

Interdept Is Not Yet Ready With RPP Studies Result

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Jakarta – TAMBANG. It seems that the finalization of four Government Regulation Drafts (RPP in its Indonesian abbreviation) on Mineral and Coal would not be able to make it on schedule. Until early October 2009, members of the Inter-Departmental (Interdept) Team from various governmental sectors have yet to come up with their studies result on the RPPs drafted by the Energy and Mineral Resources Department (Department of ESDM).

"The results were supposed to be submitted by September to be re-discussed. But, some departments are not ready yet," Witoro S. Soelarno, Secretary for the Directorate General of Mineral, Coal, and Geothermal – Department of ESDM, said in Jakarta, on 7 October 2009.

Because other departments were not yet ready, the RPPs drafting team from the Department of ESDM would have to wait. The RPP would have to be revised before finalization, if the other departments finally came up with their input.

"Nevertheless, we want the studies result to be submitted soon, because the RPP on Mineral and Coal has been long anticipated," explained Soelarno, who also acted as Coordinator of the RPPs Drafting Team.

Up to date, the Interdept team has conducted two meeting to discuss the RPPs. "We are hoping that we can arrange another Interdept meeting this October," he anticipated.

Soelarno admitted that the finalization for the RPPs would be difficult to do without the complete studies result from each department involved. Otherwise, it would be very unsystematic and risky.

However, the Department of ESDM has introduced the RPPs main substance during several occasions to mining stakeholders and also through mass media, such as TAMBANG Magazine's Minerba Law Clinic.

The effort also provided feedbacks from those who encounter real problems on the field, so the RPP could be revised in a more comprehensive manner.

The initial plan was to issue the RPPs before the cabinet succession. With the condition described above, it seems that the government would need a reschedule. "We were given a year period, dating from the enactment of Minerba Law (Law No.4/2009). We wanted it to be sooner, but what else can we say with these kinds of conditions," he said.

Since February 2009, the government has drafted four RPPs as the amplification of the Minerba Law (Law No. 4/2009). The four RPPs drafted are including the RPP on Mining Zone (WP in its Indonesian abbreviation), the RPP on Mining Activities, the RPP on the Mining Monitoring and Guidance, and the RPP on Post-Mining Activities and Reclamation.

