

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 Series of 2024

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REORGANIZING THE PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD (PMRB) OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7076 also known as an Act Creating People's Small Scale Mining Act of 1991, directs the creation of the Provincial/City Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) and designated the PMRB as the implementing agency of the said Act.

WHEREAS, Provincial Ordinance No. 021-2011, otherwise known as the Revised Revenue Code of 2011, as amended, created the PMRB of Oriental Mindoro.

WHEREAS, on 4 March 2022, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) promulgated Department Administrative Order No. 2022-03 issued Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7076;

WHEREAS, the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Mining Regulatory Board was created to carry out the provision of the Provincial Revenue Code;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize the existing Provincial Mining Regulatory Board to conform with the standards and parameters duly prescribed by the applicable mining laws and issuances:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MIPA, Ph.D., by the virtue of the powers vested in me as Provincial Governor of Oriental Mindoro by Section 465 (b)(2)(iii) Article One, Chapter Three, Title Four, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, do hereby promulgate this Executive Order, as follows:

**Section 1. Reorganization.** The Provincial Mining Regulatory Board is hereby reorganized to be composed of the following;

Chairperson

DIR. FELIZARDO A. GACAD, JR.

Regional Director of DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau 4B

MIMAROPA (or his duly authorized representative)

Members

ATTY. EARL LIGORIO R. TURANO II

Governor's Representative/ Provincial Legal Officer

MR. ARNOLD R. VARGAS

Representative, Small Scale Mining Sector

MR. ENGR. KELVIN D. CAMACHO

Representative, Large-Scale Mining Sector

MR. JEROME C. PANED

Representative, Non-Government Environmental Organization

**Section 2. Functions**. The Provincial Mining Regulatory Board shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Declares and segregates existing gold-rich areas for small scale mining;
- b. Declares, segregates and reserves for the future, mineralized areas/mineral lands as Minahang Bayan;

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- c. Evaluates and approves Potential Environmental Impact Management Plan, Community Development and Management Plan, Annual Safety and Health Program;
- d. Awards and registers Small-scale Mining Contracts and Mineral Processing License;
- e. Formulate its own guidelines and implements rules and regulations related to RA No. 7076;
- f. Settles disputes, conflicts or litigations over conflicting claims within a people's small-scale mining area;
- g. Suspends, cancels and revokes for a cause after due process Small Scale Mining Contracts and Mineral Processor's License:
- h. Submit to the Department and the Bureau of a comprehensive Annual Accomplishment Report of the overall operation of the *Minahang Bayan*; and
- i. Perform any other functions as may be necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of R A No. 7076.

**Section 3. Secretariat.** The Provincial Legal Office and the Provincial Government - ENRO shall provide secretariat services to the PMRB;

**Section 4. Meetings.** The Provincial Mining Regulatory Board shall meet every quarter of the year or as often as necessary;

**Section 6. Honorarium.** The chairperson, members, and secretariat of the Board shall receive honorarium based on meetings attended at the rate prescribed by pertinent laws subject to existing accounting and auditing procedures.

**Section 7. Funding.** Funding for operations and activities of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board shall be sourced from the budget of the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro.

**Section 8. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected shall remain valid and in full force.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**DONE IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO,** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

HUMBRLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph.D. Provincial Governor