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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

: The Assistant Secretary

Legal Affairs

Chairperson, Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee

**FROM** 

: The Director

Legal Affairs Service

**SUBJECT** 

: REPORT ON PENDING REVERSION CASES NATIONWIDE AS

OF 17 OCTOBER 2022.

This has reference to the mandate of the Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee (AILTC) to conduct assessment and updating of the inventory of illegally or irregularly issued land patents/registered titles nationwide pursuant to DENR Special Order No. 2021-716<sup>1</sup>.

In compliance with the Urgent Memorandum issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Legal Affairs, who also heads the AILTC, all the DENR Regional Offices were able to submit their inventory reports of reversion cases on 17 October 2022.

### Comparison of Pending Reversion Cases

As of 17 October 2022, 14 out of 15 Regional Offices submitted their inventory of pending reversion cases within their respective jurisdiction. The General Santos City Reversion Team also sent a separate inventory of the reversion cases it is handling. Of the available data on hand, there are a total of 756 reversion cases pending before the courts. Out of the 756 pending suits, the ground used for 364 of them is because the land covered is classified as either Timberland/ Forestland/ National Park, while 267 are based on fraud and misrepresentation.

Below is the summary of pending reversion cases per region as submitted to this Office, in comparison with the data the AILTC was able to gather in April 2022, *viz*:

REGION	As of October 2022	As of April 2022	Grounds Used (Based on Data as of October 2022)
Region I	972	99	Fraud and misrepresentation - 92 Forest/timberland/national park - 1 Foreshore or swampland - 1 Part of navigable river - 2 Ground not indicated - 1
Region II	5 <sup>3</sup>	5	Fraud and Misrepresentation - 4 Forest/timberland/national park - 1
Region III	1044	102	Forest/timberland/national park - 30

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Copy of DENR Special Order No. 2021-716 is attached as Annex "A"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region I is attached as **Annex "B"** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region II is attached as Annex "C"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region III is attached as Annex "D"

			Fraud and misrepresentation - 73 Violation of Sec. 122 and 123 of CA 141 - 1
Region IV-A	29 <sup>5</sup>	28	Forest/timberland/national park - 11 Fraud and misrepresentation - 9 Part of military or civil reservation - 6 Part of a street or public highway - 1 Foreshore or swampland - 1 Ground not indicated - 1
Region IV-B	1316	23	Forest/timberland/national park - 131
Region V	07	1	n/a
Region VI	65 <sup>8</sup>	64	Grounds not indicated
Region VII	81 <sup>9</sup>	189	Forest/ timberland/ national park- 52 Unclassified public forest- 12 Foreshore or swampland- 4 Part of navigable river, stream or creek- 2 Grounds not indicated- 11
Region VIII	7 <sup>10</sup>	36	Forest/ timberland/ national park - 2 Fraud and misrepresentation- 5
Region IX	111	1	National Park- 1
Region X	1312	22	Fraud and misrepresentation- 7 Forest/ timberland/ national park- 3 Reserved Cultural Center- 1 Grounds for other cases were not indicated
Region XI	1613	16	Fraud and misrepresentation- 14 Grounds for other cases were not indicated
Region XII	6314	46	Fraud and misrepresentation - 63
General Santos City	13315	152	Forest/ timberland/ national park- 133
Region XIII	616	21	Fraud and misrepresentation- 4 Grounds for other cases were not indicated
CAR	117	25	Fraud and misrepresentation - 1
NCR	$4^{18}$	4	Fraud and misrepresentation - 4

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region IV-A is attached as **Annex "E"** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region IV-B is attached as Annex "F"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region V is attached as **Annex "G"** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region VI is attached as Annex "H"

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 9}$  Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region VIII is attached as  $\bf Annex~^{\prime\prime}I''$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region VIII is attached as Annex "J"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region IX is attached as **Annex** "K"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region X is attached as **Annex** "L"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region XI is attached as Annex "M"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region XII is attached as Annex "N"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from General Santos City is attached as Annex "O"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from Region XIII is attached as Annex "P"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from CAR is attached as Annex "Q"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Copy of Data on Reversion Cases from NCR is attached as Annex "R"

## Comparison of Titles Under Investigation for Possible Reversion Cases

There are 1,246 titles which are under investigation for possible filing of reversion cases. Provided below is the summary per region:

REGION	As of October 2022	As of April 2022
Region I	384	No data <mark>a</mark> vailable
Region II	541	531
Region III	127	111
Region IV-A	0	232
Region IV-B	13	32
Region V	23	No data available
Region VI	0	No data <mark>a</mark> vailable
Region VII	0	No data <mark>a</mark> vailable
Region VIII	27	28
Region IX	0	No data a <mark>vailabl</mark> e
Region X	20	54
Region XI	0	No data a <mark>v</mark> ailable
Region XII	5	No data a <mark>v</mark> ailable
General Santos City	0	40
Region XIII	18	26
CAR	87	No data available
NCR	1	No data available

Respectfully submitted.

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ANNEX	DOCUMENT	
A	DENR Special Order No. 2021-716	
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Е	Data on Reversion Cases from Region IV-A	
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K	Data on Reversion Cases from Region IX	
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N	Data on Reversion Cases from Region XII	
О	Data on Reversion Cases from GRT	
P	Data on Reversion Cases from Region XIII	
Q	Data on Reversion Cases from CAR	
R	Data on Reversion Cases from NCR	

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