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CREATING AND ORGANIZING A MUNICIPAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON VIRAC RESETTLEMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the occurrence of ground subsidence at Virac, this municipality last October 22, 2015, resulted to the sinking of seven residential buildings and other structures including a portion of the Baguio-Kias-Virac-Poblacion Provincial Road thereby rendering many families homeless as they were forced to vacate the place near the sinkhole for their safety;

WHEREAS, in response to the call of the Local Chief Executive, Benguet Corporation has withdrawn an area of 11.6801 hectares from its Mining Tenements particularly portions of Bess Fraction and Junior Fraction situated at Timberyard, Virac, Itogon, Benguet purposely for the establishment of a permanent relocation site for the displaced families due to the ground subsidence;

WHEREAS, surface claimants also waived their rights and interests over the portions of the land within the identified resettlement area through their voluntary execution of Waiver of Rights and Quitclaim in favor of the displaced families;

WHEREAS, with a relocation site already made available, the creation of an appropriate body to focus on the relocation of the displaced families is deemed necessary and appropriate with the end view of finally relocating these victims in a safe area in an orderly and systematic manner through expeditious conduct of resettlement-related activities from identification of qualified beneficiaries up to the awarding of lots and such other resettlement packages or entitlement if available;

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 Virac Resettlement to be composed of the following:

CHAIRMAN:	ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN Municipal Mayor
CO-CHAIRMAN:	MR. MARIO W. GODIO
MEMBERS:	HON. ANNIE G. GALLIEGA Chairperson, SB Committee on Land Zoning, Planning and Utilization
	ENGR. IMELDA F. NUGUID MPDC

MR. EDWIN GOLINGAB
Municipal Assessor

ENGR. CHARLIE M. GAYASCO
Municipal Engineer

MS. GRACE O. POCSOL
MSWDO

HON. NOEL D. BILIBLI
P.B., Virac

MR. MICHAEL SIBAYAN
President, Community Association

Representative from the following:

Benguet Corporation
Land Management Section, DENR
Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau
NCIP-CAR
HLURB
NHA
Office of the Provincial Governor

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

1. Shall act as a screening committee in the determination of families/persons to be relocated. As such, it shall formulate policies and guidelines that will govern qualifications of beneficiaries including awarding/lot distribution scheme;
2. If applicable, shall cause the preparation of an Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan which covers the following minimum requirements, to wit;
 - a. Census survey of displaced persons;
 - b. Description of resettlement assistance to be provided;
 - c. Consultations/meetings with displaced people;
 - d. Institutional responsibility for implementation and procedures for grievance redress;
 - e. Arrangements for monitoring and implementation, and
 - f. Timetable and budget, if any.
3. Coordinate with concerned agencies and other institutions for the provision of funding assistance, donations, grants and aids which are necessary in the implementation of the resettlement plan;
4. Facilitate the conduct of subdivision survey of the resettlement site and if deemed necessary, shall cause the submission of the survey returns to the Land Management Sector, DENR for verification and approval. Through its Technical Support Staff, the committee shall facilitate the preparation of Site Development Plan, identifying therein the areas suitable for residential buildings, open spaces, drainage system, road networks, etc. taking into consideration the recommendation of the Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau as per Geo-hazard Assessment Report dated January 19, 2016.

5. If necessary, the committee shall coordinate with proper agencies for the issuance of an appropriate Presidential Proclamation to the effect of declaring the subject area into a permanent relocation site.
6. Resolve controversies, issues and conflicts arising from the implementation of the resettlement plan and for such, the committee shall establish a grievance redress mechanism to address program related concerns;
7. The Ad Hoc Committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of this order. Relatively, it may create sub-committees from among its members if necessity arises;
8. 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.
9. Shall perform other relevant duties and functions as may be directed by the Local Chief Executive.

Section 3. Technical Support Staff. There is also hereby created a Technical Working Staff to assist the Ad Hoc Committee. The composition of which shall be as follows:

Team Leader:	ENGR. AVELINO MEDINA
Members:	MR. ROMEO TIAGO ENGR. ARVIE ANCHALES ENGR. CELESTINO PERALTA MR. PABLO CORNEL

The Technical Support Staff shall perform the following duties and functions:

1. Assist the committee in the conduct and/or preparation of the following:
 - a. Relocation survey;
 - b. Subdivision Plan;
 - c. Engineering designs
2. Undertake necessary measures to safeguard the resettlement area from encroachment and prevent entry of unauthorized dwellers thereat.
3. Assist in the processing of appropriate documents for the issuance of new Tax Declarations, and such other tenurial instruments;
4. Perform other related duties and functions as may be directed by the committee or by the Local Chief Executive.

Section 4. Secretariat. There shall also be a Secretariat to the Ad Hoc Committee whose composition shall be as follows:

Head Secretariat:	MR. ROMEO POCDING
Members:	MR. JOSE YAMOTO JR. MS. LIDA G. TUPENG

The functions of the Secretariat shall be as follows:


1. Prepare Notice of Meetings and shall be responsible for the delivery of the same to concerned members and/or parties;
2. Shall record the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the committee;
3. Shall keep custody of all records and documents of the committee and shall ensure that these are always made available upon request of the committee;
4. Document all activities conducted by the committee;
5. Conduct researches and related studies as may be directed by the committee, and
6. Perform other duties and functions as may be directed by the Local Chief Executive.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All Administrative Orders and/or Issuances inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 18th day of May, 2016 at Itogon, Benguet.

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


ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN
Municipal Mayor