EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 280

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45 DATED JANUARY 05, 1993 ADOPTING THE PHILIPPINE REFERENCE SYSTEM OF 1992 AS THE STANDARD REFERENCE SYSTEM OF SURVEYS IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Reference System of 1992 (PRS 92) was adopted as the new standard reference of all surveying and mapping activities in the country pursuant to Executive Order No. 45, dated 5 January, 1993, due to the inability and inadequacy of the old system to meet the demands for highly accurate surveying and mapping programs of the government and to solve overlapping boundaries, land disputes/conflicts, and other land problem issues.

WHEREAS, the new System was also envisioned to support sustainable management and development of Environment and Natural Resources, and to establish more accurate special positioning for infrastructure activities;

WHEREAS, it is foreseen that the mandatory full implementation of the PRS 92 as standard reference of all surveying and mapping activities in the country by the year 2000 is impossible to attain due to some constraints.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The third sentence of Section 2 of Executive Order No. 45 dated January 05, 1993 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. x x x There shall be a transition period up to year 2005 to allow integration of the old surveys, after which only PRS 92 shall be recognized as the standard reference system for all surveys and maps in the country."

SEC. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

By the President:

(Sgd.) RONALDO B. ZAMORA Executive Secretary