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SUBJECT

CREATION OF A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO ENTER INTO A PRODUCTION SHARING AGREEMENT WITH PAPER INDUSTRY CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (PICOP)

In the interest of the service and in connection with the Timber License Agreement of PICOP as well as its application for an Integrated Forest Management Agreement, a negotiating team is hereby created in order to negotiate for a production sharing agreement with PICOP to be composed of the following:

- 1. Undersecretary Ramon J.P. Paje (Chairman) For Operations
- 2. Undersecretary Gregorio V. Cabantac For Legal, Lands and International Affairs
- 3. Assistant Director Neria A. Andin Forest Management Bureau

The team is authorized to negotiate for such terms and conditions as are advantageous to the interest of the Government. The Forest Management Bureau will provide the technical back-up to the DENR Negotiating Team. It shall submit its report and recommendation to the undersigned for final approval immediately upon conclusion of their negotiation.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

IEHERSON T. ALVAREZ

Secretary