DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3

SUBJECT:

Total Ban on Extraction of Sand and Gravel, Quarrying and Other Related Surface Mining Activities in Certain Areas Along the Bued River and Kennon Road Located in Baguio City and Tuba, Benguet.

WHEREAS, Congressman Honorato Y. Aquino of Baguio City and Resolution No. 53 of the Cordillera Executive Board requested among others, the stoppage of quarrying, extraction of sand and gravel and related activities along the Bued River and Kennon Road for ecological, environmental and safety considerations;

WHEREAS, a field investigation report by a technical team of DENR, Region I, in response to the above request, strongly recommended immediate suspension and possible revocation of all sand and gravel and quarry permits which paved the way to the prevalence of illegal extraction, quarrying activities and indiscriminate barring down of slope materials along Kennon Road causing danger to life, property and infrastructures;

WHEREAS, there is a dire need to minimize and/or prevent failures and instabilities of adjoining slopes along the Kennon Road brought about by said illegal activities for public road safety reasons;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the extraction of sand and gravel, quarrying/barring down and other related surface mining activities be totally banned along Kennon Road starting from KM Post 241 (Camp 7, Baguio City) up to KM Post 222 (Camp 3, Tuba, Benguet) within a distance of 100 meters on both sides of the road.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTIONS BE ALLOWED ONLY ALONG THE BUED RIVER from Camp 3 and beyond, at a distance over 100 meters from the center of the road.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR. Secretary

Signed on January 4, 1989