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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 2003 - 626

**SUBJECT : ADDENDUM TO SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2003-557  
DATED JULY 15, 2003**

In the interest of service and to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the housing projects of the department, the supervision and management of the Project Harmony of People and the Environment (Project HOPE) is hereby transferred to the Project Oversight Committee (POC) created under S.O. No. 2003-557 chaired by the Undersecretary for Land Management.

The functions of the Project HOPE Committee and Secretariat as stipulated in S.O. No. 2001-378 dated August 1, 2001 shall be absorbed by the POC Secretariat headed by its Housing Project Coordinator – Mr. Ernesto B. Jarabe and to be assisted by Mr. Arnold L. Suzara.

As such, the Chairman of the POC shall approve Contract to Sell (CTS) and Deed of Absolute Sale, and shall sign as follows:


*By the Authority of the Secretary:*

**Manuel D. Gerochi**  
Undersecretary for Land Management  
and concurrent Chairman, Project Oversight Committee

Mr. Jarabe on the other hand, is hereby authorized to act and sign the Contract of Undertaking (COU) of the Project HOPE Awardees/Beneficiaries under the direct payment scheme.

Likewise, all existing procedures and guidelines of the Project HOPE shall remain and enforceable unless amended and approved by the undersigned upon the recommendation of the Chairman, POC.

This order takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing.

  
**DEMETRIO L. IGNACIO, JR.**  
Officer-In-Charge  
Office of the Secretary