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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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THRU: The Assistant Regional Director
for Technical Services

The OIC, Chief- Planning and Management Division

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer
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SUBJECT : OPERATIONAL, POLICY AND EMERGING ISSUES

Respectfully submitting is the operational, policy and emerging issues pertaining to priority program of the department in lieu of the upcoming 1st Field Operations Management Conference for CY 2023 on April 12-15, 2023.

Per consultation with different sections, this Office identified some policy and emerging issues as follows:

On Improved Land Administration as well as Responsible Mining, this Office observed that there is a "lack of inter-agency coordination" especially in the implementation of mineral production sharing agreement of Altai Philippines Mining Company (APMC) in Sibuyan Island, Romblon. The same issue/concern encountered in the implementation of some infrastructure and other development project of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in our foreshore area and timberland.

The environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations in particular PD 1586 (PEISS) and PD 705 or Revised Forestry Code as amended appears violated. Some of the DPWH implemented projects along our foreshore area as well as road development have no area clearance and other permits from the DENR. In addition, in the issuance of CNC (Certificate of Non-Coverage) of DENR-EMB, there shall be field validation prior to the issuance of the said document.

Other related issues met were slow progress or the delay in the completion of cadastral projects due to limited funds allocated for survey authority and creation of regular/permanent positions for the Survey Team, municipal and barangay boundary conflicts, and tedious procurement process due to several factors, including some procurement guidelines. Furthermore, we would like to request that this Office would be the



one to set the achievable annual target on land survey and disposition (residential and agricultural areas).

On the Intensified Forest Protection Program as well as Protected Areas, Caves, Wetlands Management and Wildlife Conservation, the implementation of Landscape and Wildlife Indicators (LAWIN) Forest Biodiversity and Protection System shall be enhanced/updated in order to meet efficiently and effectively its goal.

In addition, the biodiversity threats facing Mt. Guiting-Guiting Natural Park (MGGNP) are several mining claims/applications and other anthropogenic activities. The top-level management shall facilitate to prioritize the legislation/regulation of Buffer Zone and other remaining Timberland including technical/financial support in the intensification of law enforcement in this small island ecosystem.

Lastly, on National Greening Program, this province experienced the delay in the implementation of this program because of tedious requirements set in the "Manual on Community Participation in Government Procurement." At present, the POs involved in this province generally lacked capacity in terms of legal, financial and technical. Only after exhausting the above procurement process, this Office resorted to "by Administration contract."

For information and further instruction.


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