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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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DENR REGIONAL SPECIAL ORDER NO. 453
SERIES OF 1989.

CREATION OF THE REGIONAL PANEL OF INVESTIGATORS
PURSUANT TO DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 542 RESPONSIBLE
FOR HANDLING MINING CASES RELATIVE TO CONFLICTS/
PROTESTS AND/OR ADVERSE CLAIUS WITHIN REGIONAL LEVEL

- 1. In the interest of the service and in pursuance of DENR Special Order No. 542 dated June 20, 1989, a Panel of Investigators is hereby created under the direct supervision of the Regional Executive Director.
- 2. The following personnel of DENR-Region IV are hereby named to said Panel with their corresponding designations, to wit:

Atty. VIRGINIA F. ESPINA - Chairman

Atty. GENARO V. ORIS, JR.- Member

Atty. ANTONIO R. TROCINO - Member

Atty. RAYMUNDO APUHIN - Alternate Member

Mr. ARMANDO U. VILLAFLOR - Records Custodian

Mrs. GUIA V. CASTAÑOS - Secretary

Mrs. HELEN ALLAS - Secretary

- 3. The above-mentioned personnel are hereby authorized solely to handle mining cases arising from conflicts/protests and/or adverse claims within the territorial jurisdiction of DENR-Region IV.
- 4. The personnel herein involved shall perform the tasks in connection hereof in addition to their regular functions in their Division/Sections. However, they shall, as much as possible, be relieved of their ordinary duties in the course of their investigation and preparation of their report.
- 5. The Panel of Investigators shall submit monthly accomplishment reports to the Regional Executive Director.

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- 6. The hearing of such conflicts shall be conducted within one (1) week after issues are joined. The investigation shall be summary in nature and if possible to be finished within one sitting. The report and recommendations of the designated investigators shall be submitted to the Regional Executive Director within fifteen (15) days from the termination of the investigation and the latter shall decide the case within fifteen (15) days from the submission of such report.
- 7. Any party not satisfied with the decision or order of the Regional Executive Director may, within five (5) days from receipt thereof, file an appeal to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. From the decision of the Secretary, an appeal may be taken within five (5) days to the Office of the President.
- 8. The decision of the Regional Executive Director shall be immediately executory, notwithstanding the appeal, unless the Secretary directs otherwise.
- 9. Expenses/allowances incurred in carrying out the functions and duties under this Order shall be chargeable against appropriate allotment of the Mines and Geo-Sciences Sector, DENR-Region IV.

This Order shall take effect immediately and revokes, amends, supersedes or modifies any previous Orders, Memoranda, Instruction issued by the Office which are inconsistent herewith.

FVIGINCIO S. FACTORAN, JR. Secretary

RECOMMENDING OFFICIAL:

WILTRING S. POLLISCO
Regional Axecutive Director
Department of Environment &

Matural Resources, Region IV