MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Directors
      Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : The Acting Director
       This Office

SUBJECT : Establishment of Bamboo Plantation in Mining Areas

DATE : June 11, 2020

This refers to the new instruction of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regarding the establishment of bamboo plantation in the contract/permit areas of Contractors/Permittees/Permit Holders.

It may be recalled that a Memorandum dated September 10, 2019 of this Office was forwarded to all Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Offices in connection with the instruction of the Honorable Secretary Roy A. Cimatu of the DENR to establish and maintain bamboo plantation equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the mined-out areas of Contractors/Permittees/Permit Holders.

Please be informed that the new instruction of the DENR regarding the commitment to the Bamboo Plantation Program of the Mining Sector is in line with the recovery of the economy in post COVID-19.

In this regard, all Contractors/Permittees/Permit Holders are instructed to establish an additional bamboo plantation equivalent to ten percent (10%) of their declared final mining area to bring the total target bamboo plantation area to at least twenty percent (20%).

For Contractors/Permittees/Permit Holders without mined-out area yet for rehabilitation, an offset bamboo plantation outside its contract/permit areas shall be considered based on the following conditions:

1. The offset bamboo plantation shall be covered with a Memorandum of Agreement by and between the mining company concerned and private land owners/people’s organizations in order to ensure that mining companies will monitor the growth of bamboo species planted with corresponding appropriate measures implemented; and

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2. The offset bamboo plantation area shall not be covered by existing Expanded National Greening Program (ENGP) or any projects/programs of the DENR or any non-government organizations.

In view thereof, please submit the target area to be committed by Contractors/Permittees/Permit Holders for the establishment of the said bamboo plantation. The target areas will be reported immediately to Secretary Cimatu today, June 11, 2020.

For compliance,

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