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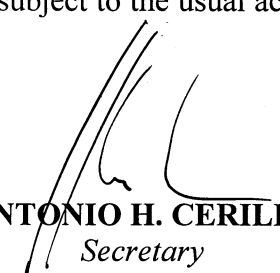
No. 99-405

SUBJECT : **CREATION OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
TEAM TO VALIDATE REFORESTATION  
PROJECTS UNDER LOAN I (ADB-OECF)**

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1. In the interest of public service and in the pursuit of our commitment to safeguard public funds, a Special Investigation Team to conduct actual ground validation of all reforestation projects under Loan I (ADB-OECF) is hereby created.
2. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) shall be composed of the following:
  - 2.1 **Atty. Renato Macahilig**
  - 2.2 **Reginaldo Jun Benitez**
  - 2.3 **Pacifico Cabrido, Jr.**
  - 2.4 **Ian Rivera**
  - 2.5 **Regional Representative (ORED)**
  - 2.6 **Provincial Representative (PENRO)**
  - 2.7 **Two (2) OSEC Special Consultants**
  - 2.8 **Two (2) SCO Consultants**
3. The SIT is tasked to immediately conduct actual ground validation of reforestation projects by Regions starting from Region IX, X, XI, XII and the CARAGA Region to be followed by regions in Luzon and the Visayas.
4. It is expected that the SIT, after validation, shall be able to establish the noted discrepancies in the following areas; to wit:
  - 4.1 - Data Base
  - 4.2 - Existence of functional/non-functional contracting NGOs/POs/Families/LGUs/corporations (IFMA)
  - 4.3 - Contracted areas vs. Planted areas
  - 4.4 - Contract cost vs. Disbursed amount
  - 4.5 - Contract cost vs. Planted areas (growth volume)
  - 4.6 - Whereabouts of balance per contract reforestation
5. Air/land/sea transport of the team is authorized as well as its use of needed personnel, facilities and equipment to enhance mobility and ensure success in its mandated tasks.
6. Travel and all other expenses incurred in the discharge of the team's functions shall be chargeable against available funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. For immediate implementation.

  
**ANTONIO H. CERILLES**  
*Secretary*