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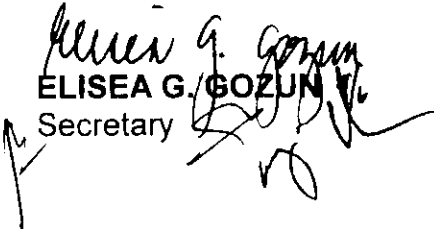
SUBJECT :

AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RED) TO ACT AND DECIDE ON REQUESTS REGARDING INTEGRATED ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLANS (IAOPs) OF EXISTING TIMBER LICENSE AGREEMENT (TLA) AND INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (IFMA) HOLDERS.

In the interest of the service and in order to facilitate forestry operations and developmental activities of Timber License Agreement (TLA) and Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) holders with approved Integrated Annual Operations Plans (IAOPs), the following rules and guidelines are hereby promulgated for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

1. All requests for extension of current approved IAOP of TLA and IFMA holders shall be submitted to the RED concerned not later than one (1) month prior to expiration;
2. For those whose approved IAOP had already expired between 01 January 2003 to date, which are now the subject of present request for extension and being processed within the DENR system (i.e. CENRO to Central Office), the same shall be processed by the RED concerned in accordance with current standards and procedures;
3. For those whose IAOP had already expired on or before 31 December 2002, a new IAOP shall be prepared and no request for extension shall be entertained or processed.
4. The extension of the validity of an approved IAOP shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 4.1 The area and volume authorized to be granted in the extension shall cover only the remaining balance of the area and volume under the approved IAOP.
 - 4.2 Any outstanding unpaid forest charges, silvicultural fees and other charges shall have been paid in full;
 - 4.3 The company must have a satisfactory performance in its developmental activities such reforestation, timber stand improvement, enrichment planting and community services, among others, as validated by duly authorized DENR staff; and

- 4.4 The company has an approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) issued by the EMB Regional Director co-terminus with the extension.
5. The Regional Executive Director (RED) shall henceforth review and evaluate requests for extension based on the abovementioned conditions and likewise, ascertain the technical feasibility and validity of the Plan as basis of his action (approval or disapproval) of the extension of the Plan. The extension period shall not exceed a period of one (1) year.
6. The RED or his duly authorized representative shall strictly monitor the compliance of the company to the terms and conditions of the approved IAOP and ECC.
7. A quarterly accomplishment report of the company on the implementation of the IAOP shall be submitted to the USEC for Field Operations through the Director, Forest Management Bureau. The RED concerned shall likewise submit a list of all IAOPs approved for extension indicating the area and volume granted.
8. This Order shall take effect immediately.


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