I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Memorandum dated March 16, 2020 of the Executive Secretary of the Office of the President regarding the “Community Quarantine Over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation” and Proclamation No. 929, “Declaring a State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines Due to Corona Virus Disease 2019,” the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) issued a Memorandum dated March 27, 2020 authorizing all MGB Regional Offices (MGB ROs) to allow mining companies to realign the unutilized funds of Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) to assist the host and neighboring communities, as well as the non-impact barangays in their respective localities, during the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine due to COVID-19.

The said realignment was the response of the mining industry to Republic Act (RA) No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act which expired on June 25, 2020. This is also to support the Government in addressing the problems it is now confronting, particularly on providing medical assistance and daily sustenance during this period. The support is through provisions of health/hygiene kits and distribution of food packs to households and frontliners in the host communities of the mining company and its neighboring areas in close coordination with the concerned LGUs.

The coverage period of the submission of data and accomplishments of MGB ROs started on April 02, 2020 up to August 01, 2020.

II. GUIDELINES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Implementing Guidelines

On April 01, 2020, the MGB released a Memorandum issuing the guidelines on the realignment of SDMP unutilized funds to support affected impact and non-impact communities due to COVID-19.

This includes the following:

- The SDMP refers to the programs for Development of Host and Neighboring Communities; Information, Education and Communication; and Development of Mining Technology and Geosciences;
- The unutilized SDMP fund pertains to the 2019 total unspent budget which was carried over to 2020 Annual SDMP (ASDMP) budget.
- The 2020 ASDMP budget shall be realigned with the approval of the MGB Regional Director concerned;
- The realigned fund shall be utilized on a staggered basis, i.e. 12-17% every week;
- All necessary documents for the accounting of the utilization of realigned SDMP fund, such as official receipts and proof of purchase of food and medical supplies and the like, shall be included in the quarterly accomplishment report to be submitted by the mining contractors/permit holders subject to monitoring of the MGB RO concerned; and
The Community Development Program (CDP) shall also be realigned following the abovementioned guidelines.

For transparency, efficient and timely response to the needs of the communities, all MGB ROs shall be given authority and responsibility to approve realignments of SDMP fund to programs/projects/activities (PPAs) deemed necessary to combat COVID-19. With this, the following shall be considered:

- All PPAs implemented shall be in accordance with the government’s program to augment the needs of affected communities;
- All PPAs shall be coordinated with the Local Government Units concerned and other agencies involved in providing support to affected communities; and
- A weekly accomplishment report shall be submitted to the Mine Safety, Environment and Social Development Division (MSESDD) for consolidation, copy furnished the Planning, Policy and International Affairs Division (PPIAD), every Wednesday. A consolidated report shall be submitted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) following the template attached to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary released by the Office of the President regarding the submission of report to Congress pursuant to RA No. 11469 or the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” dated March 31, 2020.

B. Summary of Accomplishments of SDMP Realignment

As of August 07, 2020, a total of PhP407,613,801.32 SDMP budget was realigned by mining companies to support affected impact and non-impact communities due to COVID-19. Out of this allocated budget, PhP380,103,607.48 was utilized to procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medical supplies, and to procure goods and supplies for the social amelioration measures in favor of the communities.

From the target beneficiaries of 255,894 frontliners/individuals, and 1,025,501 households/families; 297,491 frontliners/individuals and 1,099,090 households/families were served and reached out (Table 1).

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<th>Table 1. Summary of Accomplishments Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11469 or the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” (As of August 07, 2020)</th>
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<td><strong>Applicable power/authority</strong></td>
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<td>Section 4.k.1: Procurement of PPE and medical supplies; Section 4.k.2: Procurement of goods and supplies for the social amelioration measures in favor of the communities</td>
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**Section 4.k. Undertake the procurement of the following as the need arises, in the most expeditious manner, as exemptions from the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 or the “Government Procurement Reform Act” and other relevant laws:**

Section 4.k.1. Goods, which may include personal protective equipment such as gloves, gowns, masks, goggles, face shields; surgical equipment and supplies; laboratory equipment and its reagents; medical equipment and devices; support and maintenance for laboratory and medical equipment, surgical equipment and supplies; medical supplies, tools, and consumables such as alcohol, sanitizers, tissue, thermometers, hand soap, detergent, sodium hydrochloride, cleaning materials, povidone iodine, common medicines (e.g. paracetamol tablet and suspension, mefenamic acid, vitamins tablet and suspension, hyoscine tablet and suspension, oral rehydration solution, and cetirizine tablet and suspension); testing kits, and such other supplies or equipment as may be determined by the DOH and other relevant government agencies: Provided, That the DOH shall prioritize the allocation and distribution of the aforesaid goods, supplies and other resources to the following:

i. Public health facilities in the regions, provinces, or cities, that are designated as COVID-19 referral hospitals, such as, but not limited to, Philippine General Hospital, Lung Center of the Philippines, and Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital;

ii. Private hospitals which have existing capacities to provide support care and treatment to COVID-19 patients; and

iii. Public and private laboratories that have existing capacities to test suspected COVID-19 patients.

Section 4.k.2. Goods and services for social amelioration measures in favor of affected communities.

Two hundred six (206) mining contractors, permit holders, and ISAG permittees participated in this initiative (Table 2).

**Table 2. No. of Mining Contractors, Permit Holders, and ISAG Permittees who participated and realigned their SDMP Funds**

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>No. of Participating Mining Companies/Permit Holders/ ISAG Permittees</th>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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Among the fifteen (15) regions, Region 13 has the highest realigned budget amounting to PhP144,622,967.80, with PhP129,520,159.11 total expenditure from twenty (20) mining companies, as of August 07, 2020. This was followed by MIMAROPA Region, with total realigned budget of PhP56,308,350.38 and total expenditure of PhP54,952,973.01 from five (5) mining companies; and Region V with total realigned budget of PhP36,411,700.11 and expenditure amounting to PhP35,391,732.88 from five (5) mining companies (Table 3).
Table 3. Summary of SDMP Realignment and Expenditure per Region
(As of August 07, 2020)

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Total Realigned SDMP Budget</th>
<th>Total Expenditure</th>
<th>Percentage (%)</th>
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<td>2,959,426.64</td>
<td>3,154,192.28</td>
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<td>21,529,040.16</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>24,032,882.47</td>
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<td>12,224,338.27</td>
<td>12,604,748.45</td>
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<td>MIMAROPA</td>
<td>56,308,350.38</td>
<td>54,952,973.01</td>
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<td>36,411,700.11</td>
<td>35,391,732.88</td>
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<td>VI</td>
<td>6,882,519.35</td>
<td>6,373,727.85</td>
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<td>VII</td>
<td>28,557,247.17</td>
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<td>VIII</td>
<td>17,674,209.47</td>
<td>10,407,299.70</td>
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<td>XIII</td>
<td>144,622,967.80</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>407,613,801.32</td>
<td>380,103,607.48</td>
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Figure 1. SDMP Realigned Budget vs. Expenditure
(As of August 07, 2020)
Figure 2. Summary of SDMP Realignment and Expenditure per Region  
(As of August 07, 2020)

Table No. 4 shows the summary of the realigned unutilized SDMP budget and total actual expenditure of the companies per region. Some companies spent over their targeted budget through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in the amount of PhP26,210,102.04 to support affected communities due to COVID-19.

Table 4. Summary of SDMP Realignment and Expenditure per Company  
(As of August 07, 2020)
Summary of Accomplishment on Realignment of SDMP Unutilized Funds to Support Affected Impact and Non-Impact Communities due to COVID-19
<table>
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<th>Company Name</th>
<th>Amount (PHP)</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Apo Land and Quarry Corp. - Naga</td>
<td>405,000.00</td>
<td>2.81%</td>
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<td>Apo Land and Quarry Corp. - Uling</td>
<td>280,000.00</td>
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<td>Bohol Limestone Corporation</td>
<td>4,000,000.00</td>
<td>29.14%</td>
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<td>Carmen Copper Corporation</td>
<td>1,974,600.00</td>
<td>14.06%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dolorite Mining Corp.</td>
<td>1,300,000.00</td>
<td>9.41%</td>
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<td>Heirs of Arturo Zayo</td>
<td>11,659,000.00</td>
<td>84.37%</td>
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<td>IB Construction and Aggregates Inc.</td>
<td>7,947,500.00</td>
<td>56.45%</td>
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<td>Lazi Bay Resources Development Inc.</td>
<td>426,952.86</td>
<td>3.07%</td>
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<td>PMSC-Aldy</td>
<td>1,340,000.00</td>
<td>9.65%</td>
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<td>PMSC-Borok</td>
<td>2,156,618.00</td>
<td>15.82%</td>
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<td>Quary Ventures Phis., Inc.</td>
<td>783,153.21</td>
<td>5.63%</td>
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<td>Republic Cement &amp; Building Materials, Inc.</td>
<td>356,600.00</td>
<td>2.59%</td>
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<td>Solid Earth Development Corp.</td>
<td>628,000.00</td>
<td>4.60%</td>
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<td>TOTAL - RO VII</td>
<td>28,552,477.17</td>
<td>205.11%</td>
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**Summary of Accomplishment on Realignment of SDMP Unutilized Funds**

To Support Affected Impact and Non-Impact Communities due to COVID-19

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**Department of Environment and Natural Resources**

**Mines and Geosciences Bureau**

**Minerals Safety, Environment and Social Development Division**

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**VII**

Concrete Solutions, Inc.                                           282,720.00  50.00%
Bernardo O. Sanchez                                                80,250.00   50.00%
Myles Anthony Siao                                                 103,600.00  50.00%
Alvin G. Basco                                                      114,659.00  50.00%
Josepthon P. Echaves                                                160,000.00  50.00%
Rodolfo L. Servacio (Sogod, Southern Leyte)                        43,561.72   50.00%
Clarita C. Madalosano                                              88,301.35   50.00%
Conrado R. Villaflorensana                                         143,900.00  50.00%
Rodolfo M. Maez                                                     52,006.40   50.00%
Daryl Dexter L. Julio                                              372,484.00  35.00%
Heirs of Federico C. Paltad                                        274,625.00  35.00%
Rainer D. Mancera                                                  56,250.00   35.00%
Kapal Rock Industry Corp.                                          132,558.22  35.00%
Manuel A. Salazar                                                   73,416.00   35.00%
Pantaleon E. Larrazabal                                             106,042.65  35.00%
Caloisiona S. Catubig                                               71,402.07   35.00%
Adele A. Lagat                                                       94,013.00   35.00%
Hermiona A. Primer                                                  268,195.00  35.00%
Romero N. Villesea                                                  120,878.30  35.00%
RAS Construction                                                   150,672.50  35.00%
Ronald G. Ortega                                                   92,787.95   35.00%
Luz G. Ortega                                                       139,741.40  35.00%
Marc S. Echavare                                                    74,250.00   35.00%
Majestic Earth Care Ventures, Inc.                                 65,975.00   35.00%
Chromiteking, Inc. - Techiron Resources, Inc.                      4,839,994.75| 35.00%
Emir Mineral Resources Corporation                                 4,850,519.00| 35.00%
Alsinima Mining Phis., Inc.                                        3,000,000.00| 35.00%
Bautel Resources, Inc.                                             3,500,000.00| 35.00%
Hinatuan Mining Corporation                                       3,019,073.00| 35.00%
Strongbuilt Mining Development Corporation                        20,000.00   35.00%
TOTAL - RO VIII                                                   17,674,209.47| 35.00%

**IX**

TVJ Resource Phis., Inc. - Balbalag Project                       7,494,529.00| 35.00%
Atro Mining Vitali Inc.                                            822,000.00   35.00%
EP Inner Arc Alicia                                                35,000.00    35.00%
ISAG Noel Remarana                                                 114,000.00   35.00%
ISAG Pampal O. Triamulho                                          90,000.00    35.00%
ISAG Nil A. Gubu                                                   162,997.10   35.00%
ISAG of Montano Construction & Development Corp.                   110,000.00   35.00%
ISAG Danilo G. Flarayo                                            100,000.00   35.00%
ISAG Kenneth V. Ubante                                            60,000.00    35.00%
ISAG Elvira D. Tan                                                 55,000.00    35.00%
ISAG Diane Cecilia Yu                                              49,000.00    35.00%
ISAG Francisco Leaurique                                           45,369.00    35.00%
ISAG Cayetano E. Bollan &n#38;III                                   38,500.00    35.00%
ISAG Tessie T. Yu                                                   50,000.00    35.00%
ISAG Mark Lloyd Bayawan                                            35,000.00    35.00%
ISAG Alvin Perez                                                    30,000.00    35.00%
ISAG of Ryan Vincent Adace                                          15,000.00    35.00%
TOTAL - RO IX                                                      9,329,580.00| 35.00%

**X**

Holcim Resources & Development Corporation - Lupat               310,260.55   66.66%
Republic Cement Ilagan, Inc.                                      121,397.25   66.66%
Republic Cement Mindanao, Inc.                                    8,710.00     66.66%
Maria Cristina Chemical Industries Corporation                   20,000.00    66.66%
WHK Manufacturing & Trading Corp.                                89,962.10    66.66%
Animas Bros. Construction Corp.                                  75,000.00    66.66%
Bai Aggregates                                                    32,000.00    66.66%
Basoy Minecorposs Corporation                                     50,000.00    66.66%
Carnio P. C. Talico                                                110,000.00   66.66%
Equis Motion & General Merchandise                               55,669.40    66.66%
Ferdinand H. Udarvez                                               46,129.22    66.66%
Gravelden Aggregates, Inc.                                       146,410.00   66.66%
Mindanao Rock                                                     60,000.00    66.66%
MIE Aggregates                                                    29,500.00    66.66%
Dra NOA Enterprises Corp.                                        330,000.00   66.66%
Ricky Crushing Plant                                              8,000.00     66.66%
TOTAL - RO X                                                       1,962,599.30| 66.66%

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Summary of Accomplishment on Realignment of SDMP Unutilized Funds to Support Affected Impact and Non-Impact Communities due to COVID-19
Below are the major PPAs implemented to assist the host and neighboring communities, as well as the non-impact barangays in their respective localities, during the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine due to COVID-19.

- Distribution of about 91,722 sacks of rice to the communities;
- Distribution of 385,704 relief packs and goods, 6,129 boxes of medicines, and 1,614 essential (hygiene and medical) kits;
- Procurement and distribution of 10,853 PPE, 194,384 face masks, 4,782 face shields, 3,178 gallons of alcohol, 1,667 gallons of disinfectant and other cleaning supplies, and 3,918 units of other medical supplies such as thermal scanners, foot baths, disinfectant mats and foot press non-contact alcohol dispensers;
- Support to the establishment of COVID-19 testing center and procurement of about 17,010 rapid test kits;
- Food assistance and provision of PPE to frontliners such as health workers and checkpoints personnel;
- Assistance to Indigenous People (IPs), senior citizens, solo parents and other vulnerable sectors;
- Assistance to rescue personnel and volunteers;
- Construction of isolation units for communities;
- Assistance in the conduct of community disinfection;
- Establishment of two (2) Molecular Technology Laboratories (one in Caraga Region; and one in Bicol Region);
- Provision and establishment of checkpoint tents for the provincial and municipal LGUs implementing checkpoints;
- Assistance to Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs); and
- Provision of cash and financial assistance to affected workers, partner barangays manning Barangay Isolation Units (BIUs), community members and frontliners.
III. Issues Encountered during the Implementation

Below are the consolidated issues reported by the mining companies during their implementation:

1. Difficulty in the procurement of goods and supplies
   a. Access to suppliers are restricted due to lockdown.
   b. Local supplies in the provinces are no longer available. There was shortage and limit per purchase.
   c. Delayed arrival/delivery of goods is also hampered due to various checkpoints.
   d. Limited supply of any immediate needs such as food essential, rice and PPE.
   e. Difficulty to purchase due to cash bases only.
   f. Shortage of relief goods and scarcity of supplies.
   g. High demand of food supplies.
   h. Limited manpower to process the procurement and distribution.

2. Difficulty in the distribution
   a. Transportation and mobilization is hard because of different policies of areas for boundary pass.
   b. Unavailability/lack of manpower because of the implementation of enhanced community quarantine.
   c. Longer time/days in distribution because it is house-to-house and due to curfew hours.
   d. Difficulty in transporting supplies due to limited number of vehicles allowed to travel.
   e. Safety in the distribution of relief goods, i.e. security of the area, military clearance
   f. Difficulty on the observance of social distancing during information dissemination and relief distribution.

3. Other issues:
   a. Difficulty in identifying the poorest as everyone wants to receive assistance.
   b. Barangay officials’ insistence in providing cash instead of in-kind relief.
   c. Resistance of some mining communities, barangay officials in extending assistance to the whole province.
   d. Restricted mobility of the people in the community due to lockdown.
   e. Difficulty to secure documents for request of realignment of community development projects and convene and prepare barangay resolutions
   f. Delayed arrival of the PPE and medical supplies
   g. Delay in the delivery of grocery items due to Typhoon.
   h. Limited financial resources to serve the general population.