



DENR Special Order  
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**SUBJECT: DEPUTATION OF COLONEL RICARDO MORALES, COMMANDING OFFICER, 404<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE, PHILIPPINE ARMY, AS DEPUTY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER (DENRO) WITHIN THE DIWALWAL MINERAL RESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL AREA AND IMMEDIATE VICINITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 41, Series of 1991 or Guidelines Governing Deputation of Environment & Natural Resources Officers, and Sections 8 and 9 of Republic Act 7942 (Philippine Mining Act of 1995) and its Implementing Rules & Regulations, Colonel Ricardo Morales, Commanding Officer, 404<sup>TH</sup> Infantry Brigade, Philippine Army, is hereby appointed as Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officer (DENRO) within the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation and Environmentally Critical Area and its immediate vicinity to exercise the power and authority provided for in the aforesaid administrative orders, laws, rules and regulations under the supervision of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) concerned effective upon receipt of this Order.

By virtue of this deputation, he is authorized, with the coordination and/or assistance of the Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC), to detect/investigate violations of environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations and to arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in his presence any violation of environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations within the territorial jurisdiction specified herein.

He is also authorized to apprehend the tools and equipment and conveyances used in the commission of the offense and the natural resources products extracted/cut, gathered, removed and possessed by the offender/s in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or apprehension, he shall deliver within the period prescribed by law from the time of arrest and apprehension, the offender/s and apprehended natural resources products, tools and



equipment including the conveyance/s used to the seizure officer of the DENR.

He is further authorized to administer oath and take acknowledgment in official matters connected with their aforementioned functions and to take testimonies in official investigation/s conducted under the authority of the aforementioned laws as amended and its implementing rules and regulations.

He shall submit to the Regional Executive Director (RED) of the DENR through the PENRO/CENRO concerned a monthly report of the cases he has handled and/or activities undertaken pursuant to this Order.

Upon receipt of this Order, he shall report to the PENRO/CENRO concerned to undergo the required orientation briefing on basic environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations relative to his functions as DENRO before officially discharging his duties and responsibilities and to accept place of assignment as directed by the PENRO concerned.

This Order takes effect immediately and will remain in force unless sooner revoked or terminated by this Office or in the event that Col. Ricardo Morales will be transferred or re-assigned to another place outside the territorial jurisdiction specified herein.



**MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR**  
Secretary

