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Ministry of Natural Resources
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

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SUBJECT : Creating a Marble Industry Development Project Integrated Task Force to Undertake the Development of the Marble Industry and the Environmental Conservation and Protection in Romblon Island

To implement effectively and efficiently the intent of Memorandum dated August 24, 1984 of the Minister of Natural Resources to fully develop the marble industry in Romblon Island which is the future major contributor to the economic upliftment of the province, and considering that said island is virtually denuded and if not properly checked will create an ecological imbalance in the area, the Marble Industry Development Project Integrated Task Force in Region IV is hereby created to be composed of the following :

A. PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP

BMG-IV	--	Asst. Regional Director	-	Project Manager
BL -IV	--	Asst. Regional Director	-	Technical Assistant on Lands
BFD-IV	-	Asst. Regional Director	-	Technical Assistant on Environmental Conservation and Protection
BMG-IV	-	Chief, Mining Services	-	Technical Assistant on Marble Technology
MNR	-	Chief, Planning Services	-	Technical Assistant on Project Planning and Programming

B.	<u>MARBLE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE TEAM</u>	-	TEAM 1
C.	<u>PROJECT MONITORING EVALUATION AND FEASIBILITY STUDY TEAM</u>	-	TEAM 2
D.	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION TEAM</u>	-	TEAM 3
E.	<u>LICENSING AND BOUNDARY SURVEY TEAM</u>	-	TEAM 4

The above task force shall perform the following functions/activities :

1. Conduct province-wide inventory of marble deposits;
2. Expedite the issuance and granting of marble quarry permits as appropriate ;
3. Delineate on the ground the boundaries of all marble claims/quarry permits and the boundaries of private lots embraced by them ;
4. Provide technical assistance to effect systematic and scientific way of mining marble in small scale with available tools and/or upgraded tools as appropriate;
5. Prepare economic feasibility studies on marble industry in Romblon ;
6. Conduct inventory of all denuded areas in the island;
7. Reforest and aforest all non-mineralized areas in Romblon Island to correct the ecological imbalance ;
8. Coordinate with local officials and the different marble associations in the province for the purpose of integrating them into one associations ;
9. Monitor and evaluate field activities to insure efficiency and effectiveness of the implementation of the aforementioned functions ;
10. Prepare and submit periodic progress report to the Minister.

The Deputy Minister, MNR Assistant Secretaries, Bureau Directors and Regional Directors shall provide the Task Force top management support and guidance in the formulation of policies and programs necessary in the attainment of the Project's objectives.

The Task Force as constituted, may call on any official/employee in the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences, Bureau of Lands, Bureau of Forest Development and/or other MNR agencies for assistance in its assigned tasks.

Funds to underwrite the project component of both central and field offices shall be drawn from the regular funds of the respective bureaus and from the MNR Special Project Fund.

The above-mentioned officials and all other employees of the said agencies 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 to take effect on 1 November 1984 to 31 December 1985.

The Project Manager is hereby authorized to appoint the members of the different teams as may be necessary to carry out the different phases of the project.

This Order shall effect immediately.

By Authority of the Minister:


ARNOLD B. SAOULI
Deputy Minister