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April 23, 2015

MR. MUHAMMAD JAMIL GAMUTAN, AL HADJ
 President
Jabal Development Mining, Inc.
 #7 Santos Street
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Dear Mr. Muhammad J. Gamutan, Al Hadj:

This refers to your Letter dated January 8, 2015 to *Hon. Elisea G. Gozun*, Secretary of IETI Philippines, copy furnished the Presidential Action Center, Office of President of the Philippines, requesting for the status of the application for Exploration Permit of Jabal Development Mining, Inc. denominated as EXPA-010-XII-96.

The said Letter was referred to this Office thru the Memorandum dated March 24, 2015 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Chief of Staff, for appropriate action.

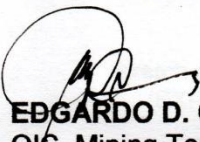
Our final evaluation of the subject application shows that the applied area covering 5,068.41 hectares situated in Pigkawayan and Libungan, Cotabato was found to be partially situated within the 1). Strategic Agriculture and Fisheries Development Zone (SAFDZ), particularly within Layer 1: Strategic Crop Sub-Development Zone, and 2). Critical Watershed. These areas are closed to mining applications pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Executive Order No. 79. As such, your applied area has been reduced to approximately 1,950.2204 hectares.

In view thereof, we are providing the pertinent Sketch Plan showing the extent of the conflict of the applied area with the No-Go Zone, with the advice that any comment on the matter should be submitted to this Office within 15 days from receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

For the Director:


EDGARDO D. CASTILLO
 OIC, Mining Tenements Management Division

Encl.: as stated

c.c **The Presidential Staff Officer IV**
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