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DENR Administrative Order
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SUBJECT : AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2018-16 OR THE "GUIDELINES IN THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS ON THE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF TREES AFFECTED BY DPWH PROJECTS"

Pursuant to the Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended, Presidential Decree No. 953, Executive Order No. 23 Series of 2011, Republic Act No. 7161, other relevant laws, rules and regulations, and in order to fast track the processing and issuance of permits on the tree cutting and/or earth-balling affected by priority infrastructure projects of National Government Agencies, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed for compliance of all concerned.

Section 1. Expanding the Scope and Coverage of DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-16

The scope and coverage are hereby expanded to include all applications for the cutting and/or earth-balling of trees for the construction of roads, bridges, flood control and other infrastructure projects for public purposes of National Government Agencies (NGA) provided that the Head of NGA shall submit to DENR the annual list of priority projects.

National Government Agencies shall include DPWH, DOTr, DepEd, DA, DOH, CHED, DOE, and NIA.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-16 shall be amended as follows:

"Section 2. Application Requirements. The following requirements shall be submitted by the concerned National Government Agency to the CENRO with jurisdiction over the projects, to wit:

Item 1. Final and Approved Infrastructure Development Plan with tree charting (e.g. Road Alignment Plan, Building Plan, Detailed Engineering Design, or similar plan) indicating the geotagged location of individual trees affected by the project, to be numbered sequentially, as basis of validation by the DENR during actual cutting operations.

Item 5. The application for Tree Cutting and/or Earth-Balling Permits may be processed and issued even without an approved tenurial instrument.

Item 6. Certified True Copy of Clearance/Resolution from Protected Area Management Board (PAMB). The PAMB Clearance shall include an endorsement

for the EMB Regional Office to determine whether the development project or activity is eligible for a Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) or should undergo the scoping process under the EIS System.

A development project or activity determined by the scoping process to be environmentally critical, shall undertake a full-blown EIA. A project or activity that is found to be environmentally critical will undertake an IEE instead of EIA. In both cases, an ECC shall be required prior to the commencement of the project or activity (Section 12, Rule 12.2 of the e-NIPAS and its IRR).”

Item 7. Clearance from Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), and Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) among others as may be applicable.”

Sec. 3. Separability Clause. Should any provision or part of this Order be declared unconstitutional, those not affected shall remain to be in force and full effect.

Sec. 4. Repealing Clause. All other provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-16 shall remain in force and executory. All circulars, orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith shall be amended or repealed accordingly.

Sec 5. Effectivity Clause. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon submission to the Office of the National Administration Registrar (ONAR) from the UP Law Center.

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