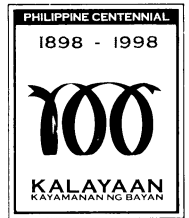




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



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DENR SPECIAL ORDER

No. 99 - 195

SUBJECT: Creation of the Zamboanga del Norte Provincial Mining Regulatory Board

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7076, the "People's Small Scale Mining Act of 1991," and R.A. 7942, the "Philippine Mining act of 1995," and their Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board for the Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby organized, to be composed of the following:

ARNULFO V. CABANTOG Regional Director MGB Region IX	Chairman
MARCELINO D. GARGAR OIC, Provincial Environment & Natural Resources Council	Vice-Chairman Representing the Provincial Government
ATTY. ORLANDO BARRERA Zamboanga del Norte Sand and Gravel / Small Scale Miners' Assoc.	Member Representing the small scale mining sector
ARTEMIO RANIN, JR. Resident Manager Sibutad Project Philex Gold Philippines, Inc.,	Member Representing the large-scale mining sector
ROWIL AGUILLON Philippine Network of Rural Development Institutes, Inc. (Philnet-RDI)	Member Representing a DENR-accredited Environmental Non-Government Organization

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 the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office No. IX 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 said 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