

**Memorandum of Agreement  
Municipality of Alabel  
Sarangani**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between and among:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, a government agency organized by and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal address at Visayas Avenue, Quezon City, represented in this agreement by its Secretary, **VICTOR O. RAMOS** hereinafter referred to as **DENR:**

**and**

The **Municipality of Alabel**, a local government unit organized by, and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with principal Office at Alabel, Sarangani, represented in this office by its Mayor **HON. HERNANDO L. SIBUGAN**, herein referred to as Local Government Unit.

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources by virtue of Executive Order No. 192 is the lead national agency tasked with environmental management and protection ;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Memorandum Circular No. 88, Series of 1994, the DENR was made the Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Waste Management ;

**WHEREAS**, the said PTFSW is tasked to ensure the implementation of the Integrated National Solid Waste Management System Framework as approved for adoption during the Cabinet Meeting in October 19, 1993 and to ensure the continuous coordination and compliance by concerned agencies on the matter as well as on the various policies and Presidential Directives issued on Waste Management ;

**WHEREAS**, RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code devolves the responsibility for the provision of basic services and facilities to local government units;

**WHEREAS**, the basic services and facilities, include, but are not limited to general hygiene and sanitation, beautification and solid waste management;

**WHEREAS**, solid waste which pollutes our land, water and air is one of critical environmental problems which the country faces;

**WHEREAS**, the DENR and the local government units are two arms of government which are responsible for the protection of environment;

**WHEREAS**, the DENR recognizes the value of strengthening its cooperation with the local government units in the planning and implementation of national projects;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants therein contained, the PARTIES do hereby agree and bind themselves to collaborate in its effort to address the solid waste problem in Alabel, Sarangani in order to achieve its shared objective of effectively protecting the environment and safeguarding the health of the people. Specifically the parties herein agree to the following :

## **Section 1. Role of DENR**

1. Encourage the adoption of a policy on Ecological Waste Management which includes reduction and segregation at source, composting, recycling and re-use by the :
  - a. Providing modules on successful Ecological Waste Management Project that LGUs can adopt, e.g. commercial composting of market waste and other bio-degradable waste as in Sta. Maria, Bulacan experience, barangay-based waste reduction efforts as in the Bustos experience, school-based waste management as in the Kamuning Elementary School experience;
  - b. Providing the draft of a generic ordinance on Ecological Waste Management to include garbage fees, tipping fees, among others which can guide the LGU in preparing their own ordinances;
  - c. Mobilizing internal and external technical experts and NGOs to train the LGU personnel on Ecological Waste Management and assist them develop their action plan;
  - d. Assisting in the Information, Education and Communication campaign to generate support for the Ecological Waste Management Program of the LGU; and
  - e. Assisting in the identification of potential markets for organic fertilizers and recyclables.
2. Provide technical assistance in the identification of landfill sites to make the disposal system environmentally sound by :

- a. Providing the basic geo-hazard map to guide LGUs in landfill site identification ;
  - b. Providing a Manual for Landfill Identification and Design;
  - c. Assisting in the technical evaluation of the suitability of the identified site/s;
3. Provide guidance to the LGUs in their compliance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process ;
  4. Review the Environmental Impact Statement to be submitted by the LGU concerned and issuing the Environmental Compliance Certificate; and
  5. Monitor compliance of the LGU to the terms and conditions of the ECC.

## **Section 2. Role of Government Units**

1. Adopt Ecological Waste Management as the policy for solid waste management through the passage of a local ordinance;
2. Assign people to be trained on Ecological Management Waste Program in their locality;
4. Encourage the participation of the private sector/NGOs in the implementation and maintenance of the ecological waste management program;
5. Conduct extensive IEC on Ecological Waste Management to encourage its constituents to cooperate/comply;

6. Strictly enforce the provisions of the Ecological Waste Management Ordinance;
7. Identify possible landfill sites using the basic geo-hazard maps as guide;
8. Set aside and/or acquire the area needed for the city landfill;
9. Design the landfill incorporating all environmental considerations to minimize its possible adverse environmental impact;
10. Prepare the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed landfill for review and evaluation of the DENR;
11. Ensure compliance with the terms and condition of Environmental Compliance Certificate in the constructions, operations and maintenance of the landfill;
12. Construct, operate and maintain the landfill or supervise private investors (BOT or management contracts) who will actually construct, operate and maintain the landfill; and
13. Close the existing dumpsite once the landfill is operational.

This agreement shall take effect and shall remain in force unless recended by any of the parties involved.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the parties have agreed hereunto affixed their signature on this 5th day of March 1996 at General Santos City.

**DENR:**

**LGU :**

**VICTOR O. RAMOS**  
Secretary

**HERNANDO L. SIBUGAN**  
Municipal Mayor

Signed in the presence of:

**JULIAN D. AMADOR**  
Regional Technical Director

**AUGUSTUS L. MOMONGAN**  
Regional Executive Director