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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 98- 158

SUBJECT: Creation of the Sarangani Provincial Mining Regulatory Board Pursuant to R.A. No. 7076, R.A. 7942 and their Implementing Rules and Regulations

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7076, the "People's Small Scale Mining Act of 1991", and R.A. No. 7942, the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995", and their Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board for the Province of Sarangani is hereby organized to be composed of the following:

Alfredo T. Relampagos

- Chairman

Engineer III

Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau XI

Gov. Priscilla L. Chiongbian

- Vice-Chairman

Alternate: Vice-Gov. Miguel D. Escobar

Eleanor C. Saguiguit

Chairperson

Sarangani Environmentalists

Movement Incorporated

- Member

Representing Environmental

Non-Government Organization

Bonifacio M. Lawa, Sr.

Interim President

B'laan Cultural Minorities and

Small-Scale Mining Group

- Member

Representing the Small-Scale

Mining Sector

Leopoldo P. Gaerlan

Quarry Superintendent

Davao Union Cement Corp.

- Member

Representing the Large-Scale

Mining Sector

In addition, the DENR, PENR Officer of Sarangani Province shall act as observer while the technical secretariat shall be determined by the Board.

In the performance of its duties and functions, the Board shall be guided by the applicable provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 96-40, Series of 1996, amending DENR Administrative Order No. 95-23, Series of 1995, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 7942; DENR Administrative Order No. 34, Series of 1992, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 7076 and other laws, rules and regulations and circulars governing the administration and disposition of mineral resources.

Further, to ensure the continuity of its operation in case of resignation, retirement, reassignment or leave of absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall automatically assume the Chairmanship of the Board and shall preside over the official functions attendant thereto until such time that a new Chairman is designated by the Secretary.

Furthermore, in case where the Chairman of the Board is a Representative of the Regional Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau Regional Office No. XI and has become ineffective in his/her performance of work as determined by the said Regional Director, authority is hereby granted to the Regional Director to relieve and Representative after proper notification and thereafter assume the chairmanship or designate a new representative as Chairman, without necessarily amending or revoking this Order.

Provided finally, that any other substitution of membership in the Board contrary to the herein provisions shall be considered a reorganization of the said Board and shall necessarily require an amendment of this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing by the undersigned.

ANTONIO H. CERILLES

Secretary