



Republic of the Philippines
Ministry of Natural Resources
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
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SUBJECT: Creating a Small-Scale Mining Assistance
Team for the gold industry in Eastern
Mindanao

In line with the objectives of Presidential Decree No. 1899 establishing small-scale mining as a new dimension in mineral development, a Gold Mining Assistance Team is hereby created to be composed of the following:

- 1) Juan E. Pilac
Supervising Geologist II - Team Leader
- 2) Floro P. Rodriguez
Supervising Mining Engineer II - Member
- 3) Alberto Jasareno
Supervising Mining Engineer II - Member

The team shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences.

As created, the Team shall have the following duties and functions, to wit:

- 1) prepare plans and programs for the development of the gold industry in gold panning areas, particularly in Davao del Norte;
- 2) organize as may be necessary, Technical Assistance groups and supervise their work;
- 3) coordinate and monitor the gold panning activities in the region;
- 4) maintain effective liaison with all government and private agencies for the effective implementation of the project;

- 5) advise the Minister of Natural Resources, thru the Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences, on the conditions of the industry and recommend appropriate measures for its proper development; and
- 6) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences.

The Team, upon consultation with the proper authorities, is authorized to call on any official or employee of the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences, Bureau of Lands, Bureau of Forest Development and/or other MNR agencies for such assistance as it may deem necessary in discharging its functions, including the provincial task force headed by the Governor of Davao del Norte.

Funds needed for the operation of the team and other groups as may be created shall be drawn from the regular fund of the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences and from the MNR Special Project Fund.

The team members and all other officials or employees of agencies under the Ministry of Natural Resources who may be called upon to assist, are hereby authorized to claim compensation in lieu of overtime pay in accordance with Item 1-B-1 (d) and 1-B-2 (c) of COA Circular No. 78-77 dated February 28, 1978 during the effectivity of this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in force unless revoked or amended.

January 10, 1985.


RODOLFO P. DEL ROSARIO
Minister