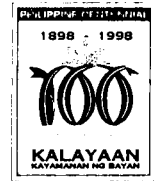




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DENR Special Order  
No. 97-603  
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SUBJECT **CREATION OF A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL LOGGING AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY SIARI TIMBER INC. AND ZAMBOANGA PLYWOOD, INC. AND THE EXISTENCE OF LICENSED LUMBERYARD OPERATORS WITHOUT LEGAL SOURCE OF LUMBER AND UNLICENSED LUMBERYARDS IN ZAMBOANGA CITY.**

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

ATTY. VIRGILIO B. TIONGSON	DENR Field Operations-SAID
FOR. ALBINO A. BELEN	DENR Field Operations-SAID
Representative	DENR Region IX

The above personnel are hereby authorized to investigate the circumstances surrounding the illegal logging and other related activities conducted by Siari Timber Inc. and Zamboanga Plywood, Inc. and the existence of licensed lumberyards operators without legal source of lumber and unlicensed lumberyards in Zamboanga City.

Furthermore, they may coordinate with and seek assistance of other government agencies and instrumentality's in carrying out their subject mission.

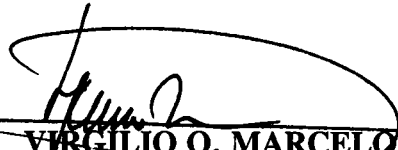
The Team can also conduct dialogues/interviews with persons who may have knowledge on the allegations to shed light on the different issues raised.

The Regional Office and other 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 hereof shall be charged against the funds of their respective offices.

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

SO ORDERED.

  
**VIRGILIO Q. MARCELO**  
Undersecretary for Field Operations

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