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**BIR seeks payment of Excise Tax from Small-scale Miners**

Mr. Lawrence T. Cabeltes, Chief of Staff, Revenue District Office #19 of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Cagayan de Oro City obliged small-scale miners to pay their excise tax – as prescribed by law.

Mr. Cabeltes was one of the resource persons during the “Regional Summit on Mining, Environment, Geohazards and Mining Related Laws and Issues” held at the Country Village Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City last November 26, 2014. He discussed “Taxation on Sale of Metallic Products” with emphasis on the sale of the mineral, gold.

He cited Revenue Regulations No. 6-2012 dated April 2, 2012 stating:

“(T) Income payments on purchases of minerals, mineral products and quarry resources as defined and discussed in Section 151 of the Code.- Income payments on purchases of minerals, mineral products and quarry resources such as but not limited to silver, gold, marble, granite, gravel, sand, boulders and other materials/products – **Five percent(5%)**.

To note, non-collection or non-payment of excise tax by small-scale miners is a national revenue issue and considered one of the barriers for the promotion and acceptance of responsible mining in the country.

This Regional summit hosted by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau-Regional Office No. 10 is a culmination of the three-province-series conducted in the Provinces of Lanao del Norte, Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon. This was attended by a hundred small-scale mining operators from the three Provinces earlier mentioned, and also participants from Misamis Occidental, Camiguin and the chartered cities of Iligan and Cagayan de Oro. An Indigenous Mining Community from Bukidnon was in attendance and also some Muslim operators from Lanao del Norte.

The summit was an avenue to address and resolve issues and other concerns raised by the participants in the course on their mining operations within the region.

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