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**CREATING AND ORGANIZING A MUNICIPAL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A POST ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE VIRAC INCIDENT AND SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE SOIL SUBSIDENCE THAT OCCURRED THEREAT PARTICULARLY AT SITIOS BATUANG AND CAMANGGAAN.**

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**WHEREAS**, a sudden soil subsidence happened at Virac, this municipality last October 22, 2015, becoming more progressive on the following days which resulted to the sinking of seven residential buildings and other structures including a portion of the Baguio-Kias-Virac-Poblacion Provincial Road;

**WHEREAS**, tension cracks were observed on the earth surface surrounding the sink hole where many residential houses and public access are situated thereby bringing fears and anxieties to these communities;

**WHEREAS**, to assist the municipal government in the formulation and implementation of actions, plans and programs that will address the situation, public safety and interest being the primordial consideration, it is imperative to create an LGU-led body to conduct a post assessment and evaluation of the incident and to undertake such other activities relative thereto.

**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 promulgate as follows:

**Section 1.** There is hereby created an Ad Hoc Committee on the Virac Incident to be composed of the following:

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| CHAIRMAN: | ENGR. AVELINO MEDINA JR. |
| MEMBERS:  | ENGR. LLOYD EILINGER     |
|           | ENGR. FRANCIS KANITENG   |
|           | ENGR. LOMINO N. KANITENG |
|           | ENGR. IMELDA F. NUGUID   |
|           | ENGR. CHARLIE M. GAYASCO |
|           | MS. GRACE O. POCSOL      |
|           | PB. NOEL D. BIBILBI      |

**Section 2. Duties and Functions.** The Ad Hoc Committee shall perform the following duties and functions, to wit;

1. Conduct an assessment and evaluation of the immediate and antecedent cause of the subsidence. In the performance thereof, the committee may coordinate and/or seek the assistance of concerned agencies/institutions, public or private to include but not limited to MGB, PHIVOLCS, University of the Philippines and other private individuals having technical knowledge and/or engaged in this field or specialization.

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2. Conduct an assessment of the extent of the area affected by the subsidence including risk assessment and as far as practicable, to come up with a risk mapping for purposes of determining appropriate regulatory, preventive or mitigating measures or interventions to be implemented to include declaration of "no build zones," buffer zones and the like;
3. Recommend appropriate structural measure for the restoration of the subsided portion of the provincial road at Batuang;
4. Recommend appropriate actions to address the concerns of the affected families most especially the evacuees;
5. The Ad Hoc Committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of this order;
6. Shall always inform the LCE on matters relative to the exercise of its duties and functions as herein provided and shall likewise submit a Terminal Report upon completion of its tasks.
7. Shall perform other relevant duties and functions as may be directed by the Local Chief Executive.

**Section 3. Repealing Clause.** All Administrative Orders and/or Issuances inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 4. Effectivity.** This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 at Itogon, Benguet.

Let copies of this Order be furnished all concerned for their information and guidance.

  
**ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**  
Municipal Mayor