, bulldozers and other heavy equipment is strictly prohibited.
8. Permittees extracting gravel, pebbles and cobbles shall sift the sand therefrom and immediately thereafter fill up the pits resulting from the operation and rehabilitate or restore the mine-out areas to acceptable standards or condition.
9. The permit may be suspended or revoked at any time by the Minister, Director of Mines & Geo-Sciences or Mines Regional Officer, when in his opinion public interest or peace and order conditions so require, or upon failure of the permittee to comply with the terms and conditions stated in the permit, and violations of the provisions of MAO No. MRD-27 and of these guidelines.
10. Work plans and environmental reports required in commercial permit applications may be dispensed with but the operation shall be subject to monitoring by the National Environmental Protection Council.


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RECOMMENDED BY:


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