

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1654, December 14, 1979**]

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1281 REVISING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 136, CREATING THE BUREAU OF MINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is a need to change the name of the Bureau of Mines to make it responsive to the multi-varied functions invested under Presidential Decree No. 1281; and

WHEREAS, there are other functions which should be included in the existing Presidential Decree No. 1281 to enable the Bureau of Mines to administratively function smoothly and efficiently.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 1281 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"SEC. 2. The name "Bureau of Mines" is hereby changed to "Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences", and shall be headed by a Director and an Assistant Director, both of whom shall be appointed by the President.

"No person shall be appointed Director or Assistant Director of the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences unless he is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines, at least 30 years of age, and shall be of recognized competence, particularly in the fields of mining engineering, geology, geodetic engineering, metallurgy, management, law, economics, or any field related to the development of mineral resources."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1281 is hereby amended by changing paragraph (s) thereof and by adding paragraphs (t) and (u) and as changed and added to read, as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences shall have the following functions and powers, to wit:

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"s.) To require mining lessees/operators to include in their annual program of work submitted to the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences for the approval of the Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences the extent of the research and development projects to be undertaken by them on their mining claims and to monitor the implementation thereof to the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences;

"t.) To require mining permittees, lessees or operators to submit to the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences samples of their mineral products together with a complete analysis of the same; and