NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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NDRRMC UPDATE

ERUPTION NOTIFICATION RE BULUSAN VOLCANO

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Source: DOST-PHIVOLCS

I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

At 9:12 AM, 21 February 2011, the Bulusan Volcano's (12°46.2'N, 124°03'E) seismic network recorded 2,000 meters height of ash steam//plume above the summit crater rim drifting to the southwest. The steam plume was grayish in color and a rumbling sound was monitored in Juban, Sorsogon.

Minor explosions are expected as per report of PHIVOLCS Director Renato Solidum

Alert Level 1 remains hoisted over Bulusan Volcano.

- The public is strongly advised not to enter inside the 4-kilometer radius Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) as it may be affected by sudden steam explosions.
- People residing near valleys and streams are also strongly advised to be vigilant against sediment-laden stream flows in the event of heavy and continuous rainfall.
- 3. Due to the prevailing wind direction, residents located in the northwest and southwest sectors of the volcano are advised to take precautions against ashfalls.
- Civil aviation authorities must advise pilots to avoid flying close to the volcano's summit as ejected ash and volcanic fragments from sudden explosions may pose hazards to aircrafts.

II. ACTION TAKEN:

- NDRRMC Advisory on BULUSAN VOLCANO eruption notification was disseminated to RDRRMC-OCD Region 5 through SMS, facsimile, website and NDRRMC Twitter account for further dissemination to their respective local DRRMCs from the provincial down to the municipal levels
- A team from PDRRMC Sorsogon and OCD Region V is now proceeding to the Bulusan Area to assess the situation