

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN



#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Western

Mindanao, and Director, in concurrent capacity

Forest Management Bureau

The OIC Director

Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM

The OIC Director

Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT

**SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS DURING POLICY TECHNICAL** 

**WORKING GROUP (PTWG) MEETING NO. 2024-08** 

DATE

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This refers to PTWG Meeting No. 2024-08 held on 18 July 2024, 9:30 AM at the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal and Administration (OULA) Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, DENR Central Office and via Zoom. The said meeting discussed the following proposed policies:

- 1. Draft DAO re: Guidelines on the Integration of Sustainable Development Goals on the Formulation and Implementation of the Social Development and Management Program; and
- 2. Draft DAO re: Guidelines In The Computation Of The Floor Prices For The Issuance Of Appropriation Management Arrangement Within Government-Funded Plantations

Relative thereto, attached is the summary of agreements, for your information and reference in the revision of your respective policy. Moreover, the proposed policies shall be revised by the proponent and submitted to this Office within a period of one (1) week, for recirculation to the PTWG members for final comment/vetting.

In this regard, kindly submit your revised draft policy not later than **09 August 2024**.

For your consideration, please.

CHERYL KOISE T. LEAL, EnP

MEMO NO. 2024 - 699



### Request for Comment/Concurrence on the Summary of Agreements for PTWG No. 2024-08

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Thank you.

**PTWG Secretariat** 





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### Re: Request for Comment/Concurrence on the Summary of Agreements for PTWG No. 2024-08

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To: PSD-PPS <psddivision@gmail.com>

Fri. Jul 26, 2024 at 12:15 PM

Dear PSD,

On Scope and coverage, please be informed that there is a separate policy will cover the "delisting" of NGP sites from the Book of Accounts. Moreover, the term "delisting computation" is not existing.

Thank you.



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**PTWG Secretariat** 

#### PTWG Meeting No. 2024-08 SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS

18 July 2024 I 9:30 AM I OULA Conference Room, 6/F DENR Bldg.

#### I. Call to Order

Chairperson: Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal	
Vice Chairperson: Atty. Norlito A. Eneran	
Members:	
Usec. Carlo Primo David - OUIES	For. Jeremy Q. Rola - OUPPIA
Engr. Marcial H. Mateo - MGB	Ms. Encarmila B. Panganiban - OULA
Engr. Gilbert Aquino - MGB	Ms. Nelgie Ann C. Belesario - OUFISCC
Ms. Julie Anne R. Balanag - MGB	Ms. Krystyne Ong - OULA
Mr. Jhumar Sioson - OUFOLVE	Mr. Conrado A. Bravante Jr FASPS
For. Josefina M. Ocampo - OASFOLV	Ms. Jea Robelo - RBCO
Mr. Aries Matibag -OUFLVE	For. Glaiza Del Rosario - MGB
For. Kenneth Tabliga - FMB	Atty. Eugene Julius L. Paranaque - ERDB
For. Claudett Endozo - FMB	Mr. Ariel Catindig - SDRMD
For. Jeruz Pahilanga -OUFOM	
Ms. Juanita C. Timola - OASECFOWM	
For. Jake Lorenz C. Aldovino - IAS	
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For. Raphael Celestino Y. Baskinas	Mr. Nehemiah Leo Carlo Salvador
Ms. Leila Dane P. Vega	

**Note:** Some DENR Regional and Field Offices were invited to observe and participate in the policy review. The PTWG 2024-08 was participated by representatives from DENR Regional Offices and MGB Regional Offices from Regions 3, 4A, and 13 (particularly from the LPDD and CDD).

#### II. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

The meeting was called into order by the Chair, Director Cheryl Loise T. Leal, at 09:38 AM. The body approved the agenda to review MGB and FMB's draft proposed guidelines on integrating sustainable development goals in the formulation and implementation of the social development and management program and the computation of the floor prices for the issuance of appropriate management arrangements within government-funded plantations, respectively. Undersecretary Carlos Primo David then facilitated the meeting.

#### III. Discussions on Proposed Policies

## A. DRAFT DAO RE: "GUIDELINES ON THE INTEGRATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Engr. Marcial Mateo provided the background of the draft DAO. According to him, the Social Development and Management Program is a comprehensive five-year plan for the contractor/permit holder to achieve sustained improvement in the host's and neighboring communities' living standards. Engr Mateo mentioned that one of the legal bases for adopting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the implementation of SDMP is provided in the United Nations Summit Report in New York on September 25-27, 2015. Moreover, he shared that the draft policy emanated due to the instructions of Undersecretary Carlos Primo David on May 8, 2023, to prepare guidelines on the adoption of the SDGs into the SDMP of mining companies.

Provision	Comments/Agreements
Preliminary Discussions	Dir. Norlito Eneran clarified whether the stakeholder consultation/workshop conducted by MGB involved the mining industry and local government units. Engr. Marcial Mateo answered that LGUs were not invited; however, as a way forward, participants should inform/re-echo to their respective LGUs the results of the consultation conducted together.

with the issues/concerns discussed during the meeting. Engr. Gilbert Aquino mentioned that nationwide audits were conducted regularly, including discussions and consultations with LGUs. Moreover, he shared that a Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular (MC) was circulated. requiring LGU officials to align their PPAs with the SDGs. Hence, it was agreed that the proponent will cascade the DAO, once signed, to LGUs and concerned stakeholders. For. Josephina Ocampo pointed out that LGUs should be involved in the inception phase of the policy before its approval to align the SDMP with the existing development plans of LGUs. Subject/Title **ADOPTED Prefatory Statement** Dir. Cheryl Leal inquired about the existing guidelines for formulating Social Development and Management Plan (SDMP). Engr. Mateo replied that the guidelines are provided in DAO No. 2010-13. For brevity and uniformity, Dir. Eneran suggested omitting the phrase "to provisions" as well as the mention of "Section 135 of" **SECTION 1. Basic Policy**  Dir. Eneran commented that the first paragraph was a general statement quoted from RA No. 7942. Hence, he proposed replacing it with a statement specific to SDGs. For. Ocampo suggested replacing required to" with "shall" to impose a more command. She also suggested replacing "cover and" to "include." Dir. Eneran observed that the second paragraph needs to be revised in the basic policy and transferred to a more appropriate section where contractors, operators/permit holders/mining patent holders must submit

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	pertinent documents. Hence, the body agreed to transfer the second paragraph in Section 5.  • Usec. Carlos Primo David suggested inserting a statement such as "mining companies are directly responsible for attaining applicable SDGs in their host and neighboring communities" in the introductory part of the basic policy.
SECTION 2.Objectives	ADOPTED
SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage	<ul> <li>To be consistent with the policy title Lines 48 to 49 to be revised as: "Formulation and implementation,".</li> </ul>
SECTION 4. Definition of Terms	<ul> <li>On 4.1, For. Ocampo suggested spelling out FTAA as Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement.</li> <li>Under the definition of host community/ies in 4.2, Dir. Eneran proposed incorporating the Indigenous People Communities and other applicable stakeholders to indicate they are part of the barangay/s where the project facilities are.</li> <li>On 4.3, Dir. Eneran suggested using the word "adjacent" instead of "next level."</li> <li>On 4.4, Dir. Eneran suggested including "cities" aside from the municipalities where the mining project is located.</li> </ul>
SECTION 5. SDG Integration in the SDMP Formulation and Implementation	<ul> <li>For consistency, add "and implementation"</li> <li>Dir. Eneran suggested listing in the draft DAO the specific tasking/ roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved (e.g., LGU, IPs, barangay kapitan, etc.) in the formulation of SDMP.</li> <li>For. Kenneth Tabliga commented that in Section 1, it is stated that the contractors/ permit holders/ mining patent holders and LGUs shall submit the SDMP in consultation with the host and neighboring communities. However, in Section 5 it is stated that SDMP shall be planned directly by the community/ies</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>who will be affected by the mining operation. Moreover, she added that the guidelines of SDMP PPAs are provided in Section 136-A and not Section 135 of DAO No. 2010-21.</li> <li>To be consistent with DAO No. 2010-21 and basic policy of the draft DAO, Dir. Leal suggested adopting and directly mentioning in the first paragraph that "contractors/ permit holders/ mining patent holders and LGUs shall submit the SDMP in consultation with the host and neighboring communities".</li> <li>Reformulate this Section to incorporate the second paragraph of the basic policy.</li> </ul>
SECTION 6. Monitoring	ADOPTED
and Evaluation	ADOI 1ED
SECTION 7. Reporting	Dir. Eneran inquired about the role of
	MGB-RO aside from recommending the expansion of SDMP implementation to non-mining communities. To address this, Engr. Aquino stated that they would add a statement that "MGB-RO can instruct companies to focus on other SDGs that need attention based on the evaluation and assessment to be submitted by the contractor."  • Dir. Eneran suggested specifying to which office the report would be submitted. Dir. Leal replied that the report should be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary through the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs. For Jeremy Rola added that reports should be coursed through the respective Supervising Undersecretaries for MGB prior to its submission to the Office of
	<ul> <li>SENR.</li> <li>Dir. Leal recommended creating a separate section for the roll-out and capacity-building since one of the recommendations during</li> </ul>

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	their Integrated Regional Field Assessment and Validation System for ENR Management (I-RISE) assessment is to capacitate stakeholders on community related PPAs.
SECTION 8.Separability Clause	ADOPTED
SECTION 9. Repealing Clause	ADOPTED
SECTION 10. Transitory Provision	Dir. Eneran suggested reformulating to specify when is the "next annual SDMP".
SECTION 11. Effectivity.	ADOPTED
ANNEX 1	<ul> <li>Dir. Eneran suggested indicating that the listed PPAs are just a menu and other activities may be identified and added.</li> </ul>
ANNEX 2	ADOPTED

# B. DRAFT DAO RE: GUIDELINES IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE FLOOR PRICES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATION MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT WITHIN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PLANTATIONS

For. Kenneth Tabliga of the Forest Management Bureau, the proponent bureau, had presented the rationale and salient features of the draft DAO. She explained that the draft policy aims to prescribe the standard formulas to be used in the computation of the Floor Price for the plantations established through government funds which shall be recouped in favor of the government. Below are the line by line discussion and agreements for the said draft policy during the PTWG meeting:

Provision	Highlights	
Preliminary Discussions	There are 2,237,718 hectares of established plantations. Sixteen percent (16%) of the established plantations are placed under Tenure Instruments while 78% are untenured, and 88.67% are graduated NGP plantations. There are ongoing tenure applications for infrastructure purposes (Private and Government Projects) that will affect established plantations. Mr. Ariel Catindig inquired	

	why the total of tenure and untenured is not 100%.
	FMB to review the total.
Subject/Title	Dir. Eneran inquired why it is only proposed to
	compute the floor price of the minimum and not the maximum price for the National Greening
	Program (NGP) project. For. Tabliga explained that there has been a series of consultations for
	this policy and discussions on the terms to be used. The policy intends to recoup government
	investment, then the actual investment will be
	turnover and computed. It has been raised that in the Commission on Audit (COA), there is a term
	used (e.g. best used or utilization of property). If the plantation is not appraised properly this can
	be audited by COA.  • The FMB will review related
	guidelines/policies to look for a better term to use instead of "Floor price".
Prefatory Statement	There should be more appropriate basic policy
,	included because the policy includes
	computation. There should be additional legal
	basis for stricter implementation. It is also suggested to indicate that the draft policy is in
	relation to the National Capital Accounting (NCA).
	• FMB to Include legal basis for stricter
	implementation and projects concerned and
	the total of existing guidelines on computations and additional policies related
	to COA Regulations.
SECTION 1. Basic Policy	Dir. Eneran remarked that this provision is not
	appropriate because the policy is socio
	economic, and suggested including the
	appropriate provision in the basic policy statement because the policy includes
	statement because the policy includes computation.
	FMB to look for a more appropriate basic
	policy that intends to capture the
	socio-economic aspect as the draft policy
	involves cutting of trees and recoupment of
	investments. The FMB could check PD No. 705 for basis.
SECTION 2 Objections	
SECTION 2. Objectives	Dir. Eneran recommended revising the

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	Objectives to allege in the assessment will be
	Objectives to align in the comments under the
	subject.
	• FMB to consider previous comment on use of "Floor price".
SECTION 3. Scope and	For. Ocampo suggested separating the NGP and
Coverage	untenured instruments. For Tabliga explained
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	that the policy being discussed is on untenured
i	plantations. Ms. Ocampo remarked that there is
	conflict with delisting computation. FMB informed
	that there is a separate policy that will cover the
	"delisting" of NGP sites from the Book of
	Accounts. Moreover, the term "delisting
	computation" does not exist.
	Dir Eneran suggested clarifying the situations
	including the Protected Areas (PAs). FMB
	clarified that all areas covered by the policy are
	under production zone and the PAs are not
	included.
<u> </u>	Dir. Leal asked about the PAs that will be
·	established. FMB replied that it will not be
	covered. There are projects in PAs but FMB
	clarified that PAs are not included.
	Dir. Eneran remarked that in the valuation of
	areas under NGP in PAs, this policy can be a
	reference.
·	Dir. Leal clarified if the computation of the value
	of water is not yet included in the draft DAO. For.
•	Tabligra affirmed.
	Dir. Eneran mentioned that in crafting of Policies,
	there should be no silos.
	FMB to include a catch all phrase that will
	clarify that all NGP projects in PAs and PAs
	are not covered by the policy.
SECTION 4. Definition of	• The FMB explained that "4.1 Floor price" is a
Terms	definition being proposed for the policy, and the
	Items 4.2 to 4.7 are lifted from NGP guidelines. It
	was suggested that the FMB should consider the
	previous comments on "Floor price", thus, Dir.
·	Eneran reminded the FMB of the omission of
	"Floor price".
	FMB to consider the comments on Item 4.1
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## SECTION 5. Recoup of Government Investments in Untenured Forestlands

- Dir Eneran asked if the PENCAS on valuation of carbon stock can be used in the methodology to compute the carbon stock. The FMB explained that the Above Ground Biomass and Below Ground Biomass are included. There are available guidelines [publication] at ERDB.
- Dir. Eneran asked if the biodiversity area valuation and appraisal is included. FMB remarked that it is not included. It was raised that the comment/s of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) should be considered as the proposed policy should be consistent with the BMB services.
- Some Ecosystem Services (ES) cannot be accounted for through this draft DAO. Dir. Eneran suggested adding a provision/paragraph that will cover future computations of services to have an option in the future to cater other ecosystem services. Likewise, Dir. Leal suggested adding phrases for future endeavors such as computation of other services.
- For. Ocampo cautioned that the cost that will be derived from the computation is just a minimal value or undervalued. Dir. Leal reiterated the inclusion of NCA in the prefatory statement.
- For. Bravante of FASPS asked if there be a corresponding adjustment in the formula to be used in the computation if the ES will be considered. For. Tabliga affirmed but explained that this will be done/conducted in the future as they are waiting for the data from forest accounting. FMB suggested including this as an Annex.
- Dir. Leal clarified if the policy is prescribing two formulas: 1) for plantations; and 2) other ES. She asked if this can be added in the body. FMB replied that they would lift the formulas in the draft DAO to be inserted in the Annex. The body agreed to just lift the formula then make it an annex.
- Dir. Eneran suggested citing that all tenurial

SECTION 6. Issuance of Tenurial Instruments or Appropriate Management	<ul> <li>instruments would be integrated/harmonized and revising the provision to be SFLMA-ready.</li> <li>Dir. Leal suggested revisiting the "Floor price" section since this may be included in the Definition of Terms section per For. Ocampo's suggestion.</li> <li>FMB to include a phrase or additional provision to cover future computation of other ecosystem services including other tools and methodologies (can be lifted from NCA). Include NCA in the Prefatory statement.</li> <li>It was agreed to lift the formulas from the policy body, and include them in an annex.</li> <li>FMB to provide diagram/flowchart (with tenure issuance)</li> <li>FMB is amenable to Dir. Eneran's suggestion to remove Section 6 due to its irrelevance to the proposed policy.</li> </ul>
Arrangements	
SECTION 7. Floor Price	<ul> <li>For. Ocampo suggested that the title is a reiteration. Dir Leal said that this section will be revisited and suggested to just incorporate it in the definition and not as another section.</li> <li>FMB to consider the comment to omit the</li> </ul>
SECTION O	section.
SECTION 8.	• In Subsection 8.1, Dir. Eneran asked on the
Determination of the	rationale of the usage of the term "investors"
Floor Price	instead of "applicant". FMB explained that this is
	the term used by their Forest Investment Development Division (FIDD), since they
	[investors] will be investing in the tenure area.
	It was raised that the term should be harmonized
	with the terms used in SFLMA. The FMB agreed to harmonize the term, hence, "applicants" will be used.
	Ms. Belesario suggested removing the term
	"certificate" in Section 8.1, and replacing it with
	"purposes". To be read as: "environmental
	compliances purposes".
	• In Subsection 8.3, Dir. Eneran suggested
1	reviewing/checking other land uses in the

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SECTION 9. Standard Formulas for the Computation of Floor	SFLMA. Dir. Eneran clarified if the established plantation is not funded by the government. FMB to revise the paragraph for further clarification.  In Subsection 8.4, it was suggested to spell out CBFM and POs. For. Ocampo asked why there is no formula. FMB explained that the formula of 8.2 will be used.  The FMB explained that the area should not just be used in expansion thus, CBFMA can be included.  Dir. Eneran suggested revising the section consistent with the previous suggestion to lift the formulas and insert them as Annex.  Dir. Leal asked about other social services, housing, etc FMB replied that the listed projects are the only acceptable projects. Limited to infrastructure, energy and tourism projects  FMB to review/consider suggested revisions on the use of terms and spelling of all acronyms  FMB to revise the subsections (i.e subsection 8.4) in accordance with SFLMA.  Section 8 to be expanded to include applicable provisions in Section 9 (last paragraph of Section 9).  FMB to revise the format in line with the proposal of PTWG members. Formulas can be lifted as an Annex and provide formulas for additional ES.
Price	
SECTION 10. Payment	<ul> <li>Dir. Eneran suggested mentioning the one fund policy that will go straight to the national treasury. To include "in accordance with One Fund Policy."</li> <li>Dir. Eneran asked about the disadvantages of bidding. FMB mentioned that there are problems with COA when it comes to bidding citing FMB's experiences with Forestry Investment Portfolio Approach (FIPA)</li> <li>Bidding is settled to settle the claims. The first payment policy might lead to corruption as explained by Dir. Eneran. FMB will review this. For. Ocampo suggested a time frame for payment. FMB to consider.</li> <li>The PSD asked regarding the computation of</li> </ul>

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	the floor price. Section 5 will determine the cost of investment. FMB explained that the formula is standard for Regional Offices to compute. Moreover, there will be roll-out and capacitation.  Ms. Belesario asked why the payment is at PENRO and evaluation at Regional Office. FMB explained that the Regional Office will endorse it to the Central Office. But payment and collection will be at the PENRO.  It was agreed to include a flowchart to be inserted in Section 5 (with tenure issuance).  The DENR shall issue technical bulletins in a form of Memorandum to be signed by Undersecretary Leones for the updating of annex.  FMB to review the inclusion of One Fund Policy and policies regarding bidding
	process, and to include/consider a turn
	around time for the payment
SECTION 11. Roll-out and	Dir. Leal asked about the roll out/capacity
Capacity Building	frequency being done by the Bureau because
	there are some policies not being cascaded timely to the field offices. She asked for feedback on the roll-outs conducted. The FMB explained that roll-outs are part of the annual Forestry 101 wherein an instructional video can be accessed in FMB's youtube channel. They can use this platform as a medium of information dissemination.  • Dir. Leal asked whether the policy has undergone Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) or there was pilot testing conducted. FMB informed that the policy underwent full blown RIA.
SECTION 12. Transitory Provision	ADOPTED
SECTION 13. Separability	ADOPTED
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The proposed policy was moved for approval of the PTWG, subject to the revisions based on comments made during the discussion. Dir. Leal mentioned that PTWG Secretariat will share the revised version of the policy to the PTWG members for comments, and if no further comments are received by the set deadline, it is assumed that the policy is concurred with. The PPS will then endorse the policy to the ExeCom.

The PTWG meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Prepared by the Secretariat

Noted by:

OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service



#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN



DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2024 - \_\_\_\_

SUBJECT:

GUIDELINES ON THE INTEGRATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SDMP)

Pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, Section 135 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2010-21 and other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations and consistent with the continuing efforts of the DENR to effectively implement the Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) of mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders and to align with and contribute to the mining industry efforts towards the achievement of the goals in Ambisyon Natin 2040, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028, the following are hereby promulgated for the guidance and compliance of all concerned:

SECTION 1 Basic Policy It is the policy of the State to promote the rational exploration, development, utilization and conservation of all mineral resources in the country in a manner that effectively safeguards the environment and protects the rights of affected communities.

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All contractors/-permit holders/mining patent holders are required-shall submit an SDMP in consultation and partnership with the host and neighboring communities. The SDMP shall be actively promoted and shall eever-and include all programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) towards enhancing the development of host and neighboring communities.

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**SECTION 2. Objectives.** This Order is issued for the attainment of the following objectives:

- 2.1. To enhance the efficacy and impact of the SDMP, towards significant change and positive social impact, aligning closely with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within mining communities;
- 2.2. To develop a comprehensive framework of measurable indicators aligned with the most relevant SDGs for the mining sector; and
- 2.3. To implement the SDMP PPAs that are aligned withen the SDGs.

SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage. This Order shall cover all mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders from for the formulation and implementation of the SDMP, which is a requirement for the Declaration of Mining Project Feasibility approval, through development/construction and the operating period.

 ${\bf SECTION}$  4. Definition of Terms. As used in and for purposes of this Order, the following terms shall mean:

Assistance Agreement (FTAA).

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4.2. Host community/ies – The direct/primary stakeholders based on Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1586 or the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System and DAO No. 2003-30, its Implementing Rules and Regulations. These are barangays located in the Direct Impact Area (DIA) or the area where project facilities are to be constructed/located and where all operations are to be undertaken.

Contractor – means-a Qualified Person acting alone or in consortium

who is a party to a Mineral Agreement or Financial or Technical

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- 4.3. Neighboring community/ies The stakeholders of the Indirect Impact Area (IIA) based on PD No. 1586 and DAO No. 2003-30. These are barangay/s located in the IIA or those immediate to the DIA and those within the adjacent next level of local government unit where the project is to be sited.
- **4.4.** Non-mining community/ies The barangay/s outside the host and neighboring community/ies but within the same cities/municipalities where the mining project is located.
- 4.5. Permit Holder a holder of any mining permit or ef—Mineral Processing Permit issued under DAO No. 2010-21 and its amendments, except permits that authorizes exploration activities only.
- 4.6. Social Development and Management Program refers to the comprehensive five-year plan of the contractor/permit holder authorized to conduct actual mining and milling operations towards the sustained improvement in the living standards of the host and neighboring communities by creating responsible, self-reliant, and resource-based communities capable of developing, implementing and managing community development programs, projects and activities in a manner consistent with the principle of people empowerment.
- 4.7. Sustainable Development Goals also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030, all people enjoy peace and prosperity. Seventeen (17) SDGs are urgent calls for action by all developed and developing countries in a global partnership.

SECTION 5. SDG Integration in the SDMP Formulation and Implementation. The SDMP PPAs shall be planned directly by the community/ies who will be affected by the mining operation. It shall work on the community's varied needs on a short and long-term basis. The short and long-term, and strategic program objectives shall be aligned with the existing development plans of the local and national governments geared towards socio-economic gains.

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The SDMP PPAs shall still be guided by Section 135 of DAO No. 2010-21. In addition, the formulation of the SDMP shall be aligned with the most relevant SDGs. The following are the identified SDGs for the mining industry:

**5.1. Goal No. 1: No Poverty** 

- 5.2. Goal No. 2: Zero Hunger
- 5.3. Goal No. 3: Good Health and Well-being
- 5.4. Goal No. 4: Quality Education
- 5.5. Goal No. 5: Gender Equality
- 5.6. Goal No. 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- 5.7. Goal No. 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- 5.8. Goal No. 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- 5.9. Goal No. 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
- 5.10. Goal No. 10: Reduced Inequalities
- 5.11. Goal No. 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- 5.12. Goal No. 13: Climate Action

The list of indicators for each SDG in Annex 1 shall serve as a guide in identifying the PPAs during the planning and formulation of the SDMP. All mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders, stakeholders concerned, and corresponding local government units (LGUs) shall contribute to achieving the SDG goals/targets.

For mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders that have the same host and neighboring community/ies, shared or collective programs, projects and activities may be implemented to promote greater impact and reduce redundant projects subject to the approval of MGB RO. The budget allocation shall be distributed based on the priority SDG goals that need to be achieved.

SECTION 6. Monitoring and Evaluation. The mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders shall conduct data gathering on the existing condition of the host and neighboring communities which will serve as a basis for assessing progress toward achieving the SDGs. In addition, the mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders shall allocate <u>fundsfund</u> in the SDMP to conduct capacity building on SDGs for the community/ies/stakeholders. This is to ensure that the programs, projects and activities to be integrated in the SDMP formulation are guided by the identified SDGs for the mining industry.

The MGB RO shall ensure that SDMP PPAs are aligned with the SDGs in general as guided by the Philippine SDG indicators, as outlined in Annex 1. It shall also provide feedback to mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders on SDGs that need prioritization in the succeeding years.

SECTION 7. Reporting. The mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders shall include the assessment of the overall progress towards the SDGs in the annual SDMP accomplishment report and/or the Social Impact Assessment (SIA), specifying the SDG number and additional SDG indicators, as applicable. A copy of the annual accomplishment report shall also be submitted to the LGUs concerned in relation to the DILG-NEDA Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 s.2018, "Guidelines on the Localization of the Philippine Development Plan Result Matrices and the SDGs."

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The MGB RO shall prepare and submit to the MGB Central Office (CO) the annual consolidated report on the contribution of the SDMPs in achieving the SDGs using the SDMP-SDG Accomplishment Form within 60 days after the end of each year (see Annex 2). Based on the said report, the MGB RO may recommend the expansion of SDMP implementation to non-mining communities.

The MGB CO shall prepare and submit to the DENR, Office of the Secretary through the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs coursed through the respective Supervising Undersecretaries for MGB an annual report on the overall contribution of the SDMP towards the SDGs on or before the end of the first semester of the succeeding year using the same form as Annex 2.

**SECTION 8. Conduct of Capacity Building.** 

**SECTION 9. Funding.** 

 **SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions that are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. Repealing Clause.** All Orders and other similar issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Transitory Provision. All mining contractors/permit holders/mining patent holders with approved SDMP shall incorporate compliance with this Order's pertinent provisions in the Annual SDMP, in the next annual SDMP planning cycle, and in the conduct of SIA.

**SECTION 13. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of the receipt of the copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN



DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUBJECT:

GUIDELINES IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE FLOOR PRICE FOR ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED PLANTATIONS (FMB to use better legal term instead of

"FLOOR PRICE")

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended (Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines), Executive Order (EO) No. 192 (Reorganization Act of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources), and DAO No. 2021-20 (Guidelines in Managing Untenured Forestlands with Plantations Established through Government Funds), the following guidelines are hereby issued to provide for the procedures in the recoup of investments in untenured forestlands with established plantations through government funds (Include legal basis for stricter implementation and projects concerned)

SECTION 1. Basic Policy, It is the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. (FMB to look for a more appropriate basic policy in the socioeconomic side as the draft policy involves cutting of trees and recoupment of investments. \*check PD 705 as basis for socio-economic)

SECTION 2. Objectives. The general objective of this Order is to prescribe the standard formulas to be used in the computation of the Floor Price for the plantations established through government funds which shall be recouped in favor of the government. (to consider previous comment on Floor Price)

**SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage.** This Order shall cover all untenured forestlands with plantations established through government funds. The areas to be covered must have the following qualifications:

- The area is within the production zone of forestland;
- 2. The plantation developed in the area is not under a co-management agreement with the local government unit; and
- All plantations developed under the National Greening Program and other similar projects that were turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and are not yet covered by any appropriate tenure instrument or management arrangement.
- 4. All NGP in PAs are not covered by the policy (Additional provision as #4)

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45 46 47 **SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.** For the purposes of this Order, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

4.1 Floor Price – the lowest price at which the government owned plantations can be disposed taken into consideration the cost of investments spent by the government for the seedling production, establishment, maintenance, and protection of the plantations and its assessed value taking into consideration its stumpage value, market price, and if applicable, social cost of carbon. (FMB to consider previous comments on Floor Price)

4.2. Maintenance Cost – the amount allotted by the DENR for carrying out maintenance and protection activities at the NGP site during the contract period, which is usually three years. Maintenance costs include activities such as ring weeding or strip brushing, fertilization, and production of seedlings for replanting, as well as some protection activities like patrolling and fireline establishment, among others, and are computed on a per hectare basis.

 **4.3. Plantation Establishment Cost** – the amount allotted by the DENR to execute plantation establishment, which includes site preparation, hole digging, staking, outplanting and other necessary plantation activities. Usually computed on a per hectare basis.

**4.4. Plantations established through government funds –** shall refer to areas with government-funded reforestation projects and programs in the country.

**4.5. Seedling Production Cost** – amount allotted by the DENR that encompasses all activities in producing planting materials. The amount is computed on a per seedling basis based on the cost of materials used, labor for nursery activities, water, and other utilities used.

**4.6. Social Cost of Carbon** – is an estimate of the climate change global damages that would result from emitting one additional ton of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere that includes among things, changes in net agricultural productivity, human health, property damages from increased flood risk and changes in energy system costs.

 **4.7. Survey, Mapping, and Planning Cost** – amount incurred by the DENR in the identification and scoping of available areas for NGP implementation based on the qualifications and requirements provided for under E.O. 26 and 193 and its implementing rules and regulations. The cost includes other activities such as boundary delineation, coordination with local governments and implementing partners, and soil analysis. It is allocated on a per-hectare basis.

SECTION 5. Recoup of Government Investments in Untenured Forestlands. The DENR Regional Offices shall determine the cost of investments spent by the government for the seedling production, establishment, maintenance, and protection of

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94 the plantations and its assessed value taking into consideration its stumpage value, 95 market price, and if applicable, carbon stock. 96 Include a phrase or additional provision to cover future computation of other 97 ecosystem services 98 Include a flowchart/diagram for the Process of computation up to payment and 99 100 validation. (To be inserted in Section 5) 101 SECTION 6. Issuance of Tenurial Instruments or Appropriate Management 102 103 Arrangements. The DENR shall prioritize the placement of all established plantations 104 within untenured forestlands under appropriate management arrangement or any 105 existing forestry-tenurial instrument in accordance with existing laws, rules, and 106 regulations. 107 SECTION 7. Floor Price. The Floor Price shall be paid by qualified tenure applicants 108 Commented [12]: Revise based on previous 109 who are interested to adopt, manage, protect, and/or utilize the established plantations within the area being applied for tenure issuance. 110 111 112 SECTION 8. Determination of the Floor Price. For the purposes of this Order, the following shall be applied to determine the Floor Price to be paid depending on the 113 114 intended management for the established plantations: (FMB to consider previous comments on use of "Floor Price") 115 116 8.1. Adoption of Established Plantations. If the applicant intends to continue 117 118 the management and protection of the established plantations/ reforestation sites for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Environmental, Social, and 119 Governance (ESG), and Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) purposes, 120 the Floor Price shall be determined using the formula in Section 9.1 Annex \_ of 121 Commented [13]: Revise as Annex 122 this Order. (\*Formula to be lifted as Annex) 123 124 8.2. Established plantations for Sustainable Management Purposes. In case that the established plantation is to be applied for an IFMA/SIFMA/plantation, the 125 Floor Price shall be computed using the formula in Section 9.2 of this Order. 126 Commented [14]: Revise as Annex 127 (\*Formula to be lifted as Annex) 128 8.3. Established Plantations to be Affected by Development Projects. In 129 case that the established plantations are to be affected by development projects 130 131 such as infrastructure projects, energy projects, and tourism-related projects, the 132 Floor Price shall be determined using the formula in Section 9.3 of this Order. Commented [15]: Revise as Annex 133 This is in consideration of the carbon stock and value of the above ground and 134 below ground biomass of the existing trees in the plantation which will be 135 harvested to allow uses of forestlands other than plantation purposes. Provided, that the trees cut/ removed shall be turned over to the government at the cost of 136 137 the tenure holder. (\*Formula to be lifted as Annex) 138 8.4. Community-developed plantations. In cases where Community Based 139 140 Forest Management (CBFM) Peoples Organizations (POs) CBFM POs intend to Commented [16]: FMB to spell out

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apply for the expansion of their Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) area to cover any plantation developed using government funds, payment of floor price shall be required. The CBFMA area expansion shall be in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations, (Spell out acronyms)

SECTION 9. Standard Formulas for the Computation of Floor Price. In line with the intended management for the established plantations under Section 8 of this Order, the following formulas are hereby prescribed to be used in the computation of the Floor Price incurred by the government for the establishment, maintenance, and protection of plantations within untenured forestlands:(SECTION 9 or the Formulas will be lifted as Annex, as discussed)

**9.1. For Adoption of Established Plantations** (reforestation, management and protection)

FP = Investment Cost

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FP = Floor Price of the Established Plantation

IC = Investment Cost incurred by the Government, which shall be computed as:
(Survey, Mapping, and Planning Cost + Plantation Establishment Cost + Seedling Production Cost + Maintenance Cost)

#### 9.2. For Sustainable Management of Established Plantations

FP = (Price x Stumpage Value) + Investment Cost

 $FP = [(P \times V) \times (SVF)] + (IC \times A)$ 

Where:

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FP = Floor Price of Timber Plantation

P = Price of commodity (Php/ cu.m.), approximated by the average of timber species in the area where the government-funded plantation site is located (Philippine Forestry Statistics Data)

V = Total volume based on 100% actual inventory of the plantation being applied for

SVF = Stumpage Value Factor based on distance of plantation to nearest road network/ river
IC = Investment Cost incurred by the Government, which shall be

computed as: (Survey, Mapping, and Planning Cost + Plantation Establishment Cost + Seedling Production Cost + Maintenance Cost) Commented [17]: FMB to revise in accordance with

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A = Area applied / Total plantation area

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### 9.3. For Established Plantations to be Affected by Development Projects (with harvesting)

FPC = (Price x Stumpage Value) + Investment Cost + Cost of Carbon

 $FPC = [(P \times V) \times (SVF)] + (IC \times A) + [((AGB+BGB) \times CF) \times SCC]$ 

#### Where:

FPC = Floor Price of Timber Plantation (with carbon component)

- P = Price of commodity (Php/ cu.m.), approximated by the average of timber species in the area where the government-funded plantation site is located (Philippine Forestry Statistics Data)
- V = Total volume based on 100% actual inventory of the plantation being applied for
- SVF = Stumpage Value Factor based on distance of plantation to nearest road network/ pick up point for hauling activity
  - IC = Investment Cost incurred by the Government, which shall be computed as:
     (Survey, Mapping, and Planning Cost + Plantation Establishment Cost + Seedling Production Cost + Maintenance Cost)
     The IC depends on the percentage area to be covered by the tenure application.
  - A = Applied area / Total plantation area
- AGB = Above Ground Biomass is Volume multiplied by the Basic Wood Density (BWD), where AGB = V x BWD
- BGB = Below Ground Biomass is a fraction of AGB and can be derived by multiplying AGB by the sum of 1 and Root-Shoot Ratio (RS), where BGB= AGB (1+RS)
- CF = Carbon Fraction is the fraction of carbon stored in tree biomass
- SCC = Social Cost of Carbon

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The DENR shall review the formulas, as deemed necessary, in consideration of current market prices, data availability, existing social cost of carbon, and policy directions. Attached as Annex A and B of this Order are the description of parameters and sample computations for each prescribed standard formula. The FMB DENR shall issue bulletins Memorandum Order to update the Annexes of this Order. (This paragraph to be moved to Section 8)

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**SECTION 10. Payment.** Tenure applicants shall be required to pay the Floor Price of the established plantations. This is on top of other forestry-related fees required to be paid by the tenure applicant based on existing laws, rules and regulations of the respective tenurial instrument being applied for. The applicant will be notified to settle the Floor Price once all requirements have been satisfied and the agreement is already

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for signature of the approving authority. Payment shall be settled at the concerned PENR Officer. (FMB to include One Fund Policy)

In cases where two (2) or more applicants are applying for the same government funded plantation, the management arrangement/ tenurial instrument will be issued to whoever pays the floor price first. (FMB to include/consider policies regarding bidding process and turn around time for the payment.)

The DENR shall adopt and implement an online or electronic mechanism in collecting/accepting of payments from tenure applicants.

**SECTION 11. Roll-out and Capacity Building.** The DENR, through the Forest Management Bureau, shall provide capacity building to the DENR Field Offices to ensure proper implementation of this Order.

**SECTION 12. Transitory Provision.** All existing partners/ tenure holders, with issued management arrangement or tenurial instrument covering any plantation established through government funds, who have settled monetary compensation for the subject plantation shall not be required to provide additional monetary payment pursuant to this Order.

**SECTION 13. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 14. Repealing Clause.** All other DENR circulars, orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith shall be amended or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 15. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect in fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon submission to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) of the U.P. Law Center.

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