

PMDC INTENSIFIES ADVOCACY ON RESPONSIBLE MINING IN DMRA

DAVAO CITY - Tasked by the Philippine government to implement the program of putting up a world class mine in the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area (DMRA), the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) will intensify further its commitment to promote the principles of sustainable development and Responsible Mineral Development through the implementation of its advocacy program.

The PMDC is scheduled to implement another advocacy program entitled “**Advocacy on Responsible Mining**” on May 22-25, 2018 in partnership with other national government agencies, namely: Commission on Human Rights, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in the four barangays in Diwalwal, Monkayo, Compostela Valley Province.

The 4-day advocacy program, which will cover the barangays of Upper Ulip, Mt. Diwata, Naboc and Tubo-Tubo aims to inform the participants on the role and mandate of PMDC in the development of the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area (DMRA) and its commitment to promote Responsible Mining in all its mining projects; educate the communities on the features of mining and the concepts and importance of Sustainable Development and Responsible Mining; enhance awareness of the participants on the current environmental situation in DMRA as well as human rights related to business; and generate support from the community towards protecting and preserving the environment in the DMRA.

Moreover, the advocacy program intends to strengthen PMDC’s commitment to address the environmental, health, social and economic well-being of the people in the area, and to rationalize the mining and mineral processing operations in the DMRA for greater efficiency, and provide for adequate environmental protection and mine rehabilitation measures.

The program will cover important topics, such as Presentation of PMDC’s Mandate, Vision, Mission, Quality Policy, Plans and Programs; Identification of Environmental Problems besetting the DMRA; Discussion on Responsible Mining; Discussion on Business and Human Rights; Presentation of Diwalwal Special Economic Zone and Jewelry Project; Formulation of recommendations towards addressing the problems in the DMRA. Learning sessions will include lectures, discussion, film showing, and plenary sessions.

After the advocacy program, it is expected that all relevant stakeholders especially the small-scale miners, mine workers, women and the IPs will also exhibit their support by signing the manifesto or declaration for the protection of the environment within and surrounding the DMRA.

