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MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : The Secretary

SUBJECT : **Provision of Assistance to CBFM Communities through the Department of Science and Technology's Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (DOST SET-UP)**

DATE : JAN 19 2005

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 09 September 2003 for the provision of technological assistance to livelihood projects in Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) areas under the DOST's Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (SET-UP).

In this regard, you are hereby instructed to coordinate with DOST in the Region for the implementation of the said MOU. Likewise, please assist our Peoples Organizations (POs) in CBFM areas in identifying the technological needs of their existing livelihood projects and submit proposals to DOST for evaluation and possible assistance.

Attached are the copies of the said MOU and the primer of DOST on their SET-UP as ready references.

Further, you are also instructed to submit monthly update of activities undertaken regarding the implementation of the MOU.

For your guidance and compliance.


MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR

ARMANDO A. DE CASTRO
Officer - In - Charge DENR,



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WHEREAS, the government in recognition of the role of the upland communities forest management adopted the **Community Based Forest Management (CBFM)** as the national strategy to ensure the sustainable management of the country's forestlands and resources;

WHEREAS, the DENR is the primary agency responsible for the implementation of the CBFM strategy;

WHEREAS, in support to the CBFM strategy, the DENR has developed the **Community Livelihood Assistance Special Program (CLASP)** in pursuit of poverty reduction and wealth creation in the country;

WHEREAS, the DOST is mandated to provide central direction, leadership and coordination of all science and technology activities in the country and formulate science and technology policies, programs and projects in support of national development priorities;

WHEREAS, the DOST has a national program that promotes technology-based Micro, Small and Medium enterprises called, **Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program or SET-UP**;

WHEREAS, the DOST has expressed willingness to provide assistance to DENR in the establishment of new and/or improvement of existing enterprises in CBFM communities through technological interventions and technical assistance;



NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the

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1. DENR shall:

- 1.1 (Shall) commit the CBFM-CLASP as program counterpart to the SET-UP of the DOST;
- 1.2 Select from among the existing livelihood enterprises/projects of DENR which may avail assistance or development under this initiative;
- 1.3 Allocate CLASP funds that can be used by the communities to acquire technologies and entrepreneurial skills in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the program;
- 1.4 Assist the communities in facilitating access to technologies, additional capital and other forms of assistance;
- 1.5 Document the best practices and progress of the ^{participating} beneficiaries' enterprises development; and
- 1.6 Make available to stakeholders the documentation of reviews and other related information of existing and potential upland livelihood/enterprises under the CBFM, CLASP, CMMO and related livelihood projects;

2. DOST thru SET-UP shall:

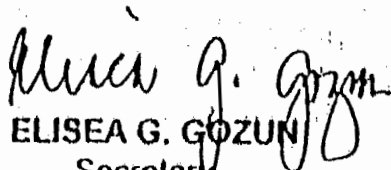
- 2.1 Assist the DENR in reviewing the status of existing upland livelihood/ enterprises;
- 2.2 Assist the DENR in identifying enterprises for assistance or development;
- 2.3 Through SET-UP, provide technical expertise to the CBFM participants in identifying their technological needs, source the technology and provide manpower training and other appropriate assistance; and
- 2.4 Make available to qualified applicants the seed fund for technology



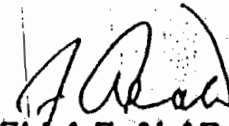
This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect upon signing by the parties thereto and shall remain in force until revoked or suspended by mutual agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affixed their signatures this _____ day of _____ 2003 at _____


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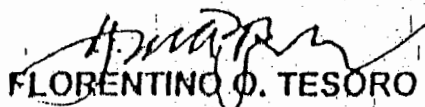

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