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SPECIAL ORDER NO. $3 \frac{4}{9}$ Series of 1991

SUBJECT: Deputizing two (2) officers of Aero-Forest Resources, Inc. as Forest Officers of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Pursuant to Section 80 of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, Col. Amalio S. Fernandez (Ret.) and Lt. Col. Danilo D. Belonia (Ret.), President and Vice President, respectively, of Aero-Forest Resources, Inc. are hereby deputized as Forest Officers of the DENR to exercise the power and authority provided for in the aforecited law under the supervision of the ASEC for Luzon Operations, in his capacity as Project Manager - FAST II and ASEC for Visayas - Mindanao Operations, in his capacity as Task Force Coordinator.

By virtue of this deputation, they are authorized to detect/investigate violations of forest laws, rules and regulations, and to arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit any of the offenses defined in Chapter IV of PD 705, as amended, within the area coverage of Project FAST II.

They are also authorized to seize/confiscate the tools and equipment used in committing the offense and the forest products cut, gathered or removed by the offender(s). In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure, they shall deliver within the period prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure the offender(s) and confiscated forest products, tools and equipment used and file the proper complaint with the appropriate officials designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and likewise file the required information in court through the CENRO/PENRO/RED concerned.

They are further authorized to administer oath and take acknowledgment in official matters connected with the functions of this office and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under authority of the Revised Forestry Code, as amended, and its implementing rules and regulations.

This deputation authorizes them to exercise the power/authority conferred therein only in connection with the implementation of Project FAST II.

They shall submit to the Project Manager - FAST II a report of the cases they have handled pursuant to their deputation.

This deputation expires upon full completion of Project FAST II.

VICTOR O. RAMOS
Undersecretary for Field Operations

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