



DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

SPECIAL ORDER  
NO. 2002 - 638

AUG 19 2002

**SUBJECT: Designating Horacio C. Ramos, Director, Mines & Geosciences Bureau, as Project Director of the Diwalwal Direct State Development Project.**

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In the interest of the service and in view of the Government's intervention in the Diwalwal mining operations in Mt. Diwalwal, Monkayo, Compostela Valley pursuant to the Order of August 12, 2002 in re: Stoppage of the Diwalwal Mining Operations and Department Administrative Order No. 2002-18 in re: Declaring an Emergency Situation in the Diwalwal Gold Rush Area and Providing for Interim Guidelines to Address the Critical Environmental and Social Consequences Therein, Horacio C. Ramos, Director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, is hereby designated in concurrent capacity as Project Director of the management of the mining operations in Diwalwal, herein called the Diwalwal Direct State Development Project (DDSDP).

As such, Director H.C. Ramos shall have the following functions:

1. To exercise coordinative and/or oversight functions, for the Department to effectively control management of the mining operations, including the allocation of working areas, sharing schemes and working agreements/contracts, among others;
2. To coordinate with the concerned services and elements of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Regional Peace and Order Council of Region XI (RPOC) in the maintenance of peace and order and security in the Diwalwal mining areas and vicinity;
3. To coordinate/negotiate with the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines and other sectors of the minerals industry, for assistance in the management of the Diwalwal mining operations;
4. To put into operation a team to design and construct the Mabatas tailings disposal system;
5. To arrange with the Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC) the organizational framework relevant to the management of the Diwalwal mining operations during the emergency situation and under a Mineral Reservation regime;
6. To coordinate with and call upon other DENR sectors, such as NRDC, DENR XI and EMB in the preparation and complying with the necessary environmental and other permitting requirements,

such as programmatic ECC for small scale mines and the required IEE/ECC for the Mabatás tailings disposal system;

7. To carry out other related actions to the efficient and effective implementation of the Project; and
8. In the absence of the Department Secretary, to exercise management and executive functions to bring about a successful mining operations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until revoked in writing.



HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ  
Secretary

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