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SPECIAL ORDER
No. 2020- 530

SUBJECT : REVISING DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2019-727 IN RE: CREATION OF THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, GEF GOLD MONGOLIA-PHILIPPINES: "CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF MERCURY IN THE ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING (ASGM) SECTOR: FROM MINERS TO REFINERS"

In the interest of the service and in order to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the project *GEF GOLD Mongolia-Philippines: "Contribution Toward the Elimination of Mercury in the Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) Sector: From Miner to Refiners"*, the DENR Special ORDER No. 2019-727 is hereby revised as follows:

A. National Project Steering Committee (PSC)

Chair: DENR Undersecretary for Enforcement, Mining and Muslim Affairs
Co-Chair: DENR Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
Members: DOF Assistant Secretary for Sustainable Finance, Disaster Risk Finance and Special Projects
DOLE Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations, Labor Standards and Special Concerns Cluster
DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director
DENR-Environmental Management Bureau Director
DENR-Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service Director
BSP-Mint and Refinery Operations Department Director
DILG-Bureau of Local Government Supervision Director
DOH-Disease Prevention and Control Bureau Director
NCIP-Office of Empowerment & Human Rights Director
NEDA-Policy and Planning Group - Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Staff Director
Artisanal Gold Council Executive Director
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Philippines Representative
MGB Regional Directors having jurisdiction over project sites
Provincial Governor/City Mayor having jurisdiction over project sites
Representative, Organization of small-scale miners in the Philippines

Secretariat: Project Management Unit

The PSC shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- 1) Function as the main strategic and decision-making body for the project;
- 2) Review and approve workplans;
- 3) Provide the conduit for the flow of information between the project and other decision-making agencies and local government units;
- 4) Facilitate project coordination within the Department and with other partners and stakeholders both inside and outside the country;

- 5) Promote synergy with other country initiatives to maximize benefits, reduce cost, and avoid redundancy;
- 6) Support the overall project communication strategy by providing leadership and guidance on key messaging in the various communication platforms that will be employed; and
- 7) Approve the creation of appropriate Technical Working Groups (TWG) for the project at various levels.

The PSC shall meet at least twice a year as deemed necessary to discuss implementation status and define solutions to any implementation issues/concerns.

The PSC may include other major stakeholders, as the circumstances warrant, to act as Observers. The attendance and participation of Observers shall depend on the requirements of the meeting agenda as determined by the PSC Chair.

The Chair of the National PSC shall be the official representative of the Philippine government to the Regional Project Steering Committee.

B. Project Management Committee (PMC)

Chair: DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director
 Members: AGC National Project Manager (NPM)
 (Member, PSC Member Agency)
 DOF Assistant Secretary for Sustainable Finance, Disaster Risk Finance and Special Projects
 DOLE Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations, Labor Standards and Special Concerns Cluster
 DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director
 DENR-Environmental Management Bureau Director
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The Members of the PSC to compose the PMC, pursuant to the Project Document, shall be identified by the Chair of the PMC and AGC Representative depending on the issues to be tackled.

The PMC shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- 1) Provide guidance to the day-to-day decisions during project execution during between PSC meetings that NPM needs assistance on;
- 2) Provide the platform for coordination among project partners;
- 3) Facilitate communication and information disseminations efforts;
- 4) Function as the main focal body for the coordination with the global knowledge management hub;
- 5) Form part of the governing body in charge of the management of the revolving fund for ASGM; and
- 6) Review workplans and reports for endorsement to the PSC.

C. Project Management Unit (PMU)

The Artisanal Gold Council shall act as the Project Management Unit with functions and responsibilities as stipulated in the Project Document and its Annexes.

All expenses in pursuit of this Order shall be chargeable against the Project funds, subject to the Executing Agency's accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid and in force until the termination of the Project.



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Secretary

