

EMB-13, 25 mining firms in Caraga Region ink for MMT-MOA

Butuan City—Environmental Management Bureau CARAGA (EMB-13) forged a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the creation of Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT) with twenty-five (25) mining industries in Caraga Region on January 31, 2017.

The MOA signing ceremony is a move consistent with the effort of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in rationalizing the implementation of Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System (PEISS-PD 1586) and Philippine Mining Act of 1995 (RA 7942), respectively. Through MOA, the MMT composing of various stakeholders in the locality where the mines are operated including EMB-13, Mines and Geosciences Bureau CARAGA (MGB-13) and other relevant government agencies shall now be defined and established mainly for the monitoring of the firms' compliance to environmental laws specifically conditions set under the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

EMB-13 being the forefront in the establishment of MMT along with other important requirements of law and rules for the corresponding issuance of ECC, strongly pushed in convening the identified mining industries and other stakeholders in the region.

In a statement of EMB-13 Regional Director Wilson R. Trajeco, he stressed, “as mandated by DENR, the office was able to come up with a formula, and that is, social justice plus development will equate to environmental integrity, in consonance to the developmental vision of Sec. Regina Paz L. Lopez”. He however emphasized that the Regional Office intends to measure the sustainability of companies following the agency's vision.

Regional Director of MGB 13, Engr. Roger A. de Dios also graced the occasion and served as witness to the signing of said MOA. On the other hand, finalization of the MMT Work and Financial Plan also took place.



RD Wilson L. Trajeco with RD Roger A. de Dios and representatives of the twenty-five (25) mining firms in Caraga Region during the signing ceremony of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the creation of Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT) on January 31, 2017 at EMB-13 Conference Room in Butuan City.