



*Galerio consultants seeking the consent of the Upper Ulip BLGU officials for PMDC to conduct the DMRA's EIA Technical and Social Studies.*

# PMDC's ECC Acquisition Is Already Underway

Monkayo, Compostela Valley, Philippines—Faithful to its mission and vision of mining responsibly, PMDC's goal of acquiring its Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) is almost at hand as it finally, after a long and meticulous process, determined the best consultancy firm to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which will cover several highly important areas within the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area (DMRA) tenement.

At the moment, PMDC is engaged in various key projects that will leave a significant impact on the environment. Projects such as the Mabatás Processing Zone and Tailings Storage Facility (MPZTSF), an industrial hub where the carbon-in pulp plants and ball mills owned by small scale miners will operate and collect wastes; the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA); and the direct mining of the 729 parcel Victory tunnel are considered Environmentally Critical Projects (ECPs) under PD 1586 or The Philippine EIS System.

To ensure that appropriate steps are put in place to prevent risks from transpiring or to mitigate the operation against *force majeure* environmental damages, an organization is required to secure an ECC, which enumerates all the conditions needed to be satisfied during the development/construction, operational, decommissioning and rehabilitation stages.

Securing the ECC shall be a major milestone for PMDC as it will not only be crucial in averting any potential environmental damages but shall also serve as a guarantee to all relevant stakeholders that the company is fully committed to responsible and sustainable mining.