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SUBJECT : **Reconstitution/Re-Creation of a Special
Committee on OPLAN Anti-Fake/Illegal Land
Titles**

In the interest of service and in order to address the problem posed by the proliferation of fake titles, the Task Force on OPLAN Fake/Illegal Land Titles is hereby reconstituted, to be composed of the following :

Assistant Secretary for General Legal Services - Chairperson
Executive Director, Land Administration
And Management (LAMP) - Member
Three (3) representatives from the Office of the
Undersecretary for Mining and Legal Affairs - Member
One (1) representative from the Office of the
Undersecretary for Land Management - Member
Two (2) representatives from the Office of the
Assistant Secretary for Gen. Legal Services - Member
Legal Consultant, Office of the Secretary - Member

The Task Force on OPLAN Fake/Illegal Titles shall perform the following tasks, to wit :

1. Formulation of policies, guidelines and procedure in the disposition of cases of fake and illegal land titles and cancellation of illegal land titles derived from patents, Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs), Certificates of Land Transfer (CLTs) and Emancipation Patents (EPs);
2. Draft bills relative to the prosecution of land cases and/or represent the Department as resource person before the Congress on land matters;
3. Conduct an inventory of fake and illegal land titles nationwide;



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4. Evaluate and/or review the laws and jurisprudential basis as well as the format of all land cases submitted by the Regional Offices;
5. File appropriate cases with the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) or DAR Adjudication Board (DARAB) for annulment/cancellation of fake and illegal land titles and/or reversion proceedings; and
6. Intensify information and education campaign against fake and illegal land titles.

The Task Force on OPLAN Fake/Illegal Land Titles is hereby authorized to issue *subpoena duces tecum* and *subpoena ad testificandum* to compel attendance of parties and their witnesses as well as focal persons.


The Chiefs of Legal Division in all the DENR Regional Offices are designated as focal persons.

As Chairperson of Task Force, the Assistant Secretary for General Legal Services is hereby authorized to institute, commence and indorse the filing of cancellation and/or reversion cases with the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) or DAR Adjudication Board (DARAB).

All DENR Officials and employees including those in the Regional Offices are hereby ordered to extend full support, cooperation and assistance to the Task Force.

All expenses incurred in the performance of this task shall be charged against the appropriate funds of the Department, subject to the existing auditing and accounting rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately and supersedes all previous orders inconsistent herewith.


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Secretary MNT

