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DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-04

SUBJECT :

Revocation of DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-83 and Memorandum Circular 2001-05

Pursuant to Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's instruction during the 15th Regional Development Council-Regional Peace and Order Council (RDC-RPOC) meeting held in Tagbiliran City on 17 July 2002, the DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-83, "Guidelines for the Management and Development of Small Islands, Including its Coastal Areas," as amended and Memorandum Circular No. 2001-05, prescribing the preparation and submission of an Island Physical Framework Plan for small island/island group, is hereby revoked. Likewise, the moratorium dated July 6, 1999 on the disposition and granting of any title, concession, permit or lease on all small islands nationwide, is hereby lifted.

In view thereof, all applications for land titling in classified A & D lands and the issuance of lease/permit over public lands in small islands, whether new or renewed, or any extension of the same, shall now be processed in accordance with the existing administrative/operational procedures. The EIA system will be used to adequately address the environmental concerns in small islands.

This Order takes effect immediately.

ELISEA G. GOOUN Secretary

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