

English translation of DoNRE press article on setting up an "Action Steering Board" for management of sustainable mining (IOER, 17/07/2018)

**Mr. Bui Van Khanh, Vice Chairman of the People's Committee of the province, directed the establishment of a "Action Steering Board" for the management, and sustainable mining of minerals in our province.**

On 10/11/2016, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DoNRE) cooperated with the Institute of Urban and Regional Development (Federal Republic of Germany), and the Institute of Environment and Automation (IEA) to organize a workshop "On organizing the action program of the MAREX Alliance". Experts from Germany, the IEA, and the Leibniz Institute for Urban Development and Ecology (IOER) attended the workshop. The representative of our province was comrade Bui Van Khanh - Vice Chairman of the provincial People's Committee who presided over the workshop, heads of several departments, localities and some local mineral production and trading enterprises.

The workshop's focus was on the organization and operation of the MAREX Alliance (Management of Mineral Resources in Hoa Binh Province) with the objective of improving and optimizing the management of mining of minerals for use as normal building materials. The implementation period is 3 years (from 2016 to 2018). At the workshop, the delegates focused on discussing, contributing ideas around the implementation, the name of the program and at the same time discussing the personnel for implementation.

Mr. Bui Van Khanh - Member of the provincial Party Committee - Vice Chairman of the provincial People's Committee was hosting the conference. Mr. Khanh proposed to name the organization as "Action program executive board" whereas the cooperation has been signed by both the Vietnamese Ministry of Science and Technology and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany. Mr. Bui Van Khanh assigned the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to cooperate with other local departments, branches and representatives, as well the Stone mining association to advise the provincial People's Committee.

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