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DENR MEMORANDUM ORDER
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**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF "USE IT OR LOSE IT POLICY" ON
ALL TYPES OF MINING APPLICATIONS AND MINING
TENEMENTS**

In order to strengthen the cleansing of mining applications the Mines and Geosciences Bureau shall strictly implement the following policies:

1. Provisions of Items B.1, B.2, B.3.a, B.3.c, C.1, C.2, and C.3 of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Memorandum Order (DMO) No. 2010-04¹;
2. Provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of DMO No. 2013-01²; and
3. Section 9 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-25³, which provides that-

[a]ll pending Mineral Agreement applications intended for exploration shall be converted into Exploration Permit applications x x x.

Failure to file the application for conversion within the prescribed period shall cause the denial of the Mineral Agreement application x x x.

For mining applications with pending resolution of a legal case, all matters pertaining to the application may be put on hold and shall not be affected by this Order until such time that the case is resolved which warrants further processing of the mining application.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until revoked in writing.

JIM O. SAMPULNA, CESO I
Acting Secretary



¹ Reforms in the Department Mining Tenement System
² Increasing the Minimum Capital Requirements for Mining Applicants
³ Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 130 Entitled: Amending Section 4 of Executive Order No. 79, s. 2012, Institutionalizing and Implementing Reforms in the Philippine Mining Sector, Providing Policies and Guidelines to Ensure Environmental Protection and Responsible Mining in the Utilization of Mineral Resources