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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions 1 to 13 and CAR, except NCR

ATTENTION : The Regional CBFM Coordinators

FROM : The OIC-Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Western Mindanao
and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE CBFM-PO THAT HAS
CONTRACT/ MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH
PRIVATE ENTITIES**

DATE : **FEB 23 2023**

This pertains to our on-going effort to improve the investment in the forestry sector and continuous assistance to the holders of Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA).

Please be reminded that pursuant to the **Section 2.viii, Article II of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 1996-29** and further revised under **Sections 6.f. and 28 of DAO No. 2004-29**, the PO may enter into contracts with private and government entities or individuals for the development of portions, or the entire CBFM area consistent with the Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) and the 5-Year Work Plan (5YWP). Guidelines on the said contracting inside CBFMA areas are spelled out under the **DENR Memorandum Circular (DMC) No. 1998-08 “Guidelines on Contracting Inside Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) Areas”** issued on **24 June 1998**.

Further, under DMC No. 1998-08, the DENR particularly the CENRO has the following roles and responsibilities:

Section 5.2. The DENR through the CENRO and the Municipal government or their representatives shall assist the PO or PO-designate in the negotiations of all contracts inside the CBFM area, to ensure that:

- 5.2.1. The rights and interests of the PO are protected;*
- 5.2.2. The contract is in accordance with the CRMF and AWP (current FYWP) of the PO; and*
- 5.2.3. The contract does not violate any of the terms and conditions of the CBFMA nor any other forestry laws, rules and regulations.*

Section 5.4. The CENRO, the LGUs concerned, the PO and other stakeholder as appropriate, shall jointly conduct periodic monitoring of contracts. The concerned CENRO shall furnish copies of the monitoring reports to all concerned parties.

Furthermore, under Section 5.3. of said DMC, the PO or PO-designate shall furnish the CENRO and the LGU a copy of any service or development contract entered into by the PO or PO-designate and all other changes in the terms and conditions of the contract.

Relative thereto, the Region thru their respective CENROs and/or Implementing PENROs is being requested to review all existing service/development contracts of the CBFM-POs in their respective Regions and ensure that the latter is benefitting in the said contract not just for a short-term but for a long-term effect and ensure that the contracts are in accordance with existing policies and consistent with the CRMF and FYWP of the CBFM-POs. In addition, please submit report on the CBFM-POs that have engaged on the contracting with private entities **on or before 31 March 2023** following the attached template in **Annex A**.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, PLEASE.


ARLEIGH J. ADORABLE, CESO III

cc : The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
The Undersecretary for Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment
The Undersecretary for Field Operations – Mindanao

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