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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2017-03**

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**CREATING AND ORGANIZING A MUNICIPAL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE REGIONAL INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT TEAM ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES DUE TO THE TAILINGS LEAK AT THE LIANG TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY OF BENGUET CORPORATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the leakage of tailings from Liang TSF of Benguet Corporation gave rise to the filing of claims for damages by affected residents along the Lower Agno River particularly from barangays Poblacion, Tinongdan and Dalupirip which were endorsed by the municipality to concerned government agencies for appropriate action;

**WHEREAS**, in a letter to the Local Chief Executive dated January 31, 2017, the Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau-CAR informed the former that the Regional Investigation and Assessment Team (RIAT) of the DENR have agreed to already receive applications for compensation for damages due to mining operations pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21 or the Consolidated DAO for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 7942 (Philippine Mining Act of 1995);

**WHEREAS**, the assistance of the municipal government is being sought in the same letter in providing MGB Form 18-2 to those claiming for damages due to the tailings leak which shall be the basis for validation;

**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 Liang TSF Damage Claims to be composed of the following:

CHAIRMAN:	ENGR. AVELINO MEDINA JR.
MEMBERS:	MR. VIRGILIO ATOMPAG
	ENGR. ARVIE P. ANCHALES
	MR. ROGER P. CATAYAO
	MS. SHARON W. BAROA
	MS. ROSSAN B. BALISTO
	P.B. ANDRES C. PANAYO
	P.B. RUBEN G. CUNANAN
	P.B. JOEL B. BAUZON

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

1. Assist the Regional Investigation and Assessment Team of the DENR in the performance of its functions relative to the compensation for damages arising from the leakage of tailings from Liang TSF which shall include, but not limited to the following acts:


- a. Conduct of identification, verification and evaluation of applicants for damages due to the tailings leak from Liang TSF of Benguet Corporation;
  - b. Distribution of MGB Form No. 18-2 (application forms) to claimants for damage compensation;
  - c. Retrieval of MGB Form No. 18-2 from applicants and submission of the same to the RIAT;
  - d. Profiling of applicants for damage claim as the case may be;
  - e. Assessment of damages
2. Conduct an assessment of the extent of the area affected by the leakage for purposes of determining appropriate actions be done;
  3. Recommend appropriate actions to address other concerns of the affected residents;
  4. The Ad Hoc Committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of this order;
  5. Shall always inform the LCE on matters relative to the exercise of the duties and functions as herein provided and shall likewise submit a Terminal Report upon completion of its tasks.
  6. 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017 at Itogon, Benguet.

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

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