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Standardization of Checklist for Monitoring of Mining Tenements

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau has finally adopted a standardized checklist for the monitoring of tenements and safety Health Environment and Social Development Programs. The standardization was a result of a four-day Capacity Building Seminar held at the Apo View Hotel in Davao City on April 1-4, 2018. It was attended by technical personnel from the Mining Environment, Safety, Health and Community Development Division (MSESDD) and Mine Management Division, (MMD) of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau comprising Visayas and Mindanao Clusters representing Regions VI, VII, VIII and Regions IX X, XI, XII, XIII respectively.

The seminar focused on standardizing the evaluation of work programs as mandatory requirements of a Mining Application such as the Two-Year Exploration Work Program, the Feasibility Study, and the Three-Year Development/Utilization Work Program; the evaluation of SHES (Safety, Health, Environment and Social) Programs during the Exploration Period and during Operating Period; and the formulation of a standard Tenement Monitoring Checklist with Scorecard and a SHES Monitoring Checklist with Scorecard.

Starting 2018, particularly during the conduct of monitoring, the checklist and scorecard will be used in evaluating the performance of a Contractor or a Permit Holder in terms of its compliance with safety and health, environment, social development and tenement's terms and conditions. Accordingly, the score generated from the evaluation shall be a basis for imposing appropriate penalties to non-compliant mining contractors/permit holders.