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MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : The Undersecretary for Field Operations

SUBJECT : **Issuance of Licenses, Permits and Clearances within CADC/CALT Areas**

DATE : **APR 23 2003**

The DENR together with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) is in the process of harmonizing the provisions of the Indigenous People Rights Act of 1997 (R.A. 8371) and the various environmental laws, policies and regulations. This will cover sectoral issues on forestry, protected areas, mining, environmental protection, land ownership/disposition, among others, where there is conflict in policy implementation and/or interpretation of the law. One of the issues which the DENR and NCIP will work to have a common policy will be on the issuance and application of Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) by the affected IP Community as provided for in the IPRA.

In this regard, you are hereby directed to suspend the issuance of licenses, resource utilization permits, and other form of development clearances within Ancestral Domain Areas covered by CADC/CALT without coordination with the NCIP and the issuance of requisite FPIC. You are also directed to submit by 15 May, a list of licenses, permits and clearances issued within CADCs/CALTs, indicating the proponent, type of project and status, whether or not these are covered by FPIC.

For compliance.


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