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DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 97 - 1207 **SERIES OF 1997**

SUBJECT

CREATION OF A **TEAM** TO **CONDUCT** INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL LOGGING OPERATION OF MINDANAO ESTATES TIMBER CORP. (METC).

In the interest of the service, a team is hereby created to carry out the abovementioned mission given by the undersigned, to be composed of the following:

For. Felipe H. Callorina, Jr. -

Field Operations

For. Arnold A. Blaza, Jr.

Field Operations

Regional Representative

The abovenamed personnel are hereby authorized to investigate and seize/confiscate, if the circumstance or evidence warrants, any and/or all forest products. They are likewise authorized to examine records/documents and take custody of the same if necessary.

Further, the above team may coordinate with and seek the assistance of other government agencies and instrumentalities in carrying out their abovesubject mission.

The Regional Office concerned including its Field Units are hereby enjoined to extend full assistance and cooperation to the abovementioned personnel in the pursuit of the tasks assigned to them.

All traveling expenses to be incurred hereon shall be charged against the funds of Field Operations Office.

This Order shall remain valid until after the completion of their mission.

SO ORDERED.

ILIO Q. MARCELO Undersecretary for Field Operations