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MEMORANDUM ORDER
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**SUBJECT: AUDIT OF ALL OPERATING MINES AND MORATORIUM ON
NEW MINING PROJECTS**

In line with the pronouncement on responsible mining by **His Excellency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte**, that **"There will be a comprehensive review of the mining claims of concessions given,"** and in the interest of the common good and to ensure that the concerns of the helpless and the impoverished are addressed, an **audit** of all operating mines and a **moratorium** on the approval of new mining projects are hereby **ordered** for the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

To fully implement this Memorandum Order, the following guidelines shall govern:

SECTION 1. Scope

The **audit** shall cover all operating mines and mines under suspended and/or care and maintenance status while the **moratorium** shall cover the acceptance, processing and/or approval of mining applications and/or new mining projects for all metallic and non-metallic minerals.

Said audit shall be undertaken in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7942, **the Philippine Mining Act of 1995**; Executive Order No. 79, entitled: **Institutionalizing and Implementing Reforms in the Philippine Mining Sector Providing Policies and Guidelines to Ensure Environmental Protection and Responsible Mining in the Utilization of Mineral Resources**; Department Administrative Order No. 2015-07 in re: **Mandating Mining Contractors to Secure ISO 14001 Certification** and other applicable environmental laws, and pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. Audit of All Mining Operations

An audit of all the mining operations in the country shall be immediately undertaken for the following purposes:

1. To determine the adequacy and efficiency of the environmental protection measures of each mining operation.
2. To identify gaps in environmental protection measures.

3. To determine the appropriate penalty/ies in case of violations of the mining and environmental laws.

SECTION 3. The DENR Mine Audit Team

1. A Mine Audit Team is hereby created in every region, to be composed of the following:

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| Department Central Office | - Team Leader |
| Department Regional Office | - Member |
| Mines and Geosciences Bureau | - Member |
| Environmental Management Bureau | - Member |
| Third Party Expert/s | - Member |

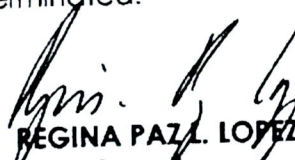
2. The Mine Audit Team shall conduct the audit of all mining operations referred to in Section 2 hereof and submit the pertinent report to the Department Secretary, thru the Senior Undersecretary, within one (1) month from receipt of this Memorandum Order.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause

All orders, circulars and directives or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force and in effect until formally terminated.


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Secretary

