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**SUBJECT : Reconstitution/Re-Creation of Task Force
on OPLAN Fake/Illegal Land Title**

In the interest of the service and in order to address the problems posed by the proliferation of fake titles, the Task Force on OPLAN Fake/Illegal Land Titles is hereby reconstituted, to be composed of the following:

Assistant Secretary for General Legal Services	-	Chairperson
Director Land Management Bureau	-	Member
One (1) representative from the Office of the Director Legal Service	-	Member
One (1) representative from the Office of the USEC for Land Management	-	Member
One (1) representative from the Office of the USEC for Field Operations	-	Member
Three (3) representatives from the Office of the ASEC- for General Legal Service	-	Member

The Task Force on OPLAN Fake/Illegal Land Titles shall perform the following task :

1. Formulation of policies, guidelines or procedure in the disposition of cases of fake and illegal land titles and cancellation of illegal land titles derived from patents, Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs), certificate of Land Transfer (CLTs) and Emancipation Patent (EPs);
2. Draft bills relative to the prosecution of land cases and/or represent the Department as resource person before the Congress on land matters;
3. Conduct an inventory of fake and Illegal land titles nationwide;
4. Evaluate and/or Review the laws and jurisprudential basis as well as the format of all land cases submitted by the Regional Offices;
5. File appropriate cases with the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) or DAR Adjudication Board (DARAB) for annulment/cancellation of fake and illegal land titles and/or reversion proceedings; and
6. Intensify information and education campaign against fake and illegal land titles;

The Task Force on **OPLAN Fake/Illegal Land Titles** is hereby authorized to issue subpoena duces tecum and subpoena ad testificandum to compel attendance of parties and their witnesses as well as focal persons.

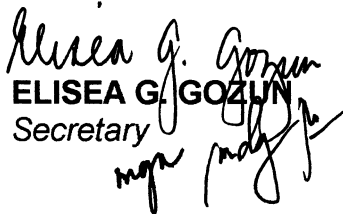
The Chief, Legal Division in all the DENR regional offices are designated as focal persons.

As Chairperson of the Task Force, Assistant Secretary for General Legal Services is hereby authorized to institute, commence and indorse the filing of cancellation and/or reversion cases with the Office of The Solicitor General (OSG) or DAR Adjudication Board (DARAB).

All DENR Officials and employees including those in the Regional Offices are hereby ordered to extend full support, cooperation and assistance to the Task Force.

All expenses to be incurred in the performance of these tasks shall be charged against the appropriate funds of the Department, subject to existing auditing and accounting rules and regulations

This Order shall take effect immediately and supercedes all previous orders inconsistent herewith.


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Secretary