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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 2020- 03**

**FOR : THE PRESIDENT**  
All Mining Tenement Contractors/Operators/Permit Holders within CARAGA Region

**FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
This Bureau

**SUBJECT : TEMPORARY GUIDELINES IN STOCKS VALIDATION OF MINERALS / MINERAL PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

In line with the Proclamation No. 922 by the President of the Philippines in re: *Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines*, in connection with the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) and relative to Executive Order (EO) No. 20-009<sup>1</sup> of the Province of Surigao del Norte, the following guidelines/measures are hereby promulgated and issued for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office (RO) No. XIII is temporarily suspending the conduct of on-site validation for Bulk Ores, Mineral Products and/or By-products.
2. The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall conduct the stocks validation of Bulk Ores, Mineral Products and/or By-products with corresponding stamp date and time, for and on behalf of MGB RO No. XIII, and shall record the entire validation process. The following shall be considered in the validation process:

a. Bulk Ores:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall conduct the volumetric survey and actual sampling of bulk ore per ore classification.



<sup>1</sup> "AN ORDER RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENTRY AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN MAINLAND SURIGAO"

b. Mineral Products and By-Products:

i. For Gold/Silver Bullion:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall conduct the in-house calibration; checking of bar numbers, box numbers, and seal numbers; drilling of bullions subject for sampling and recording/scaling of the drill samples; weighing of the bullions; sealing of the boxes; and weighing of the boxes containing the bullions as well as the drill samples.

ii. For Nickel-Cobalt (Ni-Co) Mixed Sulfide (MS) Concentrate:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall conduct the examination and counting of the Ni-Co MS bags; the weighing of 25 randomly-selected Ni-Co MS bags; and actual sampling of Ni-Co MS Concentrate.

iii. For Scandium Oxalate Hydrate:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall weigh the pails containing Scandium Oxalate Hydrate and the actual sampling of Scandium Oxalate Hydrate.

3. The video recordings and following pertinent documents shall be submitted to MGB RO No. XIII through a Compact Disc / Flash Drive and/or via the official email address of MGB RO No. XIII – [info@mgb13.ph](mailto:info@mgb13.ph), to wit:

a. Bulk Ores:

1. Ore Stockpile Inventory;
2. Copy of Official Receipt for the payment of Validation Fee
3. Volumetric survey showing the location of each stockpile with corresponding tonnage, volume, grade and ore class; and
4. Geo-tagged photos.

b. Mineral Products and By-Products:

i. For Gold/Silver Bullion

1. Packing List;
2. Commercial Invoice;
3. Gold/Silver Validation Form;
4. Copy of Official Receipt for the payment of Validation Fee;





5. Bullion Specifications; and
6. Geo-tagged photos.

ii. For Nickel-Cobalt (Ni-Co) Mixed Sulfide:

1. Master list;
2. Stockpile Inventory Report;
3. Copy of Official Receipt for the payment of Validation Fee;
4. Stockpile Validation Form; and
5. Geo-tagged photos.

iii. For Scandium Oxalate Hydrate:

1. Copy of Official Receipt for the payment of Validation Fee;
2. Stockpile Validation Form;
3. Packing List; and
4. Geo-tagged photos.

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall submit the said documents **within one (1) day** after the conduct of stocks validation, so that the MGB RO No. XIII personnel will be able to draft the pertinent Report as a mandatory requirement in the issuance of Ore Transport Permit and Mineral Ore Export Permit (MOEP).

4. In addition, the Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall submit the representative samples of Bulk Ores, Mineral Products and By-Products to MGB RO No. XIII together with the above documents:

a. Bulk Ores:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall submit a minimum of five (5) samples for each ore classification (Saprolite and Limonite). Each sample should weigh at least two (2) kilograms.

b. Mineral Products and By-Products

i. For Gold/Silver Bullion:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall submit samples weighing at least one (1) gram for drill samples and two (2) grams for pin tube sample per bullion. The number of bullions subject for sampling should be 1/3 of the total number of bullions validated.



ii. For Ni-Co Mixed Sulfide:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall submit a representative sample of approximately 20 grams from one (1) Ni-Co Mixed Sulfide bag.

iii. For Scandium Oxalate Hydrate:

The Mining Tenement Contractor(s)/Operator(s)/Permit Holder(s) shall submit a representative sample of approximately two (2) grams from a newly produced Scandium Oxalate Hydrate.

However, this Regional Memorandum (RM) is only temporary until the Proclamation No. 922 and other issued Executive Orders relative to COVID-19 are lifted, and other provision of the guidelines for the Issuance of MOEP provided in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 2018-20<sup>2</sup>, DENR Memorandum Order No. 2008-04<sup>3</sup> and RM Order No. 2018-02<sup>4</sup> shall remain in effect accordingly.

For strict compliance.



GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

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<sup>2</sup> "ISSUANCE OF MINERAL ORE EXPORT PERMIT FOR TRANSPORT SHIPMENT OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES"

<sup>3</sup> "CLARIFICATORY GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2008-20 IN RE: MINERAL ORE EXPORT PERMIT"

<sup>4</sup> "GUIDELINES IN UMPIRING / MONITORING OF MINERALS / MINERAL PRODUCTS SHIPMENTS"