



*Republic of the Philippines*

Province of Benguet

Municipality of Itogon

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06**  
**Series of 2019.**

**ESTABLISHING THE ARBITRATION PANEL IN RELATION TO THE ON-GOING AND/OR FUTURE DISPUTES BETWEEN ACUPAN CONTRACT MINING PROJECT (ACMP) CONTRACTORS AND BENGUET CORPORATION INCORPORATED (BCI)**

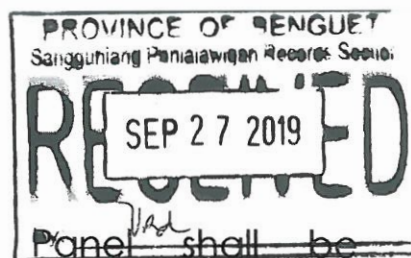
**WHEREAS**, the undersigned was informed of an ongoing dispute between the Acupan Contract Mining Project (ACMP) Contractors and Benguet Corporation Incorporated (BCI) which led to a declaration of "STRIKE" by the ACMP Contractors;

**WHEREAS**, on August 22, 2019, the office of the undersigned received a letter from the ACMP Contractors requesting the local governments of Itogon and Barangay Virac to be involved and mediate or arbitrate on the on-going dispute;

**WHEREAS**, as cited in the letter, on February 28, 2003, an Omnibus Order was issued by Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), DENR-CAR, signed by then Regional Director Neoman B. Dela Cruz recommending, among others, that the Local Government of Itogon and Barangay Virac be involved in all matters relating to the Acupan contract mining area and further recommending that all service contracts to be executed shall contain a provision for voluntary arbitration to address internal problem as regard the enforcement of the provisions of the service contracts;

**WHEREAS**, for the interest of both parties and with the aim of peacefully resolving the dispute, the above-mentioned recommendations are positively adopted;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, by virtue of the power vested in me as the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet, do hereby create and establish the Arbitration Panel in relation to the on-going and/or future disputes between ACMP Contractors and BCI, as follows:



**Section 1. Composition.** The Arbitration Panel shall be composed of the following:

Representative of the Municipal LGU of Itogon;  
Representative of the Barangay LGU of Virac;  
Representative of BCI;  
Representative of ACMP Contractors; and  
Representative of MGB – CAR



**Section 2. Duties and Functions.** The duties and functions of the Arbitration Panel are the following:

1. To explore the possibility of settlement between the protesting contractors and BCI that would resolve the contentious issues/ disputes between them without resorting to formal litigation;
2. To conduct hearing/consultation between the contending parties with the end-view of coming up with recommendations for amicable settlement;
3. Upon mutual consent by the parties, to adjudicate/arbitrate the contentious issues/disputes by the contending parties; and
4. To perform such other functions relevant to the resolution of the contentious issues/disputes between the parties.

**Section 3. Secretariat.** The Mayor's Office (MO) shall serve as the secretariat.

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

Issued this 26 SEP 2019 at Itogon, Benguet, Philippines.

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

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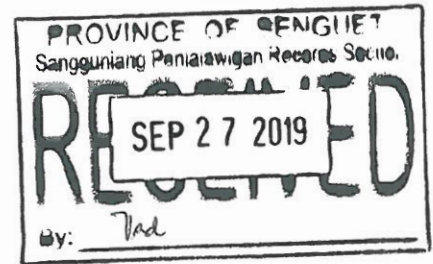




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September 27, 2019

**THE HONORABLE MEMBERS**  
**BENGUET SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
Benguet Provincial Capitol  
La Trinidad, Benguet



**Thru: ATTY. JOHNNY D. WAGUIS**  
Provincial Vice Governor

**Sirs;**

We would like to furnish you a copy of Executive Order Numbered 06, s.2019, "Establishing the Arbitration Panel in relation to the on-going and/or future disputes between Acupan Contract Mining Project (ACMP) Contractors and Benguet Corporation Incorporated (BCI)", issued by the Municipal Mayor, Atty. Victorio T. Palangdan, for your honor's proper information.

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. NOEL G. NGOLOB**  
Municipal Administrator



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