

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION & MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City,
Philippines

NDRRMC UPDATE

Terminal Report re Mining Incident in Antamok,
Itogon, Benguet

Releasing Officer:


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DATE : October 11, 2010

Source/s: OCDRC CAR, MGB-CAR & DENR-CAR

I. Situation Overview

- On or about 7:00 AM, 30 September 2010, a group of small scale miners entered the portal of Antamok Mine Tunnel to extract ore at level 400 ft but one of the miners, Antonio Ambanon, 29 years old, accidentally fell into the 700 ft vertical shaft which is declared by Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) as **"NO MINING ZONE"**

Chronology of Actions Taken

- Miners trained on basic rescue conducted six (6) days search and rescue operation but proved negative. They were able to reach the 700 ft but aborted the rescue operation at once due to lack of proper gear (diving suit) for underground water operations which is under freezing temperature
- Since the situation was not within the capacity of the miners, the incident was reported to OCD-CAR on October 6, 2010. Immediately, the Crisis Manager, a mining engineer, advised OCD CAR to seek assistance from the San Fernando Naval Forces in La Union and wait for the advise on the deployment of diving personnel
- On October 8, 2010, a 7-man team from Naval Special Operations Unit 2 (NAVSU) reported to OCD CAR Operations Center for briefing on the situation before proceeding to the disaster site

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NDRRMC ADVISORY

TO : ALL CHAIRMEN, RDRRMCs, PDRRMCs, OCDRCs I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, NCR and CAR

SUBJECT : WEATHER ADVISORY NUMBER 01 for Low Pressure Area

DATE : 11 October 2010, 3:30 PM

Source: PAGASA

As of 2:00 PM today, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated at 290 km East Southeast of Guiuan, Eastern Samar (10.3°N, 128.4°E). This weather disturbance is embedded along the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) affecting Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao bringing cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms over these areas.

Residents living in these areas are advised to take the necessary precautionary measures.

For more information, you may contact the Weather Division of PAGASA at telephone numbers: 927-1541, 926-4258 and 927-1335.

You are hereby directed to undertake precautionary measures in your AOR. Likewise, the public and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (DRRMCs) concerned are advised to take appropriate actions.

In order to better inform/warn communities, you are reminded to disseminate these through local/community leaders and through your local media, including community radio stations. Conduct press briefings as often as needed. This local effort will complement and reinforce efforts at the national level. Emphasis should be on proactive actions – evacuation rather than rescue.

Let us untiringly aim for zero casualties.

Submit report on actions taken.

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