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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **THE ADMINISTRATOR**
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY, Climate Change and DIRECTOR, Biodiversity Management Bureau
In-Concurrent Capacity

THE DIRECTORS
Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **1ST JOINT PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PCS)/ NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATION COMMITTEE (NPCC) MEETING**

DATE : DEC 18, 2020

This refers to the Memorandum from Undersecretary Bernie F. Cruz, Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Office, and Vice Chair, SPLIT Project Steering Committee, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) thanking DENR for its participation during the 1st Joint Project Steering Committee (PCS)/ National Project Coordination Committee (NPCC) Meeting held on November 18, 2020 via Microsoft Teams and furnishing us with copy of the following Project SPLIT documents for review and comments:

1. Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Project SPLIT; and
2. Multi-Year Implementation Plan (Year 1 and Year 3)

Relative thereto, you are requested to provide the requested inputs and submit the same to this office soonest. You may send it in advance via email address oueiea.denr@gmail.com.

For information and appropriate action, please.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

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December 2, 2020

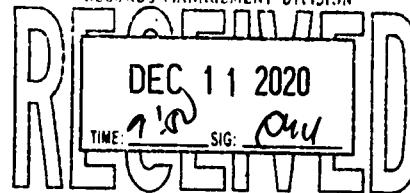
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Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATIURAL RESOURCES
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ATTENTION:

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Dear Secretary Cimatú:

We wish to convey our sincerest appreciation and thanks to DENR's participation during the **1st Joint Project Steering Committee (PSC)/National Project Coordination Committee (NPCC) Meeting** held on November 18, 2020 via Microsoft Teams.

As discussed during the said meeting, we are furnishing you with copy of the following Project SPLIT documents for your review and comments:

1. Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Project SPLIT; and
2. Multi-Year Implementation Plan (Year 1 to Year 3)

We hope to receive your comments/concurrence on the above Project documents on or before December 11, 2020.

Thank you and we look forward to a fruitful cooperation and partnership in the implementation of Project SPLIT.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



BERNIE F. CRUZ

Undersecretary

Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Office, and
Vice-Chair, SPLIT Project Steering Committee

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Agreement made and entered into this ___ day of _____ 2020 in Quezon City by and among:

The **Department of Agrarian Reform**, an instrumentality of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal address at DAR Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, hereinafter referred to as "**DAR**", and herein represented by its **Secretary, Atty. John R. Castricones**;

The **Department of Environment and Natural Resources**, an instrumentality of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal address at Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, hereinafter referred to as "**DENR**", and herein represented by its **Secretary, Roy A. Cimatu**;

The **Land Registration Authority**, an agency of the government under the Department of Justice with principal address at East Avenue, corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City, hereinafter referred to as "**LRA**" and herein represented by its **Administrator, Renato D. Bermejo**;

The **Department of the Interior and Local Government**, an instrumentality of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal address at DILG NAPOLCOM Center, EDSA Corner Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, hereinafter referred to as "**DILG**" and herein represented by its **Secretary, Eduardo M. Año**;

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The **National Commission on Indigenous Peoples**, an instrumentality of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal address at 7th Floor, Sunnymede IT Center Bldg. Quezon Ave., Quezon City, hereinafter referred to as "**NCIP**", and herein represented by its **Chairperson, Allen A. Capuyan**;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) of 1988, as amended by R.A. No. 9700, CARP Extension with **Reforms** of 2009 provides for the acquisition and distribution of public and private agricultural landholdings, regardless of commodity produced, to tenants, landless farmers and farmworkers, and/or other tillers who are qualified to become agrarian reform beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Republic Act No. 6657, the DAR is mandated to implement the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and serves as the lead implementing agency and for such purpose, it is authorized to acquire, determine the value of, subdivide into family farms or organize into collective of cooperative farms and develop private agricultural lands for distribution to qualified tillers, and actual occupants.

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the primary agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, specifically forest and grazing lands, mineral resources, including those in reservation and watershed areas, and lands of the public domain, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided for by law in order to ensure equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, as a CARP implementing agency, the DENR thru the Land Management Bureau (LMB) and its Regional offices, is in charge of the administration, survey, management and disposition of Alienable and Disposable (A&D) lands and other government lands not placed under the jurisdiction of other government agencies. Moreover, its Regional offices are responsible for the verification and approval of survey returns of CLOAs/collective CLOAs of CARP farmer-beneficiaries by DAR;

WHEREAS, the DENR thru the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) provides support for the effective protection, development, occupancy management, and conservation of forestlands and watersheds. It is also responsible for the forestland assessment and delineation;

WHEREAS, the DENR thru the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) is mandated to provide the public with mapmaking services and to act as the central mapping agency, depository, and distribution facility for natural resources data in the form of maps, charts, texts and statistics.

WHEREAS, the DENR thru the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) is responsible for the conservation and sustainable management of the country's biodiversity through the following major programs: protected areas and other ecosystems management and development, coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife resource conservation program;

WHEREAS, the DILG is responsible for the general supervision over local governments and in the enhancement of LGU capacities to improve their performance and enable them to effectively and efficiently deliver services to their constituents;

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, plans and programs to promote and protect the rights and well-being of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/ Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/ IPs) and the recognition of their ancestral domains;

WHEREAS, the Land Registration Authority (LRA) which is also a CARP implementing agency is responsible for issuing decrees of registration and certificates of title and register documents, patents and other land transactions for the benefit of landowners, agrarian-reform beneficiaries and the registering public in general; and providing a secure, stable and trustworthy record of land ownership and recorded interests therein so as to promote social and economic well-being and contribute to the national development;

WHEREAS, during the 36th Cabinet Meeting held on April 1, 2019 at the Malacañan Palace, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte instructed the DAR to "fast track the issuance of individual CLOAs to enable the land reform beneficiaries to use these as collateral for loans". These include landholdings from new lands for acquisition and distribution, government-owned lands under E.O. 75 Series of 2019 and agricultural lands covered by collective CLOAs.

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the foregoing instructions, DAR conceptualized the project Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project to provide the necessary financing support and technical assistance to fast track the parcelization and

generation and issuance of individual titles for about 1,368,883 hectares of agricultural lands covered under collective CLOAs;

WHEREAS, the NEDA Board confirmed ad referendum the Investment Coordination Committee – Cabinet Committee approval of the Project SPLIT;

WHEREAS, there is an existing loan signed between the Government of the Philippines (GOP) and the World Bank for the financing of the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling Project and one of the requirements for project implementation is an agreement between and among DAR and cooperating agencies that will bind their commitment to carry out their respective roles and functions for the successful implementation of Project SPLIT;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the DAR, DENR/LMB-FMB-NAMRIA, LRA/RODS, DILG and NCIP hereby agree as follows:

Article I The Project

The subject of this agreement is the Project SPLIT which aims to improve land tenure security and stabilize property rights of agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) through the parcelization and individual titling of 1,368,883 hectares of land covered by Collective CLOAs in 76 provinces in 15 regions in the country within the period 2020-2023. The parcelization process and individual titling shall be completed within the first three (3) years and the last year will be devoted to post implementation activities.

Project SPLIT has three (3) major components: a) Component I – Parcelization of Collective CLOAs; b) Component II – Capability Building and Technical Assistance; and c) Component III - Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation.

Component I – Parcelization of Collective CLOAs is designed to complete the parcelization and individual titling of the remaining 1,368,883 hectares of agricultural lands under collective CLOA. It will provide funding support for the hiring of additional manpower resources, testing and roll out of more efficient parcelization processes, adoption of modern survey techniques, and development and deployment of digital processes and document management. This component will comprise the following major subcomponents/activities: a) Improved Regulatory Framework for SPLIT; b) IT Support for SPLIT; c) Completing the Inventory of Collective CLOA; d) Field Testing of Improved Procedures to Subdivide Collective CLOA; and e) Rolling Out Improved Procedure in other Regions to complete SPLIT.

Component II – Capability Building and Technical Assistance will involve the development and implementation of a comprehensive capacity building and training program to equip the existing and additional staff of the DAR and cooperating agencies on the innovative approaches to be introduced by the SPLIT Project. To ensure progressive improvement of core competencies of Land Tenure Services (LTS) staff at the regional and provincial offices, the Project will also conduct the following: a) orientation/reorientation on Parcelization of Collective CLOA workflow and processes; b) cascading of new issuances/revised rules and procedures involving agrarian reform cases/processes; and c) coaching sessions for DARPO and DARMO staff directly involved in parcelization and other LTI activities.

Component III – Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation including Safeguards will provide the necessary technical and funding assistance to the project implementing units and partner agencies at the central, regional and provincial levels to support the management and coordination of project activities including planning, budgeting, technical assistance,

financial management, procurement and disbursement, monitoring and evaluation. Under this component, the Project will also look into environmental and social safeguards-related concerns, particularly during the validation process,

Article II General Working Relationship

The DAR will serve as lead implementing agency of the Project to perform overall administration, planning, control, management and supervision. As mandated by Executive Order 129-A, the DAR will also undertake surveys and subdivision of lands covered by collective CLOAs. DENR-NAMRIA will be responsible for the projection of CCLOAs into the LC map and DENR-FMB for certification of the areas under collective CLOAs as to their Forest/Timberland classification based on the land classification map. DENR-LMB and Regional Offices will be responsible for the inspection, verification and approval of submitted survey plans for collective CLOAs while LRA/RODs will handle the registration and issuance of individual titles in the name of agrarian reform beneficiaries.

The DAR and the Partner Implementing Agencies hereby commit to undertake implementation of the Project in accordance with the following:

1. Implementation arrangements, policies and procedures contained in the Project Operations Manual (POM), Joint Administrative Orders and Joint Memorandum Circulars issued by The Parties;
2. Multi-year and Annual Work Plan and Budget duly approved by the National Project Steering Committee;
3. Approved implementation structures at the national, regional and provincial levels and ensure that adequate, competent and experienced manpower are deployed to implement the Project;
4. Approved coordination mechanisms at the national, regional and provincial levels;
5. Approved Implementation Schedule which provides for synchronized and streamlined work processes;
6. Modernization of survey and harmonization and digitization of document management system;
7. Environmental and Social Commitment Plan for the Project; and
8. Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation System of the Project.

Article III Financial Arrangements

The DAR shall be responsible for the overall financial management of the Project and shall transfer funds to Partner Agencies based on the annual budget appropriation under the General Appropriations Act and Annual Work and Financial Plan approved by the Project Steering Committee. Allocation, obligation, transfer, disbursement and liquidation of Project Funds shall be in accordance with the Project Operations Manual on Financial Management.

Article IV
Obligations of the Parties

Section 1. Obligations of the DAR

The DAR shall:

1. Lead the implementation of the Project and perform overall administration, planning, control, budgeting, financial management, procurement and disbursement, monitoring and evaluation and implementation of environmental and social safeguards;
2. Complete the inventory, validation and subdivision survey of collective CLOAs and adopt strategies to improve parcelization process;
3. Identify the collective CLOAs to be parcelized under the Project and prepare the Annual Work Plan and Budget and targets for the completion of the parcelization process;
4. In coordination with partner implementing agencies and other stakeholders, update and complete the implementing rules and regulations to accelerate the completion of parcelization process;
5. Implement information dissemination, capacity development, and technical assistance for project staff, implementers and other stakeholders;
6. Establish the Project Steering Committee (PSC), the Project Coordinating Committees (PCCs)/technical working groups and Project Management Offices at the national, regional and provincial levels and designate DAR officials and technical representatives as members of these committees;
7. Provide manpower and equipment in support to the partner/cooperating agencies which is to be financed under the Loan Proceeds for the purpose of delivering the project's target outputs. On the other hand, payment of fees to DENR-LMB and LRA/RODs for the purpose of processing survey and Inspection, Verification and Approval of Surveys (IVAS), parcelization of collective CLOAs and issuance of individual titles to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries shall be financed from the GOP counterpart fund;
8. Transfer funds to concerned agencies to finance eligible maintenance and operating expenses;
9. Provide the DENR with a list of collective CLOAs with digitized approved survey plans and verification of land classification together with photo copies of collective CLOA titles and approved survey plans;
10. Provide DENR with equipment and staff support in a timely manner for projection of digitized ASPs of collective CLOAs in land classification maps to verify land classification;
11. Develop and maintain CLOA Document Management System to track the status of each CLOA and further streamline the parcelization process, and Digital Archive System for individual CLOAs;
12. Develop and operationalize a Monitoring and Evaluation System that will provide a framework for data generation, analysis and evaluation to guide and enhance project operations and achievement of the development objectives; and

13. Submit regular progress reports to DAR Management and the Project Steering Committee.

Section 2. Obligations of the DENR

The DENR shall:

1. Undertake the review, processing and approval of survey plans submitted by DAR;
2. Provide technical assistance to DAR in updating and completion of guidelines and implementing rules and regulations to speed up the parcelization process;
3. Designate the DENR's official representatives and technical personnel/officials to sit as members of the interagency Project Steering Committee and Project Coordinating Committee/technical working groups at the national level as well as Regional and Provincial Interagency Coordinating Committees;
4. Organize a work group under the Project for the projection of the digitized approved survey plans (ASPs) in the land classification (LC) maps, using FMB/LMB enhanced projection system to verify the land classification of collective CLOA;
5. Provide DAR with the results of the projections of ASPs in shape file showing CLOA land classification as the alienable and disposable land, forest land or another land classification;
6. If the collective CLOA is projected as alienable and disposable land, the DENR shall issue a certification to allow the project to proceed to the subdivision survey and onward submission to LMB for approval of survey plans and subsequent registration and issuance of individual CLOAs/titles;
7. Upgrade the DENR eSurvey software to facilitate the submission by geodetic engineers of survey returns including the physical and digital data for Inspection, Verification and Approval of Surveys (IVAS) process;
8. Upload the digitized ASPs in the LAMs Philippine Survey database to facilitate inspection, verification and approval of collective CLOAs parcelization survey;
9. Verify and approve collective CLOA subdivision survey; and
10. Provide technical assistance to DAR in the management of lands under collective CLOA or portion thereof which fall within Protected Areas based on the results of the projections of ASPs.

Section 3. Obligations of the LRA

The LRA shall:

1. Designate LRA/RODs official and technical representatives as members of the Interagency Project Steering Committee and Technical Working Group at the national level and of the Regional and Provincial Interagency Coordinating Committees ;

2. Provide to DAR the printed Certified True Copy of collective CLOA titles pursuant to the official request by the authorized representatives of the DAR;
3. If the requested collective CLOA titles are not in the LRA database, the LRA shall furnish the concerned RODs of the list of the said titles for the purpose of searching the physical copy of the CCLOA. In case it is on the ROD record, it shall be processed through Conversion on Demand (COD), otherwise, a Certification to the effect that the title is not on file shall be issued;
4. Issue the individual CLOA titles generated from the parcelized collective CLOA in accordance with the DAR-LRA Operations Manual and existing guidelines.

Section 4: Obligations of the DILG

The DILG shall:

1. Designate the DILG's official representatives and technical personnel/officials to sit as members of the interagency Project Steering Committee and technical working group at the national level as well as Regional and Provincial Interagency Coordinating Committees; and
2. Provide coordination and support to the local government units involved in the project.

Section 5: Obligations of the NCIP

The NCIP shall:

1. Designate the NCIP's official representatives and technical personnel/officials to sit as members of the interagency Project Steering Committee and technical working group at the national level as well as Regional and Provincial Interagency Coordinating Committees;
2. Provide DAR with relevant data and information that may be used by the Project as reference during the conduct of the parcelization process; and
3. Ensure that the regional and provincial representatives attend regular inter-agency project coordination meetings.

Article V Effectivity

This MOA shall take effect upon signing by all Parties, and shall remain in full force until completion of the Project.

Article IV Amendment

This Agreement may be revised, amended, or modified only through a written instrument duly executed and signed by the Parties hereto. Nothing herein should be construed

as a radical departure from the objectives of SPLIT and the mandates being pursued by the lead and cooperating agencies.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties have signed this Agreement this ____ day of _____, 2020 in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

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Secretary

**Department of Environment and
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By:

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, for and in the above jurisdiction personally appeared the following persons:

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