

# RCMB-CAR intervention leads to establishment of Itogon-Suyoc Employees and Management Cooperation in ISRI

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Regional Conciliation and Mediation Branch CAR Director Gil G. Caragayan lauded the Itogon Suyoc Resources' (ISRI) for their efforts in establishing the Itogon-Suyoc Employees and Management Cooperation as the company's labor and management council (LMC).

Labor and management representatives of ISRI formally signed the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) on March 2, 2017 at Villa Silvina Hotel, Baguio City.

ISEMCO aims to promote the workers' welfare, improve the quality of their work life and ensure harmonious employer-employee relationship.

The MOC was signed by labor representative Samuel SolIweg and management representative Engr. Michael G. Tauli.

"Walter Dongadong, a miner, suggested to call the LMC ISEMCO. It is also an Ilocano term which means my smile," Dir. Gil G. Caragayan said.

ISRI decided to create a labor management council after the Certification Election conducted in November 2016 failed to

earn the majority vote of the general labor population for the establishment of a union.

With the intervention of RCMB-CAR, ISRI created its LMC mechanism on February 7, 2017 and formed committees on family welfare, occupational safety and health, productivity, grievance, labor relations and labor laws compliance.

“RCMB-CAR, together with its partner agencies, enhanced the programs through an orientation seminar held on March 1-2, 2017,” Caragayan said.

ISEMCO were able to develop a one year action plan during the activity.

“Our top officials are positive that ISEMCO will help overcome challenges,” Resident Manager Engr. Michael G. Tauli said.

Itogon-Suyoc Resources Inc. is a subsidiary of Apex Mining Co. Inc., a company that produces gold, silver, copper, lead and other precious metals. Formerly known as Itogon-Suyoc Mining, Inc., ISRI started its operations in July 2015. Dr. Walter Brown heads the mining company.



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