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Gov't sets tougher ECC application procedure

By Ronnel W. Domingo

COMPANIES that produce sand and gravel now face a tighter application process for an environment compliance certificate (ECC), which is an important permit needed to develop a prospect and bring it into production stage.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued Memorandum Circular No. 16, Series of 2016, which the department said was meant to

ensure greater transparency and accountability in the mining sector.

Through the memo, the DENR said that starting last May 14, only the ECC applications of entities or corporations whose names appeared on the government-issued Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) or the Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA) would be processed.

"No new application for an ECC shall be processed and is-

sued in the name of any applicant unless the same applicant shall be the entity or corporation as reflected in an MPSA and/or FTAA," the memo stated.

This new requirement applies to all new applications for ECC for the operations related to sand and gravel as approved by concerned Provincial Mining Regulatory Board, or industrial sand and gravel as approved by the concerned MGB (Mines and

Geosciences Bureau) Regional Office.

Environment Secretary Ramon J.P. Paje said in a statement the new regulation aims to ensure the consistency in the implementation of the country's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System and Republic Act No. 7942, or the Philippine

Mining Act of 1995.

The EIS System was designed to safeguard the country's environment and natural resources against growing industrialization and urbanization.

"It should be established that the ECC applicant is the same as that designated in the MPSA or FTAA," Paje said.

"It is the responsibility of PMRBs and MGB regional offices to ensure that new ECC applications for sand and gravel quarry projects comply with this requirement," he said. "Sand and gravel count among the most extracted and widely consumed natural resources which we have to regulate."



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DENR imposes new ECC rules for mining ops

By Joel dela Torre

THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources has imposed a new regulation on the processing and issuance of environmental compliance certificate (ECC) for new mining operations.

Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Ramon Paje said the move will ensure greater transparency and accountability in the mining sector.

The DENR said only the ECC application of a corporation whose name appears on the government-issued Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) or the Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA) shall be processed by the agency starting May 14.

The requirement "shall apply to all new applications for ECC for the operation of Sand and Gravel or Industrial Sand and Gravel duly approved by the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) and/or MGB (Mines and Geosciences Bureau) Regional Office, respectively."

Paje said the new regulation aims to be consistent in the implementation of the country's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System and Republic Act No. 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

"It should be established that the ECC applicant is the same as that designated in the MPSA or FTAA," Paje pointed out.

He added that the EIS system was designed to safeguard the country's environment and natural resources against growing industrialization and urbanization.

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PAG-IISYU NG ECC HINIGPITAN

LALONG hinigpitan ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB) ang pag-iisyu ng Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) para sa mga kompanyang nais mag-mina sa bansa.

Ito ang nakapaloob sa bagong memorandum order No. 006 na nilagdaan ni DENR Secretary Ramon J.P. Paje para mapairal ang transparency at accountability sa sektor ng minahan.

Sa bagong polisiya ng DENR, ang mga kom-

panyang kukuha ng ECC ay kailangang pareho ang pangalan nito sa aplikasyon at sa nakalagay sa naisyung Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) o Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA).

“No new application for an ECC shall be processed and issued in the name of any applicant unless the same applicant shall be the entity or corporation as reflected in an MPSA and/or FTAA,” nakasaad sa kautusan.

Sakop din ng bagong regulasyon ang mga mag-aaplay ng ECC para

sa operasyon ng sand at gravel o kaya’y industrial sand at gravel na nakakuha ng pag-apruba mula sa Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (OMRB) o kaya’y mula sa MGB.

“It shall apply to all new applications for ECC for the operation of Sand and Gravel or Industrial Sand and Gravel duly approved by the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) and/or MGB (Mines and Geosciences Bureau) Regional Office, respectively,” ayon pa sa kautusan.

Binigyang-diin ni Paje na ang bagong regu-

lasyon ay naglalayong makasunod sa implementasyon ng Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System at ng Philippine Mining Act of 1995 o Republic Act 7942.

“It should be established that the ECC applicant is the same as that designated in the MPSA or FTAA,” anang kalihim.

Ang Environment Impact Statement System ay dinisensyo para mapangalagaan ang kapaligiran at likas na yaman ng bansa kontra industriyalisasyon at urbanisasyon.

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FROM THRASH TO CASH A boy places a used plastic pet bottle inside an iron receptacle in Las Piñas City as part of a long-running citywide campaign on the proper disposal of garbage and other waste materials. The program, on the side, provides a modest income to local garbage collectors. NONIE REYES

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Homegrown technology promises to rid esteros and rivers of pollutants

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FILIPINO-OWNED Eco-System Technologies Inc. (ESTI) is urging local government units (LGUs) to invest in water treatment and recycling to help conserve water and help save Metro Manila's dying rivers.

Michael C. Rubio, ESTI director for business development, said LGUs can help conserve water by putting up small wastewater-treatment plants to recycle water from esteros and rivers, instead of using tap water.

"Imagine how much water you can save if you use recycled water? Using recycled water can help us conserve water coming from Angat," he told the BUSINESSMIRROR in an interview.

Rubio said treating wastewater before discharge is a prescribed measure under the Clean Water Act, in which the government and private sector can help, or be slapped with fines for causing water pollution.

According to Rubio, appropriate wastewater-treatment technology is needed in constructing new residential and commercial buildings to prevent water pollution.

Wastewater discharge, from industries but mostly from households, drain to esteros, rivers leading to the Laguna de Bay, an impor-

tant fishing ground and aquaculture area, or Manila Bay, which is being eyed for various development projects, including tourism.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has an ongoing river-rehabilitation program called Adopt an Estero, wherein partnership with various stakeholders, including LGUs, the private sector and the community, is highlighted by removing solid waste and greening the surrounding of esteros, including river and river tributaries.

The company's sequence bio-reactor (SBR) employed in the Paco Estero plant may be replicated to treat many polluted river and water systems in the country, according to Rubio.

ESTI claimed that the SBR used in the plant in Manila is able to generate an effluent that is of highest quality for nonpotable-water reuse—10 milligrams (mg) per liter or less. It keeps up with the United States effluent standards for water discharged to the environment.

Filtered water using the SBR technology is able to comply, and even exceed, the DENR's effluent standard in biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) of 50 mg per liter. BOD is a measure of how much oxygen is needed to allow for waste's decomposition; the lower the better.

ESTI offers its technology to

build wastewater-treatment plants to other LGUs through public-private partnerships (PPPs).

According to Rubio, since most residential and commercial buildings, particularly in highly urbanized cities like in the National Capital Region (NCR), do not have wastewater-treatment facility, LGUs can invest by building their own through clustering, to significantly reduce pollutants from wastewater draining to water bodies.

ESTI believes that growth in both the population and in industry will have drastic consequences on the environment, as the country did not have the ability to treat its liquid waste.

ESTI said that through its SBR technology, reflecting an approach of localized or on-site treatment has allowed developers to become responsible for environmentally sustainable operations, despite the deficiencies of centralized sanitation services.

"It improved on this technology in terms of performance and reduction of physical footprint, now called the sequence bio reactor, being awarded a series of patents for its innovations," Rubio said.

From using the large, conventional activated sludge treatment plants, the company shifted to SBR, and noted that in the rise of the

property-development in the end of the last decade became the preferred sewerage treatment plant solution.

In 2014 ESTI commended and donated an advanced wastewater treatment facility in the Public Market on Estero in Manila, treating not only sewage from the estero but also from the public market, in highest-quality nonpotable water for reuse.

The influent water sources include household waste, sewerage flow, Pasig River (and Manila Bay intrusion from the tidal flow) and flood water.

As an eco-system-master plan, on-site design of environmental solutions, it sets its focus on larger, city-level water, sewerage and solid-waste projects.

As the Philippines experiences rapid growth, it will be through the growth of ESTI that this growth will be environmentally sustainable.

According to Rubio, the company's track record in wastewater treatment is recognizable. Over 500 completed design projects of used wastewater treatment plants, including 18 hospitals, 200 residential/mixed-use development projects, and over 100,000 cubic meters of contaminated water treated every day.

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70 vehicles put PH Euro4 fuels to 'midnight express' test

Text and photos
by Tessa R. Salazar

LAST May 27, at the stroke of midnight, the Department of Energy (DOE), in partnership with Petron Corp., used 70 diesel- and gasoline-powered vehicles of different categories and from different manufacturers on a fuel efficiency run using Euro 4 fuels.

This 300-kilometer fuel efficiency run marks the first time the energy department used Euro 4 fuels. It is hoped that the results of the test—which would be released to the media on June 14—would help Pinoy motorists make more informed purchase decisions on their vehicles' fuels.

The results are also highly anticipated for the all-important data of how the different vehicles consumed fuels—a topic that, based on past DOE fuel runs, has been subject to much discussion.

For now, everyone involved in this endeavor—from the car

manufacturers to the local motoring media—would have to wait with bated breath until June 14 for the official fuel efficiency results, much like how the people waited for the official results of the 2016 national elections.

On that day, the DOE would present the official results to the car company executives during the gala night hosted by Petron at Makati Diamond Hotel.

The public-private partnership between DOE and Petron was widely supported by automobile companies affiliated with the two major industry associations—the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (Campi) and Alliance of Vehicle Importers and Distributors (Avid).

The DOE-Petron Euro 4 fuel run was an occasion to literally lose sleep for, as the 300-km drive that started at midnight of May 27 at the Petron station in Clark Special Economic Zone in Angeles City, Pampanga, took 5 hours to complete, and tra-



HYUNDAI Elantra filled up

versed the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEx) and Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX).

A total of 38 gasoline-powered vehicles and 32 diesel-powered ones, using the Petron Euro 4 XCS and the Euro 4 Turbo Diesel fuel variants, respectively, formed one long convoy.

The car companies fielded their own driver-navigator teams for the run, with independent observers riding shotgun to ensure that guidelines were complied with.

Organizers from the DOE

said the results would show how efficient the vehicles are.

Part of DOE's mandate would be to make sure that the oil companies are supplying quality fuels in the market. The use of Euro 4 fuels has been mandated in the Philippines since January.

"The DOE's thrust is to have an energy efficiency program, and we would like to have an energy efficiency labeling program for vehicles. This could be a jump-start to more intensive social awareness and realization."

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tion of the objective of the DOE for a sustainable energy efficiency project in the transportation department," said DOE Undersecretary Donato D. Marcos.

The DOE's initiative is to strengthen the country's energy efficiency and conservation efforts by expanding the Philippine Energy Standards and Labeling Program (PESLP) to include light duty motor vehicles.

"One of the biggest contributors of GHG (greenhouse gas) and CO₂ (carbon dioxide) emissions in our environment is the transport sector. The DOE initiated [the PESLP] for Philippine standards and an energy efficiency labeling program, especially for vehicles. With its 36-percent contribution to GHG and CO₂ emissions, this is a big issue to be addressed," Marcos added.

Marcos cited a World Bank study showing the country has been incurring P19 billion in health spending every year.

"Particulate matter penetrate the lungs of the children and senior citizens. This is of great importance for the next generation, and for those who are still here. We need to be healthy participants in this very significant

program," Marcos said.

"The DOE is looking at labeling the efficiency of every vehicle in the future. Our goal is to saturate all vehicles to come up with a really good and significant contribution addressing the emissions of GHG and CO₂," he said.

"From Euro 2 fuels, which emit 550 ppm, we became Euro 4. The DOE has been inspecting all gas stations [to make sure] Euro 4 fuels will be used. [This kind of fuel is] a 90-percent reduction in sulfur content, to 50 ppm," Marcos pointed out.

This Clean Air initiative sets the allowable sulfur content for gasoline and diesel fuels at 50 ppm, which is 10 times cleaner than Euro 2 fuels.

The participating car companies include Asianbrands Motors Corp. (Mahindra), Automobile Central Enterprise Inc. (Volkswagen), Bayan Automotive Industries Corp. (BAIC), Berjaya Auto Philippines (Mazda), British United Automobiles Inc., Columbian Autocar Corp. (Kia), Eurobrands Distributor Inc. (Peugeot), Ford Group Philippines, Honda Cars Philippines Inc., Hyundai Asia Resources Inc., Isuzu Philippines Corp., Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp., Motor Image

Philippines Inc. (Subaru), Nissan Philippines Inc., PGA Cars Inc. (Audi/Porsche), Pilipinas Taj Autogroup Inc. (Tata Motors), Suzuki Philippines Inc., The Covenant Car Company Inc. (Chevrolet), Toyota Motor Philippines Corp., United Asia Automotive Group Inc. (Foton), and Volvo Philippines.

Petron claims it is the first oil company to locally produce a full lineup of gasoline variants that meet Euro 4 standards, six months ahead of the government mandate requiring all fuels sold in the country to meet the Philippine Euro 4 standard by January.

Petron formulated its Euro 4 fuels with advanced additives to deliver TriActiv benefits, namely better engine protection for longer engine life, better mileage for longer drives, and better power.

Petron's lineup of Euro 4 fuels are available at all 2,200 Petron service stations nationwide.

Petron invested \$2 billion to upgrade its Bataan Refinery and ensure the reliable production of more environment-friendly and premium fuels. It also operates a fuel additives blending plant in Subic Bay in partnership with the leading global fuel specialties company Innospec.

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World Bank urges PHL to invest in technologies vs climate change

PHILIPPINE government and businesses should invest in technologies aimed at tackling climate change, at the same time, supporting innovation, the World Bank said.

World Bank Group senior economist Dr. Marcin Piatkowski advised the country to develop technologies that can make it less susceptible to the impact of natural disasters.

"Probably, it would be difficult to become a global champion in innovation on climate change today. Americans, Chinese, Europeans and others are spending tens of billions of dollars every year on technologies that would lessen the impact," he said in a forum on the sidelines of the general membership meeting of the Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc.

Piatkowski cited the introduction of a new insurance system that will help especially calamity-hit farmers who lost often their whole harvest and have no savings.

"The government could play a critical role in providing insurance for every single farmer in the country," he noted.

Piatkowski also underscored the need for the government to support businesses to innovate and grow.

"There is evidence that spending on supporting the private sector R&D

[research and development] and innovation makes sense because this is the way that we can become more innovative and more productive and produce more GDP later on," he said.

Innovation involves the implementation of a new or significantly improved product, or process, a new marketing method, or a new organizational method in business practice, he said.

"The country that continues to grow at 6 percent needs SMEs [small and medium enterprises] to become more efficient, to become more productive [and] to be more export-oriented.... They [government] need to share your risk, they need to help you experiment, they need [to help] you to become successful," he added.

For Philippine companies, the World Bank official encouraged them to invest on innovation that would make them competitive.

"There is a lot of space for the Filipino firms of all types to come in and have their own ideas. In their niches, it could be something small. But if you have 1,000 or 500 small companies with small ideas but with big global markets, you would see that impact," he said.

Piatkowski cited global companies, such as Apple, Google and IBM, that are already big but are continuously spending on innovation.

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Duterte parades Cabinet line up less Robredo



By Ted Tuvera

Incoming President Rodrigo Duterte held a meeting with his choices for the Cabinet at the Malacañang of the South building in Davao City and without Vice President Leni Robredo who remains without any official posting.

Seen at yesterday's gathering were Las Piñas Rep. Mark Villar, Duterte's choice as Public Works Secretary; incoming Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; presumptive Education Secretary and former National Treasurer Leonor Magtolis-Briones; incoming Labor Secretary Silvestre "Bebot" Belio; and Duterte's peace adviser and childhood buddy, Jess Dureza.

Also at the meeting were incoming Press Secretary Salvador Pabelo, who admitted that his post is deemed uncertain but is also eyeing an ambassadorial post; incoming Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre; incoming Foreign Affairs Secretary Perfecto Yasay; incoming Transportation and Communications Secretary Art Tugade; incoming Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi; incoming Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez; incoming Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ernesto Pernia; incoming Agriculture Secretary Manny Piñol, and incoming Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno.

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Also present in the meeting were personalities are retired and incumbent members of the military who are incoming national security adviser former Armed Forces Chief of Staff Hermogenes Esperon; incoming Armed Forces Chief Ricardo Visaya; incoming Police Director Gen. Roland dela Rosa; incoming Presidential Security Group commander Col. Rolando Bautista, and; despite not being named by Duterte yet, former Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Roberto Lastimoso, who was also a former Land Transportation Office (LTO) head, was also there.

Former Maribojoc, Bohol mayor Leoncio 'Jun' Evasco, Duterte's campaign manager during the polls, who has refused to accept the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and has been offered instead to be the Cabinet to the Secretary was also present.

Those present also included nominees recommended by the communist National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDF) who are former Anakpawis Rep. Rafael Mariano, who is being considered for the post of Agrarian Reform secretary, and University of the Philippines Prof. Judy Taguiwalo who is being considered for the top post at the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

New names that cropped up and were present at the meeting include PDP-Laban stalwart Mike Sueno who is being considered as head of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG); Catalino Uy as DILG undersecretary; Fortunato dela Peña as Science and Technology Secretary; Dante Geran as National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) chief; Martin Belgra as head of the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB); Ret. Maj. Gen. Florentin Lorenzana as Defense Secretary and Jaime Morente for the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID).

In the list released by the Davao City Mayor's office that is in charge of giving the incoming President's list saw no mention of Robredo.

Malacañang, through outgoing Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma, said in a statement that they respect Duterte's preferences even though it may not include the incumbent administration's ally Robredo.

"It is President-elect Duterte's right to choose who will compose his Cabinet and we should respect his decision, even that pertaining to VP-elect

Robredo," Coloma said.

Duterte earlier said that giving Robredo a Cabinet position "never entered his mind." He said he needed to figure out his choices from within his own party first, adding that he did not even know her.

Duterte, a usual late comer who arrived in the said venue through a helicopter ride, is expected to hold a Cabinet post himself but his executive assistant Christopher "Bong" Go refused to state what the position will be.

Crucial budget post

Former Budget secretary Benjamin Diokno is back as Budget chief after the top economist left it untimely 15 years ago when the 68-year-old technocrat accepted the offer of incoming president Rody Duterte yesterday.

Diokno didn't categorically say "yes" to *Tribune's* query if he had accepted the offer already but his presence at the Davao City meeting with Duterte is considered a confirmation of his acceptance.

The former Budget secretary writes a column, Public Policy Memo, for the *Tribune* every Monday.

"Later I'm in a meeting," was his reply when asked if he already accepted the offer.

It was presumed that the former Budget chief already accepted the offer as early as Friday when he replied that he was waiting for the incoming president to formally make the offer to him.

Meanwhile, former national treasurer Leonor Magtolis Briones said that she consulted her family prior to accepting Duterte's offer. Briones and Diokno both served under the administration of former President Joseph Estrada from August 1998 to Jan. 22, 2001.

"I had to consult my family, my husband and two sons and important members of my clan. I also need to consult Social Watch Philippines and the two universities," Briones said in an interview Monday.

She said important matters must be discussed by the affected parties before she could join the Duterte Cabinet. "(I have) not decided. I have until Tuesday," she added. She has joined the Duterte Cabinet as Education chief.

The two schools she is referring are Siliman University and Universidad de Manila where she both holds chairmanship of the board. "I need their advice," Briones added.

The candidate for DepEd secretary has more than five decades of teaching experience.

Briones served in various capacities. Her stints include serving as director for Policy and Executive Development at the National College of Public Administration and Governance at the University of the Philippines.

Prior to joining Duterte cabinet, Diokno has been advocating the adoption of Keynesian economic principles. This principle urges that national government be at the center of all economic actions, particularly in monetary and fiscal policies.

Keynesian economics limits the role of the private sector and pushes active government intervention, particularly in public spending, in almost all industries.

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Duterte presents Cabinet

'We are all men of integrity and honesty'

By Tarra Quismundo

DAVAO CITY—Saying he chose people "with integrity and honesty," President-elect Rodrigo Duterte yesterday presented members of his Cabinet for the first time, a "hardworking" roster he handpicked to address his top governance priorities such as red tape, corruption and crime.

Emerging from a three-hour meeting at the presidential guesthouse here, Duterte announced new appointees to critical positions in the security cluster.

"It's not a simple job looking for the composition of the Cabinet. I am reminded of the man holding a lamp during daytime. He was asked why are you bringing a lamp in the daylight when you can see everything? The man said 'because I am looking for an honest man,'" Duterte said in an evening press conference.

"It took me several days. When I'm not around the public eye, it's because I'm reviewing papers of recommendees, and I can assure you that we are all men of integrity, honesty," he said.

He said none of his appointees were "tainted."

Among Duterte's new appointees are former South Cotabato Gov. Ismael Sueño as interior secretary, and retired Maj. Gen. Delfin Lorenzana, who heads the Office of Veterans Affairs at the Philippine Embassy in the United States, as defense secretary.

Ex-PNP officials

He also appointed former police officials to prime posts: Philippine National Police Director for Operations Alex Monteagudo to the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, former PNP Director Isidro Lapeña to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, former National Capital Region Police Office Director Edgar Galvante to the Land Transportation Authority, and former Davao police chief Jaime Morente as immigration chief.

A former Army Fifth Infantry Brigade chief, Brig. Gen. Ricardo Jalad, was appointed head of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, while rebel Marine Capt. Nicanor Faeldon was named head of the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

National Bureau of Investigation's Davao regional director Dante Gierran, was promoted head of the agency, while lawyer Cesar Dulay was appointed head of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). Martin Delgra was named head the Land Transportation, Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

Duterte also formalized the appointments of two leftists recommended by the National Democratic Front of the Philippines: former sectoral representative and current Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas chair Rafael Mariano to the Department of Agrarian Reform, and former political prisoner and associate professor Judy Taguiwalo to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Duterte said he would not

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DUTERTE'S CABINET AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Executive Secretary
Salvador Medialdea

Cabinet Secretary
Leoncio "Jun" Evasco

Department of Foreign Affairs
(acting secretary for a year)
Perfecto Yasay

Department of Finance
Carlos "Sonny" Dominguez III

Department of Justice
Vitaliano Aguirre II

Department of Agriculture
Emmanuel Piñol

Department of Public Works
and Highways
Mark Villar

Department of Education
Leonor Briones

Department of Labor
and Employment and Chief
Peace Negotiator
Silvestre Bello III

Department of National
Defense
Delfin Lorenzana

Department of Social Welfare
and Development
Judy Taguiwalo

Department of Agrarian
Reform
Rafael Mariano

Department of the Interior and
Local Government
Mike Sueno

Department of Transportation
and Communications
Arthur Tugade

Department of Science
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Fortunato dela Peña

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Bureau of Internal Revenue
Cesar Dulay

Bureau of Immigration
Jaime Morente

National Bureau
of Investigation
Dante Gierran

meddle with his appointees' work and allow his Cabinet to work, joking: "They go ahead and work. I just go sleep. It's not easy to campaign, you know."

Not a micromanager

Duterte has yet to make appointments to the health, trade, tourism and environment departments, but said that his Cabinet will be "inclusive," even looking at appointing one from the Moro sector.

While he preferred to work only starting 1 p.m., Duterte said his Cabinet would stick to regular office hours.

"I won't micromanage. They just have to answer me when there's trouble," he said.

"I will really level the playing field. I will not meddle. I just want that people won't have to anything to complain about," Duterte said.

But, he said, he will make "some recommendations."

For instance, he said, he wants to get rid of lines in government agencies. That people have to queue to get government services is "abusive," Duterte said. "That's how miserable the Filipinos are."

"I do not want people queuing. I do not want people spending money to get something from government, because they are paying us already," Duterte said.

No heroics

"I don't want to be heroic here, I just want honesty and good faith in dealing with the public," he said.

He repeated his vow to get rid of corruption, saying such abuse is a fact in the PNP, BIR, BOC, LTFRB and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

"The people don't like [corruption] anymore. And they have shown it through their votes," Duterte said.

That more than 16 million Filipinos voted for "just a mayor of a small city in Mindanao" known for his staunch stance against crime and corruption is a sign that people are fed up with corrupt officials, he said.

"It could only mean one thing: There's a message there, that people really do not want corruption, they do not want their money being put inside pockets of workers in government," he said.

Duterte said he would be "harsh against corruption," and that he planned to ask the Supreme Court to stop the practice of temporary restraining orders.

Duterte earlier appointed to Cabinet positions Las Piñas Rep. Mark Villar (public works), Perfecto Yasay (foreign affairs), Vitaliano Aguirre II (justice), Emmanuel Piñol (agriculture), Alfonso Cusi (energy), Carlos Dominguez (finance), Arthur Tugade (transportation and communications), Leonor Briones (education), and Benjamin Diokno (budget and management).

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Edgar Galvante

Land Transportation and
Franchising Regulatory Board

Martin Delgra

National Disaster Risk
Reduction and Management
Council

Ardo Jalad

DILG Undersecretary
for Police Matters

Catalino Cuy

Solicitor General

Jose Calida

National Intelligence
Coordinating Agency

Alex Monteagudo

Department of Health

Vacant

Department of Trade
and Industry

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Department of Tourism

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Chief Presidential Legal Counsel

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Presidential Management Staff

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Metropolitan Manila Development
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Operations Service

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Development and Strategic
Planning Office

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Office

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Commission

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Technical Education and Skills
Development Authority
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Under the Office of the President, Duterte designated Leoncio Evasco (secretary to the Cabinet), Salvador Panelo (presidential spokesperson), Jesus Dureza (presidential assistant on the peace process), Salvador Medialdea (executive secretary) and Hermogenes Esperon (national security adviser).

Duterte again reiterated that he remains "noncommittal" to a possible appointment for Vice President-elect Leni Robredo, baring for the first time that his deference to defeated vice presidential candidate Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. is part of the reason.

"There's really none... There's no compelling reason. I know Bongbong Marcos, He is my friend. I don't want to hurt him," Duterte said.

Duterte's father, Vicente, was an appointee of the senator's father, the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos. *With a report from Germelina Lacorte, Inquirer Mindanao*

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By EFREN MONTANO

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