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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-007
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**REACTIVATION AND REINFORCEMENT OF MONITORING QUARRY
OPERATIONS PROVISION UNDER THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE ENVIRONMENT
CODE**

WHEREAS:

Section 138, Article 1, Chapter II, of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) provides the 40% share of the proceeds from the tax on sand and gravel and other quarry resources for the Barangay where the quarry resources are taken;

Section 389 (9), Chapter III, of the same Code provides that the Punong Barangay shall exercise power and perform its duties to enforce laws and regulations relating to protection of the environment;

Section 392 (a), Chapter III, of the same Code mandates that the Sangguniang Barangay Members shall assist the Punong Barangay in the discharge of his duties and functions;

Section 10 (c), Article IV, of Provincial Ordinance No. 001 s. 2006 otherwise known as the Surigao del Norte Environment Code of 2006 explicitly provides that Barangay Officials are hereby mandated to monitor quarrying operations in their respective areas and shall report directly to the Provincial Environment and Management Office (PEMO);

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor of the Province of Surigao del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree and order the following;

SECTION 1. Scope of Barangay Monitoring Function. Barangay Monitoring shall include any and all acts necessary to be aware and to prevent the presence of illegal quarry operation or hauling and shall directly report the same to the Office of the Governor through the Provincial Environment and Management Office (PEMO). This excludes, however, of actual apprehension which function shall be the responsibility of the PEMO Enforcers and PNP Members. Concerned Barangays shall be furnished by the PEMO of the list of permittees in their respective area;

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SECTION 2. Commitment of Compliance. The Sangguniang Barangay of all barangays that receive 40% share of the proceeds from the quarry revenue shall pass a Resolution adopting this Executive Order as a gesture of manifestation of its commitment of its responsibility to comply with what is obliged of them by law;

SECTION 3. Manner of Monitoring and Reporting. The Punong Barangay shall render report to the Provincial Governor through the PEMO on weekly basis or as the need arises on the presence of illegal quarry operations in their areas. The template of the report shall be provided by the PEMO to the concerned barangays to expedite reporting and for easy facilitation. They will also be given PEMO Hotlines for urgent concerns;

SECTION 4. Meetings. The Provincial Environment and Management Officer may, as the need arises and with due notice and approval by the Provincial Governor, set a meeting with concerned Punong Barangays to discuss their reports and other related issues and concerns;

SECTION 5. Administrative Liability. It shall be understood that liability in regard to any act constitutive of failure to protect the environment will include barangay officials concerned, among others, who have the joint responsibility thereto. For the purpose, it is further understood that the barangay officials concerned have the primary and direct duty to inform the Provincial Governor of the presence of illegal quarry operations and prevent the same.

SO ORDERED. _____

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ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor