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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 12

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TO : THE DIRECTOR AND ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU

SUBJECT : PROVIDING FOR SYSTEM OF MONITORING OF  
MINERAL AGREEMENTS AND OF MAXIMIZING  
RESOURCE POTENTIALS OF MINERAL LANDS

DATE : OCT 15 2004

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In line with the government's thrust to revitalize the Philippine minerals industry, following measures shall be undertaken to determine status of mining contracts and agreements and identify appropriate actions for the cancellation of non-performing contracts and agreements, subject to existing and pertinent rules and regulations:

1. conduct of inventory of all approved and pending mining tenements;

The inventory shall contain detailed information to include but not limited to the following: tenement number, date issued, contractor (if a corporation, include list of officers/incorporators), foreign partner, if any, status of compliance with work program and the terms and conditions of the agreement, dates of field monitoring/verification conducted and other relevant information.

With regard to MPSA and FTAA applications, information shall include actions by your office to evaluate/validate the application.

The MGB Director shall issue the appropriate guideline to standardize the format and content of inventory reports and distribute the same to the regions within five (5) days from receipt of this Order.

All inventory reports shall be submitted directly to the Office of the Secretary within five (5) days from receipt of the prescribed forms.


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2. identification of non-performing mining contracts and agreements, the reasons for non-performance of which are not justifiable and initiating the cancellation thereof subject to validation of the Office of the Secretary;

Cancellation of agreements shall be subject to due process and in accordance with Chapter XVII of the Mining Act, and Sections 7 and 230 of DAO 96-40;

The regions shall submit a report on actions taken regarding cancellation of the non-performing mining contracts and agreements.

FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE.



**SEC. MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR**