

MGB X1 ACCOMPLISH 91 % OF ITS TARGET ON THE USE IT, LOSE IT POLICY OF THE DENR

Last year DENR issued Department Memorandum Order 2010-04 on the Reforms in the Mining Tenement System or the “Use it, or Lose it Policy” that enjoined the Regional Offices of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau to cleanse mining applications that are non-moving or does not comply with the requirements. The requirements include compliance with the periods prescribed such as:

- To complete and submit proof of posting, publication, and radio announcement requirement within one (1) year from the acceptance of the application;
- To complete and submit certification of project presentation/ consultation with all the Sanggunian (Barangay, Bayan, Panlalawigan) concerned within two (2) years from acceptance of the application;
- To secure and submit the Certification Precondition as proof of compliance to the NCIP Free and Prior Informed Consent Process within three (3) years from the MGB’s letter endorsement to NCIP.

The result of the DENR - MGB Region X1 implementation of the “Use it, Lose it Policy” resulted in the issuance of 127 Order of Denials to Exploration Permit and Mineral Production Sharing Agreement Applications and 27 mining applications endorsed to MGB-Central Office for approval. This figure represent a 91 % accomplishment of the region. Majority of the mining applications denied were Exploration Permit applications while about 19 % were Applications for Mineral Production Sharing Agreements.