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SUBJECT : ADOPTION OF THE MOBILE APP “ENVIRONMENTOR”

In the interest of the service, and pursuant to Executive Order No. 2, otherwise known as “Operationalizing in the Executive Branch the People’s Constitutional Right to Information and the State Policies to full Public Disclosure and Transparency in the Public Service and Providing Guidelines therefor”, and for more informed and efficient processes in DENR in the pursuit of its mandate, the mobile application called “EnvironMentor” is hereby adopted, and the following guidelines are hereby promulgated for adherence by all relevant Offices:

Section 1. Rationale. The use of EnvironMentor mobile application aims to achieve the following:

1. In view of the highly technical nature of the field of environmental management, the application is intended to “Mentor” incoming officials on laws, policies, decisions, facts, figures, issues and concerns in the Department;
2. Easier verification of status of land whether National Parks (including protected areas), Forest Land, Mineral Land, an Alienable and Disposable lands, by DENR Offices and other relevant government offices, real estate buyers, developers and project proponents, to help prevent illegal land titling, illegal logging, illegal mining and poaching of wildlife, among others;
3. Immediately inform the users of the prohibited acts relating to the environment and natural resources and the corresponding administrative, civil and criminal liabilities within the area;
4. Inform the users of the geo-hazards in the area, threatened species and other relevant environmental issues;
5. Inform all stakeholders about environmental programs and projects in their respective areas of concerns.; and
6. It aims integrate all relevant ENR and DENR information and show them all simultaneously at the palm of one’s hand using a mobile device, to facilitate rapid analysis of environmental issues in a given area and to help long term environmental planning in the country.

Section 2. Description. EnvironMentor is an information system for the DENR and its stakeholders that emulate the convenience of a search engine. It is also a map-based active application (“dashboard”) that utilizes GPS technology to summon relevant data in the area for the use of DENR insiders and external stakeholders, according to a hierarchy of access based on different levels of responsibility. It has an active GPS-based notification and alert systems.

The mobile application “Environmentor” is described in more detail through the enclosed User’s Manual which is hereby made an integral part hereof.

Section 3. Use. The mobile application "Environmentor" shall be used for alternative dispute resolution for land or resources-use conflicts, and land claims and conflicts; as a planning tool for all DENR Offices; and as reference material by the general public, including stakeholders, environmental planners, developers and the academe. It may also be used in the internal audit of DENR's programs and projects; environmental audits; and for the investigation and resolution of land claims and conflicts in the DENR, illegal titling, illegal logging, illegal mining, and illegal harvesting of wildlife, as well as related administrative disciplinary cases, in so far as may be allowed by the provisions of E-Commerce Law prescribing the rules on admissibility and authenticity of electronic information and evidence.

Section 4. Data and Map Layers. All data and map layers shall be derived from different agencies or offices that has the mandate to produce the corresponding information:

Section 4.1. Information on Regional and Provincial Environment and Natural (PENR) Offices. These shall be uploaded by the corresponding Regional, PENR or CENR Offices.

Section 4.2. Information on Central Office. Data on Central Office directory, funds, and other information shall be uploaded in coordination with the different offices in the Central Office.

Section 4.3. Searchable Contents. The Records Management Division (RMD) shall oversee the uploading of documents available for the Search function of the EnvironMentor app. These documents shall include the following:

1. Special Orders
2. Regional Special Orders
3. Memorandum Circulars
4. Showcause Memorandum
5. Administrative Cases
6. Legal Opinion
7. Laws, Rules and Issuance for Environmental Cases
8. All other issuances, data or information categorized as General/Public Circulation by the DENR Freedom on Information Manual

Section 5. Data Uploading and Updating. Succeeding data and data updates on the information shall be uploaded using a computer system accessible to different offices through password protected accounts. Maps and data shall be updated according to the frequency of updates available or as mandated by laws, policies, rules and regulations.

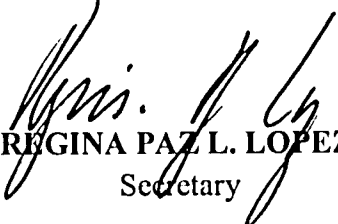
Section 6. Administration. The EnvironMentor shall be administered by the Freedom of Information Committee of the DENR and its Secretariat.

Sanctions 7. Updating. This Memorandum Circular shall be updated as the EnvironMentor mobile application is updated.

Section 8. Sanctions. Any official or employee involved in the non-compliance of the provisions of this Circular shall be dealt with accordingly.

Section 9. Separability Clause. All Orders, Circulars and Instructions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval.


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