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SPECIAL ORDER
No. 2002- 660

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A SPECIAL TEAM TO EVALUATE THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PEBBLE PICKING ACTIVITIES IN BRGY. CARUAN, PASUQUIN, ILOCOS NORTE

In line with the Memorandum dated 26 July 2001 of the DENR Secretary in relation to the pebble-picking activities at Brgy. Caruan, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, a Special Team (ST) is hereby created to be composed of the following :

Regional Executive Director	DENR Region 1	Team Leader
Regional Director	DENR-MGB Region 1	Asst. Team Leader
Regional Director	DENR-EMB Region 1	Team Member
Ariel C. De Sesto	DENR-OUENRO	Team Member
Jorge M. Conti	DENR-OUENRO	Team Member
LGU Representative	PMRB-Ilocos Norte	Team Member
NGO Representative	PMRB-Ilocos Norte	Team Member
Representative	Office of the Mayor Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte	Team Member

The Special Evaluation Team as created shall among others :

1. Evaluate the extent of the pebble picking operation and its impact to the environment and sustainability;
2. Determine the extent of its contribution to the livelihood of the population;
3. Study the social implication of the pebble picking activities if banned in the area;
4. Resolve with finality the nagging issue of alleged illegal pebble picking raised by Mr. Paul Colyer to give peace both to Mr. Colyer and the pebble pickers of Brgy. Caruan, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte;
5. Find ways and means on how pebble picking can continue as source of livelihood of the population in the locality in a sustainable way without irreversibly degrading the environment; and
6. Submit a Report on the compliance of this Order to the Office of the Secretary through the Office of the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources Operations within 15 days upon completion of the evaluation conducted in the area.

All expenses incurred in connection with the said evaluation shall be charged against the funds of the Team's respective offices, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately


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