

**[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2000-61,
July 25, 2000]**

AMENDMENT TO DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 99-57, ENTITLED "AMENDMENTS TO DAO NO. 96-40 OR THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995'"

Pursuant to Section 8 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, Section 275 of Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 96-40 and in line with the policy of the Government to continuously provide for a responsive regulatory framework, Section 12 of DAO No. 99-57 entitled "Amendments to DAO No. 96-40 or the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, Otherwise Known as the 'Philippine Mining Act of 1995'", is hereby revised to read as follows:

SECTION 12. Section 69 (General Provisions) is hereby amended, to read as follows:

Quarry, sand and gravel, guano and gemstone resources in private and/or public lands may be extracted, removed, disposed and/or utilized: Provided, That in large-scale quarry operations involving cement raw materials, marble, granite and sand and gravel and construction aggregates, any Qualified Person may apply for a Mineral Agreement subject to the provisions of Chapter VI of these implementing rules and regulations: Provided, further, That a large-scale quarry operation, including a sand and gravel operation, during the Development/Construction/Operating Period under a Mineral Agreement, shall involve a mechanized operation and a final mining area not exceeding the following:

For sand and gravel	Individual Corporation/Partnership/Association/Cooperative	Twenty (20) hectares Fifty (50) hectares
For marble, granite and construction aggregates	Individual Corporation/Partnership/Association/Cooperative	Fifty (50) hectares One hundred (100) hectares
For cement raw	Individual Corporation/ Partnership/ Association/Cooperative	Five hundred