



MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 2005- 020

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TO : The Director
All Regional Directors
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

SUBJECT : Issuance of Exploration Permit Pursuant to
Department of Environment and Natural
Resources Administrative Order No. 2005-15

In line with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2005-15 in re: *Amendments to Department Administrative Order No. 96-40, As Amended, or the "Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, Otherwise known as the 'Philippine Mining Act of 1995' "* to Provide for the Exploration Permit or Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement as the Initial Mode of Entry in the Conduct of Mineral Exploration and for Other Purpose, which took effect on August 26, 2005, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed in the issuance of Exploration Permit for the compliance of all concerned:

1. All applications for Exploration Permits filed prior to August 26, 2005 shall be cleared with the DENR Secretary following the procedure prescribed under DENR Memorandum Order No. 99-27 in re: *Strengthening Internal Linkages With Respect to DENR Regional Operations*; and
2. All applications for Exploration Permit filed after August 26, 2005 shall be approved by the Director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau following the procedure prescribed under DAO No. 2005-15, thence, noted by the DENR Secretary, prior to registration and release of the same.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until formally repealed, amended or modified accordingly.


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