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NO. 2003 - 251

SUBJECT: CREATING A MULTISECTORAL COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO ISSUES RAISED REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) GRANTED TO RIO TUBA NICKEL MINING CORPORATION FOR ITS PROPOSED HYDROMETALLURGICAL PROCESSING PROJECT (HPP)

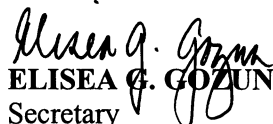
In order to investigate legal and technical issues being raised against the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by RTNMC and the corresponding ECC granted for the proposed HPP to be located in Bataraza, Palawan, a Multisectoral Investigating Committee is hereby created, to be composed of the following:

Undersecretary Rolando Metin - Chairman
Atty. Ma. Teresa Oledan - Member
Representative from the National Commission on Indigenous People
Representative from the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineering

The Committee shall undertake research and secure pertinent documents toward the resolution of the legal and technical concerns raised regarding the abovementioned project. The Committee shall submit a final report and recommendations to the undersigned within two months upon approval of this Order.

The Committee may conduct field inspections and is also authorized to request the assistance of any official or employee of the Department and other concerned Government Offices in the performance of its task. It shall designate one member of staff of the Department to perform Secretariat functions.

This Order shall take effect immediately and supersedes all Orders inconsistent herewith.


ELISEA G. GOZUN
Secretary