MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Directors
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : The Acting Director
This Office

SUBJECT : Realignment of Social Development and Management Program’s Unutilized Funds to Support Affected Impact and Non-Impact Communities due to COVID-19

DATE : 27 March 2020

In the interest of public service and pursuant to the Memorandum dated March 16, 2020 of the Executive Secretary of the Office of the President in re: “Community Quarantine Over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation” and Proclamation No. 929, “Declaring a State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines Due to Corona Virus Disease 2019,” be informed that all Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Offices (MGB RO) are hereby authorized to allow mining companies to re-align the unutilized funds of Social Development and Management Program to assist the host and neighboring communities, as well as the non-impact barangays in their respective localities, during the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine due to COVID-19. This is in accordance with Section 136-E of Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order No. 2010-21, the Consolidated Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the “Philippine Mining Act of 1995.”

Mining companies shall prepare a schedule of the utilization of the re-aligned budget until the threat of COVID-19 is gone. This shall be included in the quarterly accomplishment reports to be submitted by mining companies subject to monitoring of the MGB RO concerned.

For compliance.

ATTY. WILFREDO G. MONCANO

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