

**Administrative Order
No. 66
December 27, 1991**

SUBJECT: Declaring Certain Parcels of Land Embraced in Proclamation No. 369 Dated 27 February 1931 Which Established the Agusan-Davao-Surigao Forest Reserve, as Non-Forest Land Open for Small Scale Mining Purposes

Whereas, Proclamation No. 369 dated 27 February 1931 has established the Agusan-Davao-Surigao Reserve containing an area of approximately 1,927,400 hectares;

Whereas, it has been found that portions of this forest reserve are gold-rush areas and are presently being mined and occupied by thousands of small-scale miners;

Whereas, under Proclamation No. 369, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (formerly the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources) upon recommendation of the Director of Forest Management Bureau (formerly the Director of Forestry) is empowered to exclude from the reservation portions thereof which are no longer forest lands and declare the same for such purposes as these are presently being devoted to small-scale mining;

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority granted under Proclamation No. 369, I hereby declare the following areas as non-forest lands and open for small-scale mining purposes, subject to existing and valid private rights, within the Municipalities of Monkayo, Compostela and Nabunturan, Davao del Norte more particularly described under PCGS 2546, Block Nos. 1, 5 and 9, to wit:

1. Those areas embraced by the following coordinates under Block No. 1:

7	48'	30"	to	7	50'	00"	Latitude
126	10'	30"	to	126	12'	00"	Longitude

containing an aggregate area of 729 hectares within Diwalwal, Monkayo, Davao del Norte;

7	56	00"	to	7	57'	00"	Latitude
126	05'	30"	to	126	06'	30"	Longitude

containing an aggregate area of 324 hectares within Pasian, Monkayo, Davao del Norte;

7	57'	30"	to	7	58'	30" Latitude
126	08'	00"	to	126	08'	30" Longitude

containing an aggregate area of 162 hectares within Cogonan, Trento, Agusan del Sur;

2. Those areas under Block No. 5 with the following coordinates:

7	40'	00"	to	7	41'	30" Latitude
126	10'	30"	to	126	12'	00" Longitude

containing an approximate area of 567 hectares within Bango, Compostela, Davao del Norte; and

3. Those areas under Block No. 9 with the following coordinates:

7	28'	00"	to	7	29'	30" Latitude
126	02'	30"	to	126	03'	30" Longitude

containing an approximate area of 405 hectares within Inupuan, Nabunturan, Davao del Norte.

FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.
Secretary