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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 2002- 981

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A SPECIAL TEAM TO INVESTIGATE THE  
IMPACTS OF MINING OPERATIONS IN MANICANI AND  
HOMONHON ISLANDS, EASTERN SAMAR**

In the interest of the service and in view of the complaints of the Roman Catholic Bishop, priests and deacons of the Diocese of Borongan, Eastern Samar, against the mining operations in Manicani and Homonhon islands, Eastern Samar, a Special Team is hereby created to investigate the impacts of mining operations in the said islands, to be composed of the following:

Ariel C. De Sesto,	Office of the Undersecretary for ENR Operations	Team Leader
Reynaldo Zabala	MGB Central Office	Member
Jovito Manuel	EMB Central Office	Member

The Special team is instructed to submit a report, including its recommendations, to the Secretary upon completion of its investigation. All expenses to be incurred in connection with the said investigation shall be chargeable against the funds of the members' respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
**HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ**  
Secretary