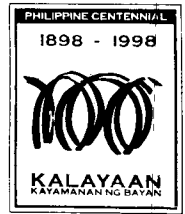




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



MAY 13 2000

DENR SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 2000 - 495

SUBJECT : Creation of a Special Investigation Team to Conduct Ground Investigation/Validation on the Reported Clearing of a Big Track of Land at the foot of Mt. Makiling in Calamba, Laguna.

In the interest of the service and in pursuit of our commitment to address issues that affect the environment, a Team is hereby created to conduct immediate investigation/validation relative to the attached letter-request dated 5 May 2000 of the Green Lawyers of the Philippines, Inc. to be composed of the following:


1. For. Michael Montalban - Team Leader
2. For. Nicasio Iglesia - Member
3. Engr. Vizminda Osorio - Member
4. Ms. Beth Gran - Member
5. Ms. Abigail Garrido - Member

The Team is tasked to immediately conduct actual ground investigation/validation on the reported clearing of a big track of land at the foot of Mt. Makiling in the Municipality of Calamba, Province of Laguna. The Team shall inform the requesting party through Atty. Dante A. Carandang of the findings of the investigation/validation and submit the comprehensive report to the undersigned ASAP.

The RED's Office and other field offices are herewith directed to extend full assistance to the Team to ensure success in its mandated task.

Travel and 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.

For immediate implementation.


ANTONIO H. CERILLES
Secretary

Attachment: **As stated**