



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

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SPECIAL ORDER
No. 97-605

SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE CONTINGENT LIABILITY AND REHABILITATION FUND (CLRF) STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE MINE REHABILITATION FUND (MRF) COMMITTEE.

In the interest of the service and to fully operationalize the environmental provisions of DAO No. 96-40, the revised implementing rules and regulations of RA No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, the Contingent Liability and Rehabilitation Fund (CLRF) Steering Committee and the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee are hereby created.

The CLRF Steering Committee shall perform the functions as provided for under Section 193 of the said DAO, while the MRF Committee which shall be created in each regions where active mining operations exists shall have the duties and responsibilities mentioned in Section 182 of the DAO.

Pursuant to Section 194 of the said DAO, the CLRF Steering Committee shall be composed of the following officials or their duly authorized representatives:

1. Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau - Chair,
2. Director, Environmental Management Bureau - Vice-Chair,
3. Director, Lands Management Bureau - Member,
4. Director, Forest Management Bureau - Member,
5. Director, Bureau of Soils and Water Management - Member,
6. Director, Bureau of Plant Industry - Member,
7. Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources - Member,
8. Administrator, National Irrigation Administration - Member, and
9. Assistant Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau - Committee Coordinator.

As per Section 183 of the said DAO, the MRF shall be composed of the following:

1. Regional Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau - Chair,
2. Regional Executive Director, DENR - Co-Chair,
3. Representative, Autonomous Regional Government (where applicable) - Member,
4. Representative, Local Government Unit - Member,
5. Representative, local NGOs and community organizations Including People's Organizations, church or civic organizations - Member, and
6. Representative, Contractor/Permit Holder - Member.

All Regional Directors are hereby directed to facilitate the designation of permanent and alternate members of the MRF Committee.

To assist the above-mentioned bodies a Multipartite Monitoring Team a CLRF-Technical Working Group (TWG) a Regional Investigation and Assessment Team shall be formed in accordance with Sections 185, 196 and 198, respectively.

The CLRF-TWG shall be composed of all personnel of the Mining Environment and Safety Service of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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Secretary