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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO : ALL LUZON REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**FROM : THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY**  
Field Operations - Luzon

**SUBJECT : COMPLIANCE TO TREE CUTTING PERMIT**  
**CONDITIONS**

**DATE : 16 OCT 2020**

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It has come to the attention of the Office that there is limited account on the compliance of mining and other development projects for the planting of replacement trees as stipulated in the tree cutting permits granted.

In view thereof, you are hereby instructed to monitor closely the operations and compliance of these mining companies to the terms and conditions of the issued Tree Cutting Permit, particularly the following:

1. Replacement ratio of 100 seedlings of indigenous species per tree cut to be planted by the permittee within the non-minable areas of the company (such as on the strip 20 meters wide on both sides of creeks or rivers bordering or traversing the subject area for stream bank protection), mined-out areas and other areas identified jointly by the CENR Officer concerned and the permittee;
2. Proper earthballing of saplings (with a diameter of 5-14 centimeters) and transplanting of the same within the mined-out areas of the company and/or to the area identified jointly by the permittee and DENR Field Offices, free from further development;
3. Care and maintenance of the planted seedlings and transplanted/earthballed saplings for three (3) years with a survival rate of at least 80%;
4. For every transplanted/earthballed sapling/tree that did not survive after six (6) months, the permittee shall conduct replacement planting preferably saplings of indigenous species with a ratio of 100 seedlings/saplings for every dead tree/sapling inclusive of the year of transplanting;

5. Submission of comprehensive report supported with geotagged photographs of the accomplishments, including relevant maps (complete with geographical coordinates) of the area planted with seedling replacement as well as areas where the earthballed seedlings/saplings are transplanted, to the Office of the Secretary, copy furnished the Director, Forest Management Bureau (FMB), for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

Please submit your status report following the matrix hereto attached to the Forest Management Bureau for consolidation every 30<sup>th</sup> of the month.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.



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