

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6428, May 31, 1972]

AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR BY REORGANIZING THE METALS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, GIVING IT CORPORATE EXISTENCE, ENLARGING ITS POWERS, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section One of Republic Act Numbered Forty-seven hundred twenty-four is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*—It is hereby declared a national policy to develop and expand the metals industry of the country by maintaining close coordination with the private sector in putting up a non-profit research and technological institution to provide both the government and the private sector with professional management and technical expertise on such vital activities for the development of the industry as training of engineers and technicians, information exchange, trade accreditation service, quality control and testing of metal products, research and business economics advisory services.

In coordination with other entities, it shall extend technological services to existing metalcraft industries in the rural areas to improve their capability and promote their development. It shall also initiate the establishment, whenever feasible, of metalcraft industries in these areas for their economic and social uplift.

SEC. 2. Section two of Republic Act Numbered Forty Seven Hundred Twenty-Four is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.*—As used in this Act, the term:

- a. "Metals industry" shall refer to the manufacture from ore materials of products of all precious, base and rare metals and their alloys, including all processes from smelting in direct and indirect reduction furnaces to the final finished product state, either separately or part of an integrated process, namely: the production of bullion, pig iron, steel ingots, billets, pellets, blooms, skelps, slabs or bars, and rolling and/or processing into basic forms such as sheets, plates, strips, tubes, conduits, pipes, rails, rods, tinplates and the like, and the rough castings, forgings, and extrusions and the final processing, manufacture, fabrication, and/or assembly into finished metal products such as power generating machinery, agricultural machinery, and implements, office machinery, metal working

machinery, mining construction, and all other industrial machinery, and machine parts and accessories; electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances such as generators, transformers, motors and the like, and their metal parts and accessories; transport equipment such as railway locomotives and cars, passenger road motor vehicles, motorcycles, trucks, lorries, bicycles and other cycles, aircraft, ships and boats and their metal parts and accessories; and various metal manufacture such as railway construction accessories, wires, tubes and fittings, firearms, wire netting and the like, nails, bolts, and similar articles, needles and pins, safes, hand tools and implements, tools, dies and molds, household utensils, forks and spoons and cutlery, hardwares and metals, metal containers for transport and storage, and other miscellaneous manufactured articles of base, precious and rare metals and their alloys;

- b. "Allied industries" shall refer to such industries as the coal and coke and the refractory industries, the principal manufactured products of which are consumed or used by the metals industries in processing of metallic raw materials into finished or semi-finished products;
- c. "Center" shall mean the Metals Industry Research and Development Center;
- d. "Private sector" shall mean those private entities or individual engaged in metals and allied industries as herein defined;
- e. "Board shall refer to the Board of Trustees of the Metals Industry Research and Development Center.

SEC. 3. Section three of, the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. *Fund to carry out provisions of this Act.*— Pursuant to the national policy enunciated in Section one of this Act, there is hereby established a special fund to be known as the Metals Industry Research and Development Fund, consisting of government contributions, as provided in this section, the private sector contribution as provided in section Seven hereof, and the reasonable fees and charges that may be collected for services rendered by the Center. The sum of two million five hundred thousand pesos is hereby appropriated upon the approval of this Act out of the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated and two million five hundred thousand pesos shall be appropriated annually thereafter as the government contribution to the said fund: *Provided*, That any unexpended balance thereof shall not revert to the general fund. The National Science Development Board shall also allot such sums as may be required by the needs of the Center out of the proceeds of the Special Science Fund.

SEC. 4. Section Four of Republic Act Numbered Forty Seven Hundred Twenty-Four is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *Establishment of Metals Industry Research and Development Center.*—There is hereby established a non-stocky non-profit corporate entity to be known as the Metals Industry Research and Development Center which shall have the general powers set out in Section Thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen Hundred Fifty-Nine as amended.

The administration of said Center and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees organized under this Act. The Center shall undertake the following activities for which it may collect reasonable fees and charges:

a. Business Economics Advisory Services:

1. To provide management advisory services to industrial firms to help increase their operational and financial efficiency;
2. To render consultation services in the preparation of feasibility studies for new projects for the metals industry;
3. To provide a periodic analysis of the economic status of the industry and its component sectors as a guide for policy determination by the government and as an individual framework for financial institutions;
4. To serve as liaison between the private sector and the government agencies implementing industrial policies to provide close rapport required for the successful development of the metals and allied industries; and
5. To provide computer services, including: the preparation of computer programs for operations research type of applications to the metals industry.

b. Training, Information Exchange and Accreditation Service;

1. To operate an information exchange center to gather and disseminate information on recent economic and technological developments, both local and foreign, that are of interest to the industry;
2. To assemble and maintain an up-to-date library on metals economics and technology;
3. To collect information and statistics for preparation of comprehensive and up-to-date industry studies;
4. To maintain, in consultation with the Department of Education and with appropriate existing government agencies and training institutions an effective training program for engineers, technicians and craftsmen to cope with the manpower requirements of metal plants and metal fabrication industries ;
5. To correlate studies on the various sectors of the metals and allied industries a basis for formulating a development program and a framework for investment to induce the rapid and systematic growth of the industry;
6. To design, develop, and implement a system of accreditation for skilled laborers, technicians and engineers who have attained a degree of experience or proficiency in the various fields of specialization in the metals and allied industries.

c. Control and Testing of Metal Products:

1. To determine and recommend appropriate standards for the metals and allied industries to protect consumers and end-users and to enable local producers to attain quality that will meet international standards;
2. To study, recommend and provide upon request suitable production methods that private industry may adopt to improve quality and to