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DENR SPECIAL ORDER No. 97- 03

SUBJECT: CREATING A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY

OF OPENING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PALAWAN FOR MINING

PROJECTS.

In view of the renewed interest in the exploitation of mineral resources in Palawan as manifested by the proposed projects of Central Palawan Mining and Industrial Corporation and Long Point Mining Co., Inc., a committee is hereby created to evaluate the feasibility of such projects in the context of sustainable development as embodied in the NIPAS Act (RA 7586) and the Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan mandated by R.A. 7611. The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the following offices:

Chair - Office of the Undersecretary for Environment

and Programs Development

Members - Office of the Secretary

- Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau

- Mines and Geosciences Bureau

- Palawan Council for Sustainable Development

DENR Region IV Office

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This Order shall take effect immediately.

VICTOR O. RAMOS

Secretary

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