

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 469, October 11, 2005]

**CREATING THE MINERALS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

WHEREAS, Sec. 2 Art. XII of the Constitution provides that the State owns, and has full control and supervision over all natural resources;

WHEREAS, to be more effective in the development and utilization of natural resources, there is a need to mobilize the entire government bureaucracy to support, enhance and strengthen the operations and programs relative to minerals development;

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book II of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation. There is hereby created a Minerals Development Council (MDC) under the Office of the President that shall have the primary responsibility of advancing the government policy of responsible and sustainable development of the State's minerals resources.

SECTION 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the following:

Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Chairman
Presidential Adviser for Multilateral Development - Vice
Chairman
Department of the Interior and Local Government - Member
Department of Finance - Member
National Economic Development Authority - Member
Department of Trade and Industry - Member
Department of Land Reform - Member
Department of Agriculture - Member
Department of National Defense - Member
Department of Labor and Employment - Member
Presidential Management Staff - Member
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples - Member

National Anti-Poverty Commission - Member
Philippine Information Agency - Member
Chamber of Mines of the Philippines - Member

The Chairman of the MDC, serving in an ex officio capacity, shall preside at all meetings of the MDC and ensure that all policies, directives, plans and programs of the MDC are faithfully carried out.

There shall also be an Executive Director with the rank of Undersecretary, who shall be appointed by the President and who shall manage the day-to-day affairs of the MDC.

The representatives from the members of the MDC shall have the rank of Undersecretaries. The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines shall be represented by its President.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions. The MDC shall exercise, among others, the following powers and functions:

- a. Enlist the assistance of any branch, department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, to implement programs relative to minerals development, to harmonize investment-related requirements and procedures, and to facilitate and expedite investments in the minerals sector;
- b. Assist investors in the minerals sector by providing information, guidance, direction, and solutions concerning their investment problems and needs;
- c. Facilitate easier direction of tasks and reporting of accomplishments of the objectives set out in the Minerals Action Plan that arose from E.O 270 s. 2004, as amended, otherwise known as the National Policy Agenda on Revitalizing Mining in the Philippines.