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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **All Regional Directors**
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : **The Acting Director**
This Office

SUBJECT : **Realignment of Social Development and Management Program's Unutilized Funds to Support Affected Impact and Non-Impact Communities due to COVID-19**

DATE : 27 March 2020

In the interest of public service and pursuant to the Memorandum dated March 16, 2020 of the Executive Secretary of the Office of the President in re: "*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,*" be informed that all Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Offices (MGB RO) are hereby authorized to allow mining companies to re-align the unutilized funds of Social Development and Management Program 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. This is in accordance with Section 136-E of Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order No. 2010-21, the Consolidated Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995."

Mining companies shall prepare a schedule of the utilization of the re-aligned budget until the threat of COVID-19 is gone. This shall be included in the quarterly accomplishment reports to be submitted by mining companies subject to monitoring of the MGB RO concerned.

For compliance.

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