

**MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT**

MPSA No. 152-2000- CAR

This **MINERAL PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is made and entered into in Quezon City, Philippines, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of MAR 31 2000 by and between:

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**, herein referred to as the **GOVERNMENT**, represented in this act by the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, with offices at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Building, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

and

**ITOGON - SUYOC MINES, INCORPORATED**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein referred to as the **CONTRACTOR**, with offices at the 7th Floor, Ortigas Building, Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City and represented in this act by its President, **ALBERTO M. MONTILLA**, as authorized by its Board of Directors (please refer to ANNEX "A")

**WITNESSETH :**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides in Article XII, Section 2 thereof that all lands of the public domain, waters, minerals, coal, petroleum, and other natural resources are owned by the State and that their exploration, development and utilization shall be under the full control and supervision of the State;

WHEREAS, the Constitution further provides that the State may directly undertake such activities, or it may enter into a Co-Production, Joint Venture, or Mineral Production Sharing Agreement with Filipino citizens, or cooperatives, partnerships, corporations or associations at least sixty percentum of whose capitalization is owned by such citizens;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as "The Philippine Mining Act of 1995", which took effect on 09 April 1995, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to enter into Mineral Production Sharing Agreements in furtherance of the objectives of the Government and the Constitution to bolster the national economy through sustainable and systematic development and utilization of mineral lands;

WHEREAS, the Government desires to avail itself of the financial resources, technical competence and skill which the Contractor is capable of applying to the mining operations of the project contemplated herein;

WHEREAS, the Contractor desires to join and assist the Government in the sustainable development and utilization for commercial purposes of **gold, copper, silver** and other related minerals existing in the Contract Area (as herein defined);



WHEREAS, the Contractor has access to all the financing, technical competence, technology and environmental management skills required to promptly and effectively carry out the objectives of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the mutual covenants, terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, it is hereby stipulated and agreed as follows:

## SECTION I

### SCOPE

- 1.1 This Agreement is a Mineral Production Sharing Agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Act and its implementing rules and regulations. The primary purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the sustainable development and commercial utilization of **gold, copper, silver** and other related mineral deposits existing within the Contract Area, with all necessary services, technology and financing to be furnished or arranged by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Contractor shall not, by virtue of this Agreement, acquire any title over the Contract/Mining Area without prejudice to the acquisition by the Contractor of the land/surface rights through any mode of acquisition provided for by law.
- 1.2 The Contractor shall undertake and execute, for and on behalf of the Government, sustainable mining operations in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and is hereby constituted and appointed, for the purpose of this Agreement, as the exclusive entity to conduct mining operations in the Contract Area.
- 1.3 The Contractor shall assume all the exploration risk such that if no minerals in commercial quantity are developed and produced, it will not be entitled to reimbursement.
- 1.4 During the term of this Agreement, the total value of production and sale of minerals derived from the mining operations contemplated herein shall be accounted for and divided between the Government and the Contractor in accordance with Section VIII hereof.

## SECTION II

### DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following words and terms, whether singular or plural, shall have the following respective meaning :

- 2.1 "Act" refers to Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995".
- 2.2 Agreement means this Mineral Production Sharing Agreement.
- 2.3 Associated Minerals mean other ores/minerals which occur together with the principal ore/mineral. *BR*