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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : DIWALWAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

In the interest of the service and in order to put in place the Emergency Measures for the Diwalwal Gold-Rush area in Barangay Mt. Diwata, Monkayo, Compostela Valley Province, the Diwalwal Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created, composed of the following:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Team Leader	Constancio A. Paye, Jr.	Director III, DENR XI
Members	Juanito A. Juntilla, Jr.	Engineer III, MGB Region XI
	Narciso Mutia	Engineer III, MGB Region XI
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The Diwalwal TWG shall submit the necessary recommendations to the DENR Secretary, through the Director of Mines and Geosciences, in the formulation and implementation of the final Diwalwal Mine Management Plan for the sustainable utilization of mineral resources. Specifically, the TWG shall:

1. Provide technical assistance to the Philippine National Police and/or Armed Forces of the Philippines in the implementation of the order stopping all mining and milling operations, and transport of ores;
2. Recommend measures to sustain the maintenance of livelihood of subsistence mine workers;
3. Undertake inventory of all underground workings, processing plants, mining and milling equipment, machineries, tools and implements;
4. Conduct technical study on mining methods, metallurgical processes, and valuation of ore reserves;
5. Conduct study on the most appropriate site of a tailings disposal system and the design of an engineered tailings dam;
6. Gather data and prepare programmatic Initial Environmental Examination (IEE)/Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA);
7. Develop and implement safety, health and environmental protection programs and conduct regular safety inspection and environmental monitoring;

8. Conduct community organizing and strengthening of existing cooperatives of subsistence miners; and
9. Undertake all related studies and activities as necessary.

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau-Environment Management Bureau (MGB-EMB) Technical Working Group created under DENR Special Order No. 02-39 dated 19 April 2002 to address environmental issues in mining shall extend full support to the Diwalwal TWG, particularly in the preparation of the programmatic IEE/EIA.

All officials and personnel of the DENR Regional Office No. XI, including those of the MGB and EMB Regional Offices No. XI, shall provide all the necessary support as may be required by the TWG. The MGB Central office shall likewise provide the necessary technical and logistical support to the TWG in terms of ore reserves inventory, feasibility studies, geological and geotechnical studies and design of engineered tailings dams.

In the performance of its functions, the TWG shall submit periodic reports of accomplishments to the Secretary of the DENR thru the Director of Mines and Geosciences and the Regional Director of MGB Regional Office No. XI.

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



HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ
Secretary

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