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17 August 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

FROM : **THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
This Office

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING CUM
INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATION
(IEC) ACTIVITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE
PROVINCE OF ROMBLON**

Respectfully submitting herewith the highlights of the Capacity Building cum Information, Education, and Communication Activity for Local Government Units in the Province of Romblon, pursuant to the Memorandum from the Regional Executive Director.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and ready reference.


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

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NOTED:

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ATTENTION : **THE PLANNING OFFICER**
This Office

THRU : **THE CHIEFS**

Mine Management Division
Mine Safety, Environment, and Social
Development Division

Requesting for the RD's notation
noted ✓ 08/17/22

FROM : **THE UNDERSIGNED**
Administrative Officer IV (Information Officer II)

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Pursuant to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region Special Order No. 70 Series of 2022 in line with the Memorandum from the Regional Executive Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA Region, this Office conducted the Capacity Building for Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Province of Romblon on 15 August 2022 at the DENR MIMAROPA Conference Room.

This hybrid activity, held in coordination with the DENR MIMAROPA Region, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) MIMAROPA Region, and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) in Romblon, sought to help local officials further understand and enforce environment-related measures, as well as pertinent laws, rules, and regulations on mining and quarry projects.

It also aimed to address the issues and concerns on mining activities in Sibuyan Island in the Province of Romblon, among which is the renewal of the Exploration Period under Mineral Production Sharing Agreement No. 304-2009-IVB granted to Altai Philippines Mining Corporation (Altai).

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During the said forum, MGB MIMAROPA Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble expressed high hopes that the participating local government officials may be enlightened on the relevant rules and regulations governing the minerals industry. He also stressed that as public officials, it is everyone's responsibility to uphold the rule of law, and to ensure that the constituents' sentiments are truly expressed and represented.

Meanwhile, EMB MIMAROPA Regional Director Joe Amil M. Salino emphasized how this activity could help bring together the concerned government agencies and the LGUs towards a more coordinated approach in environmental management. He pointed out that protecting the environment is an intergenerational activity – a shared responsibility not just by the DENR, EMB, or MGB.

Lastly, DENR MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio said that this forum will just be the start of more collaborations to carry out the tasks at hand. The Regional Executive Director added that the knowledge gained from this activity is essential so as not to be misled by what is already happening on the ground, emphasizing that it is the officials' duty to inform their constituents of the things to be done, including the limitations and the challenges that come with it.

Lecture Proper

Technical personnel from this Office, the DENR MIMAROPA Region, PENRO Romblon, and EMB MIMAROPA Region tackled the major requirements and activities for every stage of mining pursuant to Republic Act No. 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act; the environmental laws on the protection and conservation of biological diversity and ecosystems; and environmental related measures for mining and quarry projects to help our local officials further understand and enforce pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.

Session 1: Mining 101

MGB MIMAROPA Region

- a. Mining 101
Engr. Ivan F. Macandog
Engineer III – Mine Management Division
- b. Environmental Management in Mining
Engr. Venus V. Jesoro
Senior Environmental Management Specialist
Mine Safety, Environment, and Social Development Division

- c. Social Development Programs of Mining Projects
Ms. Rocelyn F. Rebullante
Supervising Science Research Specialist
Mine Safety, Environment, and Social Development Division

Session 2: Environmental laws on the protection and conservation of biological diversity and ecosystems

Malvin R. Rocero
Protected Area Superintendent –
Mt. Guiting-Guiting Natural Park, Sibuyan

Session 3: Environmental management related measures for environmentally critical projects (mining and quarry projects)

John Junico B. Udal
EIA Technical Staff
EMB MIMAROPA Region

Session 4: Presentation on MPSA No. 304-2009-IVB

Engr. Reshne Jay B. Gonzaga
Senior Science Research Specialist
OIC of the Mining Tenement Audit Section
Mining Tenements Management Division – MGB Central Office

Issues and Concerns

1. Conduct of public consultation regarding the mining project

The Regional Executive Director said that there should be public consultation on the ground as part of public scoping. She also emphasized that Altai is still in the exploration stage, hence, it is not yet covered by the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System.

In the meantime, a public consultation may be conducted and spearheaded by local leaders, in partnership with the DENR MIMAROPA Region and its line bureaus, to raise awareness on the project.

2. Creation of monitoring team

To ensure the proponent's compliance to its approved work program, as well as the safety of surrounding communities during the exploration period, the body proposed the creation of a

monitoring team which will include representatives from the municipalities of Cajidiocan, Magdiwang, and San Fernando.

San Fernando, Romblon Mayor Nanette B. Tansingco informed the body that they already created a monitoring team with the chairperson of the Committee on Environment as head, and with members including the 12 barangay captains and representatives from other concerned agencies and groups.

The body also agreed that the municipalities of Cajidiocan, Magdiwang, and San Fernando will draft their respective Sangguniang Bayan resolution to determine the composition of the team who will accompany the DENR-MGB technical personnel during the monitoring of Altai.

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