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MEMORANDUM ORDER
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**SUBJECT : Mandating the Office of the Undersecretary
for Mining and Legal Affairs to Rule on the
Appeal Covering the Denial of Area Clearance
of Mining Applications**

Section 11 of Memorandum Order No. 98-03 entitled "Guidelines in the Issuance of Area Status and Clearance or Consent for Mining Applications" provides that the denial of Area Status and Clearance by the DENR Sector/Regional Office(s) may be appealable to the Undersecretary for Field Operations within fifteen (15) calendar days upon receipt thereof.

In view of the absence of the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations in the present Department set-up, the Office of the Undersecretary for Mining and Legal Affairs is hereby mandated to rule on the appeal covering the denial of area clearance of mining applications.

This Order shall take effect immediately and supersedes all Memorandum Orders inconsistent herewith.


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Secretary