

Memorandum Order
No. 11
October 25, 1991

SUBJECT: Prescribing a Revised Format of Survey Authority, and Specifying the Information that must be Mentioned in the Inspection/Investigation Report to Support the Issuance Thereof

1. Very evident from Section 504 of the Manual for Land Surveys in the Philippines is the fact that the practising geodetic engineers, rather than the land claimants/landholders, are the clientele of the then Bureau of Lands (now DENR-LMS). This further substantiated by the fact that when there is a defect in the survey, it is the geodetic engineer who is called upon to correct. As the Survey Authority is issued premised on the compliance with technical requirements, perforce, the issuance thereof shall be addressed direct to the geodetic engineer, if only to remind him of his professional responsibility, and to remove confusion as to the misperceived relationship of the survey claimant with the DENR-LMS. The attached Survey Authority is a revised format for this purpose and shall be used accordingly.

2. It has been observed that inspection/investigation reports submitted to support the issuance of Survey Authority are quite divergent. Some contain unnecessary information while others lack the necessary information leading this Office to conclude in some instances that the Survey Authority was issued merely on the basis of the recommendation of the inspecting officer rather than on the information contained in his report. To expedite the verification and early approval of isolated surveys, it is directed that the following information be mentioned in the inspection/investigation report on request for survey Authority.
 - 2.1 Whether or not the land to be surveyed is within A&D Zone and indicating the Block No., LC Map No., and date of certification; state verified location of land;
 - 2.2 Whether or not the land is within civil or military reservation;
 - 2.3 Whether or not the land is free from claims or conflicts; (attach certification of Barangay Captain to this effect);
 - 2.4 Whether or not the land is covered by a subsisting public land application; if so, state the type of application;

- 2.5 Whether or not the land is covered by a pending land registration case or subsisting court litigation/s;
- 2.6 The actual use of the land: whether residential, commercial, industrial or for farming purposes;
- 2.7 The actual occupant of the land, if any;
- 2.8 The specific purpose for the survey;
- 2.9 The percentage of mangrove canopy cover in the case of land suitable for fishpond.

The inspection/investigation report shall also contain the sketch of the land at the back thereof. Also copies of the earliest and latest tax declaration shall be attached.

3. Compliance with this Order is enjoined.
4. This order shall take effect immediately.

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NOTE: Form Omitted