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SUBJECT: Preparation of the Mineral Action Plan Pursuant to Executive Order No. 270

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Executive Order No. 270, dated 16 January 2004, providing for the "National Policy Agenda on Revitalizing Mining in the Philippines", particularly Section 4 which directed the DENR to take the lead in the preparation of the Mineral Action Plan (MAP), the following tasking is hereby instituted:

Action Plan	Responsible Office
1. Provide support mechanism in sustained exploration, research & development, and industry manpower capability building	MGB
Streamline permits and clearance systems	DENR Policy TWG
2. Adopt efficient technologies for judicious extraction and optimum utilization of mineral resources and sustainability	MGB
3. Remediate and rehabilitate abandoned and idle mines	MGB
4. Institute meaningful consultation process with industry and stakeholders	MGB
5. Protect the environment and institute mitigation and progressive rehabilitation measures	EMB
6. Pursue sustained information, education and communication campaign	PAO

The identified responsible offices shall take the lead in the preparation of the Action Plan assigned to them and may seek the assistance of Other Government Agencies (OGAs), whenever appropriate. All concerned Offices within the DENR shall provide priority support in the formulation of the Minerals Action Plan (MAP), as directed in Section 5 of E.O. No. 270.

The Undersecretary for Planning and Policy with the assistance of the Planning and Policy Office, shall provide overall coordination and supervision in the preparation of the Action Plans.

In the preparation of the Action Plans, the following parameters shall be strictly adhered to:

1. Extensive consultation with all concerned agencies.
2. Action Plans should provide for the following:
 - a. Plans, programs, standards, rules and regulations, whenever applicable
 - b. Responsible agencies, timetable of activities and resource requirements
3. Action Plans should adhere to the following principles:
 - a. Good Governance – transparency, accountability, participation, equity, efficiency and sustainability
 - b. Deregulation – streamlining, simplification, decentralization and evolution, use of market-based instruments, etc.

All Action Plans shall be submitted on or before the end of February 2004. Thereafter, the Plans shall be subjected to consultations with various stakeholders.

This Order shall be for the strict compliance of all concerned and shall take effect immediately.


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Secretary