

ADMINSTRATIVE ORDER NO. 03 Series of 2018

DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STOPPAGE ORDER NO. 01, SERIES OF 2016, AS AMENDED AT LEVEL 300 AND LEVEL 400 AT ANTAMOK, LOCAN, THIS MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016, the undersigned issued Stoppage Order No. 01, series of 2016, stopping small scale mining operations on identified areas formerly operated by Benguet Corporation;

WHEREAS, the continuous operation of small scale mining activities at levels 300 and 400 is most likely to cause irreparable damages that would aggravate the stability of its surrounding environment, hence the need for the immediate cessation of operations thereat;

WHEREAS, aside from environmental concerns, public order and safety are also being taken into consideration in as much as peace and order in the common workplace is concerned;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me, I, ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby ORDER the CESSATION of all small scale mining activities at Level 300 and Level 400 at Antamok, Loacan, this municipality.

Further, in the implementation of this Order, the Itogon Municipal Police Station, Benguet Corporation, Barangay Officials of Loacan, and the Loacan Itogon Pocket Miners Association, in coordination with the Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau of DENR-CAR are hereby directed to cause the CLOSURE of all adits/ssm tunnels within the identified areas and to conduct periodic monitoring thereof.

DONE this 7th day of March, 2018 at Itogon, Benguet.

ATTY, VICTOR T. PALANGDAN 2:40 Municipal Wayor MAR 07 2018 Rec'd: Copy furnished: -Office of the Provincial Governor -Office of the Sanguniang Bayan -Itogon Municipal Police Station -MGB-CAR -LIPMA Nocribon -Sanguninag Barangay, Loacan -file



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PROVINCE OF BENGUT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet

March 6, 2018

HON. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN Municipal Mayor Itogon, Benguet

Dear Mayor Palangdan:

We received the petition of the Loacan Itogon Pocket Miners Association (LIPMA) regarding their opposition to the mining operations of Reavis Antamok, Mining Association, Inc. (RAMAI) at levels 300 and 400 at LOacan Antamok Mining Area.

We observed that your office already issued a Stoppage Order dated 14 December 2016. Also attached in the petition is an Order from DENR – CAR dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009, declaring a moratorium on all mining activities within the Antamok Mining Area until such time that all safety, health and environmental concerns have been resolved.

In view of your Stoppage Order and Order of DENR – CAR, we believe that favourable action at your end favour of the petition is in order. We hereby enjoin you to implement the said Stoppage Order as soon as possible.

Thank you and we look forward to your immediate and favourable action.

Very truly yours, CRESCENCIO C. PACALSO Provincial Governor

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