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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All Regional Executive Directors (REDs)
All Regional Directors (RDs) for Mines
All Regional Directors (RDs) for Environment
All PENR Officers

SUBJECT : **National Export Congress 2005 (NEC) Scorecard**

DATE : NOV 08 2005

This pertains to the Department's commitments during the National Export Congress 2005 (NEC). The Export Development Council (EDC) through the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has requested the DENR to direct the regional offices to ensure the implementation of the projects/commitments as stated in the DENR's scorecard; and to inform our field offices about the Local Export Congresses which shall come up with their respective regional and provincial scorecards.

In this regard, you are hereby directed to comply with the DENR'S commitments and to fully participate in the crafting of the regional and provincial scorecards during the Local Export Congress. Attached is the NEC 2005 Scorecard of the DENR for your information and guidance.

Please coordinate with the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, Research and Legislative Affairs through Tel. Nos. 9284969 and 9266576 or email address: ngorospe@denr.gov.ph or nelsonngorospe@yahoo.com for any query on this matter. Likewise, submit updates to the undersigned through the Office of Undersecretary Ignacio of your compliance to these instructions.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.


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ISSUES	AFFECTED SECTOR	ACTION PLANS	KEY RESULT AREAS	
			QUICK WINS (End of 2005)	2006-2007
Cost of Doing Business	Furniture and Houseware	Deline rules and regulations of DENR clearance for the procurement transportation and loading wood products.	Review of existing policies and regulations on the matter (e.g. DAO 94-07) (Note: DENR FMB is scheduled to complete this by 15 August 2005)	
			<p>Update:</p> <p>A draft DENR Memo Order on "the Operational Guidelines and Procedures in the Checking and Monitoring of Forest Products Shipment is currently being discussed with concerned stakeholders</p>	
		Implement the deregulation of ITP wood from DENR restrictions	Immediately complete the compliance checks by batches and allow complying IFMA holders to continue timber harvest (Note: per approved management and operations plans)	
		Develop a program to link ITPs with sector players	Allow timber harvests in tree plantations (Note: clarification on the scope of nationwide except R11 and 13 on log ban recently imposed)	

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Cost of Doing Business	Mining	<p>Simplify the procedure of transfer of raw materials</p> <p>Creation of "One-Stop-Action Center for Mining</p>	<p>Harvesting of planted trees in titled private plantations is not covered by the logging ban. Non-timber forest products like rattan and bamboo are not covered by the logging ban.</p> <p>Minimize red-tape and allow free transport of plantation harvests as well as secondary forest products (rattan, bamboo, etc) (note: this will be taken up in the FMB review of transport documentation procedures.</p> <p>Assist industry in looking for new alternative sources of legal and sustainable raw materials</p> <p>"One Stop Action Center" was established in each DENR Regional Office to assist mining proponents resolve the issues impeding the processing of mining applications</p>	

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	SECTOR	PLANS	QUICK WINS (End of 2005)	2006-2007
Investment Promotion	Mining	China Mining Investment Roadshow		For the year 2006 and 2007 the following projects were projected to start construction: 1. Masbate Gold Project in Aroroy, Masbate 2. ACT Nickel Project in Surigao del Norte 3. Siana Gold Project in Surigao del Norte 4. Pacdal Copper Expansion Project in Tuba Benguet 5. Didipio Copper Project in Nueva Vizcaya
			Another group of Jinchuan engineers will conduct due diligence work on the power plant facilities and other requirements for the eventual operation of the Nonoc Nickel Refinery	
Investment Promotion	Mining	International Mining Conference	Start of commercial operations is still under negotiation The meeting brought together stakeholder- actual and potential in the Philippines minerals industry including those from overseas, in an informed dialogue that Explained the new supportive policy of the GOP towards the development of a world class minerals industry for the country	

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			<p>Provided an opportunity for dialogue between the private sector and government on the infrastructure needed to ensure security and profitability of investments made.</p> <p>Engaged local mining interests with potential investors and developers in "business matching" to explore opportunities.</p> <p>Highlighted successful projects through a series of case studies.</p>	
			<p>The conference generated a lot of interest among investors resulting to formal and informal agreements for due diligence studies and expressions of interest for possible instruments.</p>	
Investment Promotion	Mining	Mining Investment Promotion in Canada	<p>Conducted in March 5-10, 2005. This international convention, trade show and investors exchange was organized by the Prosperous and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC). It was attended by a delegation of GOP officials led by Presidential Assistant on Mining, Delia Albert. In this meeting the GOP presented several papers on investment opportunities in mining and witnessed the signing of Cooperation Agreement on exchange of information between PDAC and the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines.</p>	

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Investment Promotion	Mining	ASEAN Mining Conference	Dubbed as the Asia Pacific Mining Conference and Exhibition, this conference is scheduled on October 11-13,2005 at Shangrila Plaza Makati. A total of 39 speakers are expected to present their papers on 3 main topics namely: Showcasing Mining Opportunities; Investment Success Stories; and facing the Global Challenge.	
		Mining Investment Roadshow in Australia	Conducted in August 2005. This was participated by representatives from the Chamber of Mines, Philippine Stock Exchange, DTI, DENR, MGB & Ambassador Delia Albert.	
		Mining Investment Roadshow in London		
		Mining Investment Roadshow in Japan		
Investment Promotion	Mining	Stekeholders Forum for Responsible Mining	Under the leadership of the Mineral Development Council, three forawere conducted so far namely: Mindanao Stakeholders Forum in Davao City for Regions 13,12, 10 and 9	
			Visayas Stakeholders Forum in Cebu City for Regions 6, 7, & 8 Luzon Stakeholders Forum in Baguio City for Regions 1, 2, 3 & CAR	

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			Another stakeholders forum is being planned to be conducted in Manila before the year end for Regions 4A, 4B and 5.	
Investment Promotion	Mining	Local Mining Roadshow Baguio Ilocos Sur Nueva Viscaya Zambales Camarines Norte Cebu Negros Occ	There will be three local mining road shows to be conducted in three regional centers to cover various mining regions Baguio for Reg 1,2, 3, 4, & 5 Cebu for Reg 6,7, & 8 Davao for Reg 9,10,11,12, & 13	

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		<p>Samar Surigao Cagayan de Oro Davao Zamboanga</p> <p>Establishment of a Mineral Development Council</p>	<p>The Executive Order for mandating its creation and functions has been finalized and expected to be signed by PGMA anytime. The MDC headed by PGMA anytime. The MDC headed by Ambassador Delia Albert holds regular meetings in Malacanang. Aside from the Stakeholders Forum it has conducted Rapid Appraisal of selected project sites for a focused communication plan.</p>	
Cost of Doing Business	All sectors	Streamline procedure on issuance of ECC	Downloading of EIA process to the EMB Regional Offices for review/evaluation and ECC issuance for certain projects considered as environmentally critical projects (ECPs)	Further downloading of the issuance of ECCs for the ECPs to the EMB Regional Offices.

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				<p>"Reclassification of Category B projects (Projects in Environmentally Critical Areas not classified as Environmentally Critical Projects) to Category D (not covered by the EIS System)". This means that projects that are not categorized as Environmentally Critical Projects (ECPs) but which may cause environmentally impacts because they are located in Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs) shall follow the process applied to Category D projects (projects unlikely to cause adverse environmental impacts). This would lessen the present 30 day processing time required for the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report to 15 days as Category D projects require only a Project Description or Proof of Project Implementation (if applying for a Certificate of Non-coverage)</p>

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Cost of Doing Business	All sectors	Rationalize/reduce the requirements imposed especially on SMEs Reduce charges	Expanding the list of projects/activities not covered by the EIS system and therefore do not require ECC (Administrative charges have been increased per Presidential Directive for the recovery of actual administrative costs)	Amendment of policies and regulations and further delegation of authorities to DENR field offices
		Extend cleaner production technology		Under the Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275) incentives shall be granted to other equipment associated with water pollution control and monitoring such as testing devices and kits, technology and domestic innovations such as gray and black water recycling systems. The DENR in coordination with DTI, DOF, NEDA and other concerned agencies shall develop the guidelines on tax incentives provided under the Act.
		Reduce compliance costs under the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts (i.e. costs for surface and ground extension; generator sets of exporting countries.		

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Financing	All sectors	Provide soft/long term loans for the - Transfer of those factories to non-residential or critical areas; - Purchase of equipment for environment protection	Provision of guidelines and criteria to be used by LGUs in determining environmentally critical or high risk projects presently located in residential areas	The DENR shall coordinate with government financial institutions such as the Development Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank, GSIS and other GFIs for possible programs and projects for water pollution abatement and control, for financial services to LGUs, water districts, enterprises and private entities engaged in sewage collection and treatment facilities.
	All sectors		Need to increase the water effluent standard in Sarangani Bay from 30 ppm to 120 ppm	A review of DENR DAO 1990-35 (Effluent Standards) need to be done to determine the feasibility of increasing the effluent standard. The development of standards will be industry type.