



ADVISORY

To : **COAL OPERATING CONTRACT APPLICANTS AND OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS**

From : **SECRETARY OF ENERGY**

Subject : **ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE TERMINATION OF THE BID ROUND FOR THE PRE-DETERMINED AREAS (PDAs) OFFERED UNDER DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION (D/P) COAL OPERATING CONTRACTS (COCs) UNDER THE PCECP FOR COAL**

Date : **15 SEP 2026**

This Advisory is issued to terminate the 2026 Coal Bid Round covering the three (3) Pre-Determined Areas offered for Development and Production Coal Operating Contracts (DP COCs) under the Philippine Conventional Energy Contracting Program (PCECP).

The concerns raised by stakeholders during the pre-submission conferences, developments affecting Semirara Island—one of the offered areas—including continuing water seepage, and certain legal considerations warrant a reassessment of the evaluation criteria applicable to the award of DP COCs for the offered areas.

The termination of the 2026 Coal Bid Round will provide the Department of Energy (DOE) the opportunity to review and further develop a fair, equitable, transparent, and comprehensive evaluation framework for the award of COCs involving areas with confirmed or established reserves. Such framework shall, consistent with the national interest, give due consideration to securing appropriate and measurable economic returns and benefits commensurate with the value and characteristics of the offered area.

Please be guided accordingly.


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