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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2002 - 726 SEP 1 8 2002

SUBJECT: CREATING A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TEAM TO PROMPTLY ADDRESS COMPLAINTS OF SECRETARY EDUARDO R. ERMITA, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON THE

PEACE PROCESS

In the interest of the service and in order to conduct a thorough investigation on the gravity of the allegation that two (2) DENR Officers, Former Asst. Secretary Oswald Lorenzo and Atty. Baguindali Karim have accepted payments in exchange of the issuance of free patent in the name of Kusain M. Abdullah et. al., covering about forty (40) hectares in Barangay Fatima, General Santos City, a Special Investigation Team is hereby created with the following composition:

Atty. Guido A. Taoingan - Team Leader Atty. Rosanne B. Turingan / - Member Atty. Angelina V. Faral - Member

As such, the Team is authorized to issue Subpoena *Duces Tecum* and/or *Ad Testificandum*, call upon witnesses, rule on the pleadings and motions and issue pertinent interlocutory orders so as not to impede or delay the resolution of the case.

The Team shall submit its report to the Secretary within thirty (30) days from issuance hereof.

The members of the Team are entitled to claim travelling expenses and other allowable incidental expenses chargeable against their respective offices subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately and remain in force until the termination of the case.

HEHERSÓN T. ALVAREZ

Secretary

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