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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2002 - 310

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU AND DENR PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE SITE INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED TAILINGS DAMS FOR THE DIWALWAL MINING OPERATIONS IN MONKAYO, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE

In order to address the various environmental and safety issues and concerns in the Diwalwal mining operations in Monkayo, Compostela Valley, the following Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and DENR personnel are hereby designated as members of a composite team to assist the Local Government Units (LGUs) concerned in assessing the designated mineral processing zones in preparation for the relocation of Diwalwal's processing plants, specially in the site investigation and design of the proposed tailings dams. In undertaking the desired assessment, the team shall give particular emphasis to geological, seismic hazard, hydrogeological, geotechnical and environmental assessment of the proposed tailings impounding system.

The composite team shall be constituted, as follows:

Dr. Ramon D. Quebral - Lands Geological Survey Division - Team Leader Dr. Mario A. Aurelio - Lands Geological Survey Division - Member Gabino V. Belleza - Mining Environment & Safety Division - Member Aniano D. Torres - Lands Geological Survey Division - Member Juancho S. Calvez - Metallurgical and Technology Division - Member Marcial H. Mateo - Mining Environment & Safety Division - Member Rustico T. Villamor - MGB Region XI - Member

As necessary, the team is hereby authorized to secure the services of additional personnel from DENR and EMB Offices of Region XI.

In this regard, the team is instructed to conduct the necessary field investigations and studies and coordinate with the MGB Region XI and the DENR XI Offices. It shall prepare/submit its final report within 15 days after completion of the field investigations to the DENR Secretary through the MGB Director. Expenses for the conduct of said studies and fieldworks should be sourced from their respective appropriate budget allocations, subject to regular accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary