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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All Regional Executive Directors

SUBJECT : **Conduct of a Land Tenure Study for the Land Administration and Management Project (LAMP)**

DATE : January 5, 2004

The Philippine Government is currently studying the feasibility of a long term intervention in land administration and management for the country. As an initial step, the government is implementing the 3-year Land Administration and Management Project (LAMP I) with the support of both the World Bank and the Australian government. In general, the project aims to: (a) identify possible improvements to land administration in the country; (b) test these improvements; (c) develop new directions in policy, institutional arrangements and laws aimed at reforming related programs and services; and (d) develop an appropriate project design for downstream assistance to fully implement the recommended strategic directions or improvements.

One of the activities of the project is a study of the current land tenure situation focusing on the survey, disposition and titling of alienable and disposable lands, and which includes land resource profiling, estimation of the volume of registration of deeds and land titles and the collection of some city/municipality socio-economic data.

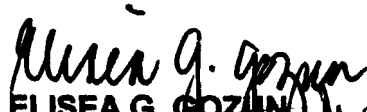
To conduct this "Land Tenure Study", the project has commissioned **SMART Research Services, Inc.** headed by its study team leader Mr. Waldomar Canales. The study will include the conduct of data gathering in various government agencies which are directly involved in land administration and management. Among the offices to be visited by SMART are the Regional Offices, particularly the Surveys Division and Forest Resources Conservation Division and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENROs).

Your assistance is required to facilitate the work of SMART team through a directive on the matter addressed to the concerned offices.

We are also inviting the presence of your Chief of Surveys Division in the scheduled Training/Orientation Program on the conduct of LAMP Land Tenure Study to be held on January 14-16, 2004 in Quezon City.

It is expected that a re-echo on the training/orientation to be facilitated by the Chief of Surveys Division to concerned personnel under the Surveys and Forest Resources Conservation Divisions, PENRO and CENRO will be conducted to assist the field researchers deployed by SMART for the data gathering on the city/municipal land resource and cadastral survey profile for the Land Tenure Study.

For your appropriate action.


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