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SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 2002-1079

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SUBJECT: Deputation of Atty. Julius L. Leonida as Special Counsel to assist in the prosecution of violation of forestry and other environmental laws

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the Department of Justice and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources dated May 11, 1993, Atty. Julius L. Leonida is hereby deputized as DENR Special Counsel.

As such, he will assist the DENR Legal Officer and the Provincial/City Prosecutor of Provinces of Aklan and Negros Occidental in the prosecution of illegal logging and other violations of environmental laws. The deputation authorizes him only to exercise the power and authority conferred within the territorial jurisdiction in the Provinces of Aklan and Negros Occidental.

He is however, not duly authorized to perform inquest or preliminary investigation. The prosecution of forestry and environmental laws shall at all times remain under the direction and control of the Secretary through the Task Force TAGA-USIG of the DENR and/or State Prosecutor as the case may be.

He shall submit to the said task force a periodic report handled by him pursuant to this deputation.

This Deputation Order takes effect immediately and shall be effective for one (1) year subject to renewal upon application thereof, provided however that the Secretary can revoke the same at any time on valid grounds.


HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ
Secretary