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DENR MEMORANDUM
ORDER NO. 2002-09

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**SUBJECT : COVERAGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2002-18 AND THE DIWALWAL GOLD
RUSH AREA IN MT. DIWATA, MONKAYO,
COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 192 mandates that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall be the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided for by law in order to ensure equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, provides that mineral resources are owned by the State and that the exploration, development, utilization and processing thereof shall be under its full control and supervision;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of R.A. No. 7942 also provides that the DENR shall be the primary agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the State's mineral resources including those in reservations, watershed areas and lands of the public domain;

WHEREAS, the Diwalwal gold rush area in Mt. Diwalwal, Monkayo, Compostela Valley Province has been the site of unpermitted subsistence small-scale mining operations to labor-intensive medium-scale mining operations since 1983, involving thousands of miners, local entrepreneurs and service providers;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 2002-18 was issued on 12 August 2002 "Declaring An Emergency Situation In the Diwalwal Gold Rush Area and Providing for Interim Guidelines To Address the Critical Environmental and Social Consequences Therein."

WHEREAS, there is a need to delienate the Diwalwal Gold Rush Area to determine the coverage of the effectivity and implementation of Administrative Order No. 2002-18 and to finally segregate the area exclusively for mining activities, mineral processing plants and common tailings disposal system.

NOW THEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, Administrative Order No. 2002-18 shall be effective and implemented in the Diwalwal Gold Rush Area as bounded by the following geographical coordinates:

Corner	Longitude	Latitude
1	126°08'	7°51'
2	126°13'	7°51'
3	126°13'	7°46'
4	126°08'	7°46'

with an area of Eight Thousand One Hundred (8,100) hectares, more or less as described in the attached map which is made an integral part of this Order.

The Diwalwal Gold Rush Area is hereby segregated exclusively for mining activities, mineral processing plants and common tailings disposal system as may be determined by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau.

No Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) or conversion into an IFMA or any other forest use instrument shall be granted or issued covering the Diwalwal Gold Rush Mining Area. The concerned Regional Director, Regional Executive Director as well as the Director of the Forest Management Bureau shall ensure that the Diwalwal Gold Rush Mining Area is excluded from any application or conversion of certain instruments into an IFMA or other forest use instrument and from the operation of any existing forest use instrument.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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Secretary

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