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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

FROM : **The Regional Director**
This Office

SUBJECT : **Approved 5-Year Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program and Final Mine Rehabilitation and/or Decommissioning Plan of Universal Basalt Aggregates Corp.**

Respectfully providing a copy of the subject documents of Universal Basalt Aggregates Corp., for its Basalt Aggregates Project under the Mineral Processing Permit (MPP) no. 002-2019-MGBMIMAROPA located in Brgy. Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and reference.

GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

Encl.: As stated

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MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

No. 02 – 2022 – MIMAROPA

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 2010-21, Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) hereby grants this Certificate of Approval to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (EPEP) and Final Mine Rehabilitation and/or Decommissioning Plan (FMR/DP) of **Universal Basalt Aggregates Corporation (UBAC)** for its **Basalt Aggregates Project**, with the following details:

Location	: Barangay Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
Mining Tenement	: Mineral Processing Permit (MPP)
Number/s	: 002 – 2019 – MGBMIMAROPA
Date Issued	: 21 June 2019
Grantee	: UBAC
Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC)	
Name of Project	: Crushing Plant
Reference Code Number	: ECC-OL-R4B-2018-0156
Date Issued	: 18 October 2018
Grantee	: UBAC
Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) and Programs on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Development of Mining Technology and Geosciences (DMTG)	
Reference Number	: SDMP # 02- 2020-MIMAROPA (1st)
Date Issued	: 30 June 2020
Grantee	: UBAC

This Certificate is being issued subject to the following conditions as embodied in the pertinent provisions of DAO No. 2010-21 and the ECC:

1. This Certificate is valid only for the activities stipulated in the approved EPEP and FMR/DP (attached as **Annex “A”** and made an integral part hereof);
2. UBAC shall submit an **Annual EPEP (AEPEP)** to the Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) for evaluation and approval to effectively implement the EPEP, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the beginning of every calendar year thereafter. The CLRFSC shall be furnished a copy of the approved AEPEP;
3. UBAC shall fully implement its approved five-year **SDMP** and **Programs on IEC** and **DMTG** by submitting **Annual SDMP (ASDMP)** and **Annual Programs on IEC** and **DMTG** to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region for evaluation and approval, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the beginning of



every calendar year thereafter. The MGB Central Office (CO) shall be furnished a copy of the approved ASDMP and Annual Programs on IEC and DMTG;

4. UBAC shall establish its **Mine Rehabilitation Fund (MRF)** within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of this Certificate, to ensure availability of funds for the satisfactory compliance with the commitments and performance of the activities stipulated in the EPEP/AEPEP. The MRF shall be in the form of Monitoring Trust Fund (MTF) and Rehabilitation Cash Fund (RCF) with corresponding amount of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000.00)** and **Four Hundred Ninety-Three and Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (P493,250.00)** *i.e. 10% of the total EPEP cost*), respectively;
5. UBAC shall make full cash deposition of **Four Hundred Forty-Six Thousand and Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Pesos (P446,792.00)** within sixty (60) days from the date of the FMR/DP's approval, for its **Final Mine Rehabilitation and Decommissioning Fund (FMRDF)**;
6. UBAC shall withdraw from the FMRDF based on a work and financial plan approved by the CLRFSC upon the recommendation of the MRFC;
7. UBAC shall submit a progress report on a quarterly basis to the MRFC and MGB MIMAROPA Region, copy furnished MGB CO and CLRFSC, containing details of fully, partially and ongoing rehabilitation activities relative to the implementation of the EPEP and FMR/DP;
8. UBAC shall review and/or revise at a date not exceeding two (2) years its FMR/DP after its approval and every two (2) years thereafter. Any revision of the FMRDF shall likewise be made after the revision of the FMR/DP and upon approval thereof by the MRFC;
9. UBAC shall prepare and submit a Final Rehabilitation Report with Environmental Audit conducted by a third party for pre-evaluation by the MRFC and final approval by the CLRFSC if, based on the assessment of the company, the objectives of plant closure, as contained in the approved FMR/DP, have been achieved: *Provided, That if residual care is still needed, UBAC shall submit a Site Management Plan (SMP), including financial arrangements, detailing how the identified residual rehabilitation commitments are to be managed, to include (a) treatment of possible pollution of surface and groundwater; (b) identification and management of residual environmental hazards and risks; (c) reduction of exposure to contingent liabilities related to public safety; and (d) creation of plant closure team to handle SMP;*
10. UBAC shall shoulder any shortfall in the amount needed to achieve the objectives of plant closure pursuant to the approved FMR/DP and to implement the SMP;
11. UBAC shall submit a comprehensive **Care and Maintenance Program** to the MRFC before issuance of the notice thereof in cases of suspension/temporary stoppage of its mining operation;
12. MGB CO, MGB MIMAROPA Region or the Multipartite Monitoring Team may impose additional conditions to effectively implement the approved FMR/DP should the results of monitoring or environmental audit warrant them; and
13. UBAC must secure all other necessary permits from all Government agencies concerned.



The transfer or assignment of the MPP shall be subject to the approval of the DENR Secretary upon the recommendation of the MGB Director pursuant to Section 46 of DAO No. 2010-21: *Provided*, That the transfer or assignment of the MPP shall not be approved unless UBAC have complied with all the terms and conditions of the MPP and the provisions of RA No. 7942 and DAO No. 2010-21 at the time of transfer/assignment: *Provided further*, That the transferee/assignee assumes all the obligations and responsibilities of UBAC under the MPP: *Provided finally*, That, if circumstances warrant and upon the recommendation of the Director, the Secretary may impose additional conditions for the approval of transfer/assignment of the MPP.

Non-compliance with any of the above conditions shall be sufficient ground for the cancellation, revocation or termination of this Certificate or imposition of the penalty prescribed in the Penal Provisions of RA No. 7942.

Given this JUN 15 2022, at Manila City, Philippines.

MINE REHABILITATION FUND COMMITTEE

By:


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Regional Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau MIMAROPA Region
and Chairperson, Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee

Conforme:


STEPHEN S. TAN

President
Universal Basalt Aggregates Corporation

