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MINISTRY OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: Creation of an MNR Foreign-Assisted
Project Management Office (FAPMO)

In view of the increasing involvement of the Ministry of Natural Resources in Foreign-Assisted Projects as well as the increasing commitment of foreign institutions and governments to support the natural resources sector, it is now imperative that the Ministry closely monitors and conducts continuous evaluation of such projects not only to ensure efficient project management and financial administration but also to generate relevant information that could serve as bases for more meaningful policy management for the sector.

In the above regard, and pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 4 (Series of 1981), a Foreign Assisted Project Management Office (FAPMO) is hereby created. The Office, which shall be directly under the Office of the Minister, shall perform the following functions:

1. Monitor for the Minister the status of implementation of all MNR On-going foreign assisted projects as well as monitor, in coordination with the OMIN Planning Service, the status of all project development activities;
2. Conduct regular field inspections on all on-going foreign assisted projects;
3. Evaluate for the Minister all physical and financial status reports, work and financial plans; and requests for CDC's submitted by the Bureaus and attached Agencies;

4. Provide the Minister relevant information and recommendations concerning the implementation of on-going foreign assisted projects as well as those in the process of negotiation;
5. Assist the Minister in all negotiations with foreign financing institutions;
3. Extend management assistance to each foreign assisted project whenever necessary to ensure efficient project management;
7. Initiate review meetings with the concerned bureaus and attached agencies to discuss problems encountered in the project implementation;
8. Maintain close coordination with institutions concerned with foreign assisted projects such as the NEDA, Ministry of Finance, Office of the Budget and Management, Central Bank, Bureau of Treasury, Foreign Financing Institutions, etc.
9. Exercise direct control of funds provided under P.P.A. 1.1.11 (Natural resources development and management, including coordination of foreign assisted projects) and P.P.A's 1.1.12 and 1.1.13 (IBRD 1506- PH) and all other funds that may be assigned by the Minister;
10. Submit regular reports on the progress of all activities related to foreign-assisted projects; and,
11. Perform all other functions that may be assigned by the Minister.

All expenses incurred by the FAPMO shall be chargeable against P.P.A. 1.1.11 or any other funds that may be authorized by the Minister subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

All orders and guidelines that are inconsistent with this Order are hereby amended or repealed.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing.


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Minister