

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1902, February 07, 1984]

FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DECREE OF 1974", AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREES NUMBERED 1385 AND 1677.

WHEREAS, efforts of the Government to accelerate the development of our natural resources have been delayed by restrictions and limitations of time in meeting the requirements of the laws and rules in securing clearances and permits to undertake early mining operations;

WHEREAS, in order to help alleviate the present plight of the mining operators and boost early exploitation of their concessions, the laws and rules governing the submission of certain requirements should be liberalized, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the mining industry, and pursuant to the policy of the Government to grant incentives to the industry in order to accelerate mineral production, it is desirable to grant sufficient time for submission of the requirements to make it more responsive to the needs of the mining industry.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25 of Presidential Decree No. 463, as amended by Section 14 of Presidential Decree No. 1385 and Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 1677, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. Group Development.—The claimowner/ lessee may concentrate all the annual work obligations on any one or more of several contiguous or geologically related mining claims in one province, if it can be shown to the Director that such concentration of work will be most advantageous and beneficial in the development and operation of said mining claims: Provided, That any expenditure in excess of the minimum amount required for work obligations per hectare may be carried forward and credited to the work obligations of the group claims for the succeeding year or years subject to field verification by the Bureau: Provided, further, That if the expenditure incurred for any claim is less than that required in any year, the difference shall be paid and accrue to the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences to be used exclusively for the purposes mentioned in Section 95 of the Decree."

SEC. 2. Section 27 of Presidential Decree No. 463, as amended by Section 15 of Presidential Decree No. 1385 and Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 1677, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 27. Annual Work Obligations.—The claim-owner/lessee shall submit proof of compliance with the annual work obligations by filing an affidavit therefore and the statement of expenditures and technical report in the prescribed form in support thereof with the Mines Regional Officer concerned within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the end of the