

Republic of the Philippines
Ministry of Natural Resources
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

MNR SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 143
SERIES OF 1984.

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SUBJECT: Creating a Team to conduct a fact-finding inquiry and/or investigation of a newspaper publication alleging anomalies, irregularities and malfeasance in office and other matters in relation thereto committed by certain officials and employees of the Bureau of Forest Development in Region 10 (Northern Mindanao) in collaboration with legitimate and illegitimate timber concessionaires, illegal loggers and timber smugglers in various forest lands of the region, as published in the column of LULU PRINCIPE in the Manila EVENING POST, March 8, 1984.

In view of the seriousness of the imputations published in the Manila EVENING POST dated March 8, 1984, against some officials and personnel in the Bureau of Forest Development in Region 10, together with legitimate and illegitimate loggers and timber smugglers in the region, copy attached, a Team is hereby created to conduct an inquiry and/or fact-finding investigation thereon, to be composed of the following:

Atty. Oscar C. Lianko - - - - - Team Leader
Chief, Investigation Division, MNR

Atty. Pedro M. Sabundayo, Jr. - - - Member
Senior Legal Officer, MNR

Atty. Jimmy G. Pesigan - - - - - Member
Senior Legal Officer, MNR

Mr. Rodrigo C. Lanche - - - - - Official Recorder
Legal Service, MNR

5. This Order takes effect immediately and cancels/supersedes all previous orders, memoranda and/or letters inconsistent herewith.



ARNOLD B. CAOLI
Deputy Minister

RECOMMENDED BY:



EDMUNDO V. CORTES
Director
Bureau of Forest Development

Copy furnished:

All Concerned


The Team is hereby authorized to:

1. administer oath, issue subpoena, subpoena duces tecum and to take testimonies of witnesses;
2. solicit the assistance of any of the personnel of this Ministry and the Bureau and offices under it, as well as the National Bureau of Investigation and the Provincial Commander concerned, if necessary; and
3. the team shall submit within twenty (20) days from the termination of the investigation, its findings and recommendation on the matter.

The expenses incurred by the Team shall be chargeable against the funds of the Ministry of Natural Resources and/or the Bureau of Forest Development.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the Minister:


MORENO B. CRUZ
Assistant Secretary
for Legal Affairs