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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU –
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU TECHNICAL
WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
IN MINING**

In the interest of the service and in order to immediately address mining-related environmental issues and to ensure proper coordination between the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in the implementation of environmental and mining laws and their implementing rules and regulations, an MGB-EMB Technical working Group (TWG) is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

Michael V. Cabalda (MGB)	-	Chairman
Reynaldo P. Alcanses (EMB)	-	Co-Chair
Ariel C. De Sesto (Office of the Undersecretary for ENR Operations)	-	Member
Marcelino Rivera, Jr. (EMB)	-	Member
Ernesto Villalba (EMB)	-	Member
Rodolfo L. Velasco, Jr. (MGB)	-	Member
Paulo Noni T. Tidalgo (MGB)	-	Member

The MGB-EMB TWG shall review, assess and recommend collective action plans and options regarding mining-related environmental issues for endorsement to the Secretary through appropriate channels for final decision.

The MGB-EMB TWG shall likewise manage the Marcopper Mining Corporation Environmental Guarantee Fund (Marcopper-EGF) and the PhP20 Million Study Fund allotted by the Presidential Management Staff for the United States Geological Survey – led independent study in connection with the Marinduque tailings spillage incident.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ
Secretary

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