

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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SPECIAL ORDER No. 2021- 430

SUBJECT:

CONSTITUTING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES FOR THE REVIEW AND RENEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS COVERING THE PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN TANAY, RIZAL BETWEEN THE DENR AND BLUE STAR CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MASUNGI GEORESERVE FOUNDATION, INC.

In the interest of the service and in order to determine the proper course of action for the parcels of land located in Tanay, Rizal covered by Agreements/Contracts between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Blue Star Construction and Development Corporation (Blue Star) and Masungi Georeserve Foundation, Inc. (MGFI), a Special Committee is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Chair : Atty. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.

Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources

and Legislative Affairs

Vice-Chair : Atty. Michelle Angelica D. Go

Assistant Secretary for Legal

Members : Atty. Norlito A. Eneran

Director, Legal Affairs Service

Representative, Environmental Law Enforcement and

Protection Service (ELEPS)

Representative, Blue Star Development Corporation

**Chairperson** of the Subcommittee on the 1997 Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) and its 2002 Supplemental Agreement

Chairperson of the Subcommittee on the 2017 Memorandum

of Agreement

Head Secretariat : Atty. Illac Bohol

Anti-Fake Titles Committee/ Legal Crisis Prevention and

Management Division, Legal Affairs Service

There shall be two (2) Subcommittees composed of the following:

1. Subcommittee on the 1997 Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) and its 2002 Supplemental Agreement between DENR and Blue Star

Chair : The Regional Executive Director, DENR Region IV-A

(CALABARZON)

Members : The Director, Land Management Bureau and

Vice-Chair, Project HOPE Oversight Committee

Representative, Garden Cottages Project Oversight

Committee

The Chief, Internal Affairs Division, Legal Affairs Service

Secretariat

Staff, DENR Region IV-A (CALABARZON)

A representative of the Blue Star shall be invited to the meetings of the Subcommittee.

2. <u>Subcommittee on the 2017 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DENR and MGFI</u>

Chair

The Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau

Members

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources

Officer, PENRO Rizal

The Assistant Division Chief, Internal Affairs Division,

Legal Affairs Service

Representative, Forest Management Bureau

Secretariat

Staff, Biodiversity Management Bureau

A representative of the MGFI shall be invited to the meetings of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittees shall review the terms and conditions of the respective agreements and renegotiate them when necessary, determine the compliance thereof by both parties, review the latest status of implementation of the Projects, and submit recommendations to the overall Special Committee, taking into consideration the facts and recommendations on the matter per report of the Special Committee per DENR Special Order No. 2019-446 within thirty (30) days from approval of this Order.

The overall Special Committee shall consolidate and harmonize the report of the two Subcommittees and recommend course of action to the Secretary within thirty (30) days from the submission of the reports of the Subcommittees.

All Bureaus and DENR Region IV-A (CALABARZON) employees shall extend assistance to the Committee and Subcommittees, as may be necessary.

All expenses to be incurred by the Special Committee and Subcommittees shall be charged against DENR Regular Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

