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Philippine President appoints Roy Cimatu as Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

May 11, 2017 - Vancouver, British Columbia: Rizal Resources Corporation (TSXV: RZL) (“Rizal” or the “Company”) issues the following release to update shareholders on recent events relevant to the Company’s T’Boli gold mining operations in Southern Mindanao.

On May 9, 2017, President Rodrigo Duterte appointed Mr Roy A. Cimatu to replace Ms Gina Lopez as the Secretary of the DENR. This action followed Ms Lopez’s appointment being rejected by the Congressional Commission of Appointments on May 4, 2017.

Mr Cimatu served as the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines under President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. After his retirement he served as Middle East Crisis Manager and later Special Envoy to the Middle East until June 30, 2011. Across his 37-year service history Mr Cimatu was awarded a total of 40 different medals and citations.

The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines commented on Mr Cimatu’s appointment, saying, *“His sterling record in government service speaks well of General Cimatu and we hope that his appointment finally answers our long-held call for a DENR secretary who has a balanced appreciation for environmental protection and natural resources management.”*

Rizal CEO, Peter Main, commented, *“Rizal and its project partner, Tribal Mining Corporation, congratulate Mr Cimatu on his appointment. We look forward to maintaining our cooperative and constructive relationship with the DENR and Mines and Geoscience Bureau (MGB). Both partners will also continue to maintain the highest standards on safety and environmental management as established by Philippine mining laws and regulation.”*

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