DENR Administrative Order No.37 May 2, 1988

SUBJECT: Imposing an Environmental Fee For Private Land Timber Permits

In order that the government will have more capability to arrest environmental degradation that may be caused by tree-cutting activities inside private lands and alienable or disposable areas with approved public land applications, and to maintain a wholesome environment through the enforcement of environmental protection laws as mandated under Executive Order 192 dated June 10, 1987, an environmental fee is hereby imposed, to wit:

- 1. For naturally-grown timber, P30.00 for every cubic meter of the first and second groups and P15.00 for the third and fourth groups; and
- 2. For planted trees or plantation-grown species, no environmental fee shall be assessed.

The environmental fee shall be collected before the issuance of the Certificate of Timber Origin and shall, upon approval by the Department of Budget Management accrue to a Special Fund to be administered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for use in environmental projects, programs, and measures such as soil erosion control, reforestation, slope stabilization and others.

This Order takes effect immediately.

(Sgd.) FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR. Secretary