

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 399, February 03, 1997]

ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL MINERAL INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote the efficient management of the environment and ecology in the exploration, development and utilization of the country's mineral resources to ensure sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the participation of the mining groups and companies are critical to enhance and sustain the government's efforts to foster efficient environmental management in the mining sector;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the private sector's initiatives and exemplary achievements in the protection of the environment and ecology in the mining sector, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has recommended the granting of Presidential Award for such undertakings to further promote private sector participation and enhance public awareness on the protection of the environment and ecology;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Establishment of the Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award. There is hereby established the Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award to recognize the exemplary efforts of the mining groups and companies in the country in achieving environmentally and socially responsible mining operations.

SEC. 2. Categories of the Award . The Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award shall be conferred every year on deserving groups and/or companies engaged in mining activities in the country under the following categories: mineral exploration; quarry operation; surface mining operation; underground mining operation; mineral processing; and research and development.

SEC. 3. Eligible Participants. All mining companies whether involved in exploration or active surface or underground mining and quarry operations in the country for at least a year at the time of the selection, may qualify for the Award.

SEC. 4. Form of Award. The Award shall be in the form of a Presidential Plaque of Commendation containing the citation and signature of the President.

SEC. 5. Design Specifications. The National Historical Institute of the Presidential Commission on Culture and the Arts shall prescribe the design specifications of the plaque.

SEC. 6. Selection Criteria . The criteria and selection mechanics for the Award shall be formulated by the Selection Committee which is also herein created. Such