

Assessment of the Social Development and Management Program of the Top Mining Companies in Luzon Group of Island Philippines

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ABSTRACT

The Philippine government, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), has established the Republic Act No. 7942, 'or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995. Through its Consolidated Administrative Order No. 2010-21, specifically, in Chapter XIV, 'Development of Mining Communities, Sciences and Mining Technology' it is stated there that "The Contractor/Permit Holder/Lessee shall assist in the development of the host and neighboring communities in accordance with its SDMP to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants living there in'. The Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) is mandated to be implemented by all operating mining/quarrying companies to promote self-reliant and resource-based communities capable of implementing and managing their own development programs. Since its implementation in 2011, it was noted that there are inconsistencies in the post-evaluation of the Program. Thus, this research attempts to provide the necessary framework and recommendations to help establish the impact assessment of the just completed Program and eventually improve the existing implementation of SDMP of mining companies. The concurrent triangulation mixed-methods research design shall be utilized wherein both the qualitative and quantitative approaches are to be undertaken. Survey questionnaires to be administered to an estimated 376 respondents from the host communities during site visits. In addition, the guided interview questionnaire is to be employed for Community Relations Officer from the top (5) mining/quarrying companies and various community representatives in Luzon. A focused group discussion shall be conducted to further contribute to the deeper assessment of the data coming from selected respondents.

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