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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF SURFACE MINING IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE JOINT ASSESSMENT TEAM

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. 79, series 2012, an Oversight Committee for the Assessment of Surface Mining in the Philippines is hereby created to be composed of the following:

- Chair** - **Undersecretary Juan Miguel T. Cuna**
Field Operations and Environment
- Co-Chair** - **Undersecretary Jim O. Sampulna**
Attached Agencies, Mining and Muslim Affairs
- Members** - **Director Wilfredo G. Moncano**
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
- Director William P. Cuñado**
Environmental Management Bureau
- OIC Director Reuel N. Sorilla**
Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service

The Oversight Committee shall have the following functions:

1. Review the performance of existing mining operations;
2. Ensure compliance of mining operations with environmental standards, laws, rules and regulations and to rationalize the management and utilization of mineral towards sustainable development;
3. Set the policies and parameters for the regular joint assessment of surface mining in the Philippines; and
4. Enforce laws, rules and regulations in case of violations committed by the mining companies.

Further, all Regional Offices of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office/Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office/Community Environment & Natural Resources Office are hereby enjoined to create a Joint Assessment Team to conduct regular assessment / audit of surface metallic mines at least once every year and the findings of the same be submitted to the Oversight Committee.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ROYAL CIMATU
Secretary



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