

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4724, June 18, 1966]

AN ACT TO DEVELOP THE METALS INDUSTRY OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING THE METALS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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 organization 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.

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.*—As used in this Act, the following shall be understood to mean: (a) The term "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 or indirect reduction furnaces to the final finished product state, either separately or part of an integrated process namely: the production of bullion, pig ingots, billits, pellets, blooms, skelps, slabs or bars, and rolling and/or processing into basic forms such as sheets, plates, stripes, 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, transformer, 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 manufactures 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 by the metals industries in the processing of metallic raw materials into finished or

semi-finished products.

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 Development Fund, consisting, of government contribution in the amount of seven million five hundred thousand pesos, the private sector contribution as provided in section 7 hereof, and the reasonable fees and charges that may be collected for services rendered by the Metals Industry Development Center. For this purpose, the sum of one million five hundred thousand pesos is hereby authorized to be appropriated upon the approval of this Act out of the funds of the national treasury not otherwise appropriated and one million pesos annually thereafter for a period of six years as the government contribution to the said fund: *Provided*, That any unexpended balance thereof shall not revert to the general fund.

SEC. 4. *Establishment of Metals Industry Development Center.*—There is hereby established a Metals Industry Development Center, organized jointly by and with the support of the government and private sectors as a nonprofit institution, to undertake the following activities:

a. *Business economics advisory services:*

1. To provide management 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 and allied 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 a successful development for the metal 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, an effective training; program for engineers, technicians and craftsmen to cope with the immediate manpower requirements of metal plant and metal fabrication industries;
5. To correlate all studies made on the various sectors of the metals and allied industries as a basis for constructing; a development program and