

Community-Based Reforestation Program

In support to the Mining Forest Program as provided under the National Executive Committee Resolution (NECR) No. 2005-01, the Holcim Philippines Manufacturing Corporation-Lugait Plant in collaboration with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, R-10 has initiated the Community-Based Reforestation Program in compliance with RA 7942.

Through the guidance of MGB-10, the company in partnership with



CBRP reforested areas intercropped with cash crops



maintenance / growing of trees and forest protection against stray animals, timber poachers and grassfire.

the upland farmers undertake reforestation of degraded mining areas, not directly affected by mining operations including the

Involving the local communities is one of the effective strategy in protecting the growing of trees and utilizing the land for food production while the open spaces are still favorable for intercropping of cash crops.

The program was designed purposely to provide socio-economic development / employment opportunities for the local communities and encourage them to become partners in the biodiversity protection.

The reforestation activities are to be undertaken by the farmers in 3 years period with a cost of P32, 776.50 per hectare inclusive of incentive bonus at P3.00 per tree upon meeting the minimum requirement of at least 80% survival at average height of 2 meters.

Prior to planting, the company will provide and deliver the planting materials to the sites, conduct inspection of the accomplished activities and bill the accomplishment including the survival bonus.

The farmers will implement the programmed activities such as clear brushing, staking, hole digging, fertilizers application, planting including replanting of dead spots and maintenance / growing of trees and forest protection including intercropping of cash crops such as corn, vegetables and root crops.

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau is responsible in conducting trainings on biodiversity importance, appropriate soil conservation measures, seedling

propagation, planting techniques, forest protection and assist the company in the inspection of the accomplished activities.

The first batch of 11 farmer clusters consisting of 40 members entered into an agreement with the company and MGB-10 on May 26, 2006, and recently, the second batch of 9 farmer clusters consisting of 38 members from Sitio Tigba-o Baranagay Poblacion and Sitio Angkalon Barangay Lower Talacogon, all of Lugait, Misamis Oriental last June 17, 2008 for the reforestation of the remaining degraded mining areas and other open areas not potential for mining development.



During MOA signing, Engr. Julius P. Baliog, MECR Manager, signed in behalf of HPMC while OIC, RD Juanito A. Manzano, Jr. of MGB-10 and witness by Brgy Captain Roger Lim of Brgy. Poblacion , Lugait Misamis Oriental

The MOA signing was covered by RMN TV and was featured on June 18, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. during "Ang Issue Karon" Program at RMN TV Cagayan de Oro City.