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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 2004-571

**SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE PANEL OF ARBITRATORS OF
DENR-MGB REGIONAL OFFICE NO. IV-A
(CALABARZON) AND ITS SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 and DENR Special Order No. 2003-564 which reorganized the MGB Regional Office No. IV into two separate and distinct functioning Regions and to conform to the provisions of R.A. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and Department Administrative Order No. 96-40 as amended, and in consonance with the avowed policy of speedy and continuous disposition of mining conflicts/disputes, a Regional Panel of Arbitrators at the DENR-MGB Regional Office No. IV-A (CALABARZON) is hereby created as follows:

ATTY. FERNANDO S. BELANDRES	-	Chairman
ATTY. RAYMUNDO L. APUHIN	-	Member
ENGR. EXZER R. RABANG	-	Member

The above-cited Panel of Arbitrators shall be supported by the following personnel:


MA. LOURDES O. GRIARTE	-	Researcher
ARMANDO U. VILLAFLOR	-	Bailiff/Records Custodian
GUIA V. CASTANOS	-	Stenographer
LIBERTAD B. MORON	-	Computer Operator

They shall perform their duties and obligations in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7942 and its implementing rules and regulation, DAO No. 96-40 as amended, and shall be guided by the provisions of the Rules on Pleadings, Practices and Procedures governing the disposition of cases before the Panel of Arbitrators (PA) and the Mines Adjudication Board (MAB) in hearing and deciding mining cases.

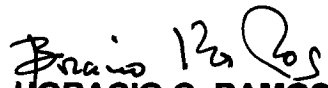
All pending cases within the CALABARZON area which are being tried before the current Panel of Arbitrators shall be immediately transferred to the new Panel except those that has already been deliberated and submitted for decision, in which case, the former may continue to decide until the same has been finally disposed.

Meanwhile, the existing Panel of Arbitrators shall assume the functions as Panel in the MIMAROPA Region and shall hear and decide cases until a new Panel has been created.

This Order takes effect immediately.


MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR
Secretary *h* *MDT*

Recommending Approval:


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