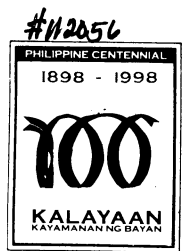




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SUBJECT : Creation of the Roving Regional Panel of Arbitrators

In order to declog the different Regional Panel of Arbitrators (RPA) of pending mining disputes/cases and in consonance with the thrust of the government to a speedy disposition/resolution of all mining disputes/cases, a Roving Regional Panel of Arbitrators (RRPA) is hereby created composed of the following :

1. Emilio D. Vidad (DENR) - Presiding Officer
2. Ricky A. Arzadon (DENR) - Member
3. Larry M. Heradez (MGB) - Member

The RRPA shall be supported by a Secretariat which shall come from the DENR Legal Service.

This RRPA shall have the powers and functions as that of the RPA on mining disputes/cases referred to it by the different RPA or perform other functions as may be directed by the Mines Adjudication Board such as litigation of mining disputes/cases where there is absence or inoperation of a Panel in a Region. It may either perform its powers and functions either in the concerned Regional Office or in Metro Manila and shall be subject to the same guidelines provided in the Rules on Pleading, Practice and Procedure Before the Panel of Arbitrators and the Mines Adjudication Board.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until otherwise revoked or amended.


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