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MEMORANDUM

FOR

All Regional Executive Directors

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

All Regional Directors

Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM

The Director

This Office

SUBJECT :

Guidance/Clarification on Section 9 of DAO No. 2022-04 or

Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Protection in

Mining Operations

DATE

July 25, 2022

This is to provide guidance on the implementation of Section 9 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2022-04 or *Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Protection in Mining Operations*, on the representation of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) and the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) in the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) and the Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT), to wit:

Section 9. Inclusion of Additional Members in Relevant Committees. The CLRFSC, the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC), and Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT) as per DAO No. 2010-21 shall include BMB and ERDB and their regional counterparts as members [emphasis added].

It may be recalled that during the virtual consultation with mining companies facilitated by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and the BMB on December 9-10, 2020 regarding the draft DAO, it was suggested that the BMB and ERDB, and their regional counterparts be included as members of the Contingent Liability and Rehabilitation Fund Steering Committee, the MRFC and the MMT. This was further deliberated during the DENR Technical Working Group Meeting held on August 10, 2021 wherein no comments or objections were raised pertaining to the said Section.

Relative thereto, through Memorandum dated July 1, 2022 (as attached), endorsing the request of MGB Regional Office IV-A concerning the members of the MRFC and MMT, the BMB recommended the following:

 The Regional Executive Director (RED) shall be represented to the MRFC as principal member with the Chief of the Conservation and Development Division (CDD) as alternate representative; and



"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."

The Chief of the CDD shall serve as the official representative to the MMT with a senior staff from the CDD as alternate representative.

In view thereof, please be guided that the BMB and the ERDB shall be included as additional members of the MRFC and MMT, pursuant to the subject DAO and in accordance with the above recommendations of the BMB.

Moreover, the RED who sits as Co-Chair of the MRFC, shall be considered a sufficient representative of the BMB and the ERDB, as this satisfies the required regional counterpart under Section 9 of DAO No. 2022-04. Further, in case of the RED's unavailability, the Chief of the CDD shall be the alternate member.

Finally, to satisfy the requirement for the regional counterpart of the BMB and the ERDB in the MMT, the Chief of the CDD, or a senior staff of the CDD in case of the former's unavailability, shall represent both Bureaus in the MMT.

For information and reference.

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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR Region IV-A

FROM

The OIC Director

SUBJECT

ENDORSEMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM FROM MGB REGION IVA ON THEIR REQUEST FOR AN OFFICIAL AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MINES REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE (MRFC) AND MULTIPARTITE MONITORING TEAM (MMT) COVERING ALL MINING/QUARRYING MINERAL PROCESSING PROJECTS IN

CALABARZON

We refer to the attached Memorandum from the Regional Director Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Region IV-A requesting the designation of an official and alternate representatives to the Mines Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) and Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT) from the BMB's regional counterparts, pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2022-04.

In view thereof, we recommend that the Regional Executive Director shall be represented to the MRFC as principal member with the Chief of Conservation and Development Division (CDD) as the alternate representative. On the other hand, the chief of CDD may serve as the official representative to the MMT with a senior staff from the same division as alternate representative.

May we request your office to respond directly to the request of MGB Region IV-A, copy furnished this Bucau.

For information and consideration.

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cc. The Regional Director, MGB Region IVA

