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2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

I. Project Information

Project Code : TFTAQ, TFTAP, KRRAO
Project Title : Conduct of an Objective, Fact-findings and Science-based Review of Existing Mining and Quarry Operations-Phase III
Project Start : October 1, 2021
Project End : March 31, 2024
Project Price : P27,000,000.00
Client Organization : Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Department of Finance (DOF)

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Project Description : Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order (EO) No. 79, the Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC) issued Resolution No. 6 on February 9, 2017, directing the conduct of a multi-stakeholder review on the performance of existing mining operations. The review aims to identify the needed interventions that would effectively address existing mining issues and concerns and recommend measures that will further improve the management and regulations in the mining sector.

Two reviews have since been conducted covering 26 mining companies that were issued closure and suspension orders by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the remaining 18 operating large-scale mining operations. The reviews aimed to assess the technical, legal, social, environmental, and economic aspects of the mining operations. The review was undertaken by Technical Review Teams (TRTs) and an Overall Team Leader commissioned by the MICC.

In November 2020, the MICC directed the conduct of the third phase of the review covering the large-scale mining operations in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and 22 quarry operations (Annex A). The review is intended to be an objective, fact-finding and science-based process to (a) identify gaps, issues, and concerns that limits the mining sector to contribute effectively on national and regional development, and (b) recommend needed interventions and policy measures to ensure a more responsible mining sector that will contribute to sustainable development.

Specifically, it aims to (a) assess the performance of existing mining and quarry operations in five aspects namely, technical, legal, environment, social, and economic, and (b) identify necessary interventions to maximize the economic contribution of the industry further while minimizing its environmental and social externalities. The third phase of the review is expected to commence on the fourth quarter of 2021.

Project Objective : Recognizing this mandate, the MICC issued Resolution No. 6 on 9 February 2017 directing the conduct of a multi-stakeholder review on the performance of existing mining operations, starting with the 26 mining companies that were issued closure and suspension orders by the DENR.

The review is intended to be an objective, fact-finding and science-based process to identify needed interventions that would effectively address existing mining issues and concerns and to recommend policy measures that will further improve the mining management and regulation to ensure the development of a more responsible mining sector that will contribute to sustainable development.

Focus Area : Mining Industry

Project Type : Policy Research, Technical Assistance

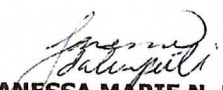
Project Beneficiary : Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Department of Finance

Regional Coverage : Nationwide

and SDMP documents submitted by the project proponents.

- DENR/MENRE must release updated guidelines and/or standards for more comprehensive social impact assessment and statement coverage for mining projects. Corresponding revisions to procedures on how SDMPs, EIAs, EPEPs, EPRMPs, FMRDPs, and other relevant documents/reports are assessed and accepted would be necessary.
- Full benchmarking is also highly recommended in improving current assessment procedures. This should be undertaken not only within our local mining industry, but also include practices within the global resource development and extractive industries.

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