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SPECIAL ORDER
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SUBJECT: CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO COORDINATE WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP)

In the interest of the service and to order come up with a policy direction and guidance in the issuance of a Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) within forestland areas covered by DENR Programs, Projects and Activities, and application for tenure instrument, a Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created to be composed of the following:

- Chairperson - Atty. Michelle Angelica D. Go
Assistant Secretary for Legal
- Vice-Chairperson - Atty. Norlito A. Eneran
Director, Legal Affairs Service
- Members - Representative/s from the following:
Forest Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Undersecretary for Indigenous Peoples Affairs and Mindanao Environmental Priority Projects and Undersecretary for Mining and Muslim Affairs shall act as adviser of the TWG.

The TWG shall coordinate with the NCIP to discuss and resolve issues and concerns pertaining to programs, projects and activities within forestlands that involves Indigenous Peoples welfare and ancestral domain claims. They shall also provide directions and guidelines in harmonizing policies and simplification of procedures on matters concerning conflicts with DENR laws/guidelines and the IPRA law.

All expenses to be incurred in relation to the performance of the TWG shall be charged against the funds of the Office of the Undersecretary for Indigenous Peoples Affairs and Mindanao Environmental Priority Projects subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ROY A. CIMATU
Secretary

