

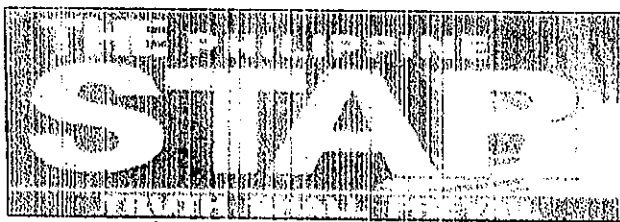
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# DENR's Lopez backs Jasareno at MGB

Environment Secretary Gina Lopez has maintained that she will push for the retention of undersecretary and mining audit head Leo Jasareno who was dismissed from office early this week.

In a press conference Friday, Lopez said she is yet to talk to President Rodrigo Duterte who appointed Wilfredo Moncano as director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), rendering Jasareno out of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

"I would like his (Jasareno) retention. I want to talk to the President because I don't un-

derstand what this is all about, if someone did a good job, you should even pat him on the back," she said.

"I believe that the President is a good man and I respect his decision to bring on Director Moncano but I still want to talk to him. I am validating Jasareno in the same way as I am validating the President," Lopez added.

Lopez also refuted earlier reports published that Jasareno resigned from his post.

"Leo Jasareno did not resign. I'm really happy with his service. He did the audit and to put show cause orders to

30 companies takes courage," she said.

While Jasareno is still out of the department, Lopez said she is keeping him as a senior resource person.

"He served his country and the DENR faithfully for the past 38 years. There's never been any evidence or proof of corruption against him," she added.

"He continues to have my trust, confidence and support," Lopez said.

Jasareno led the recently-concluded mining audit which resulted to the suspension of 10 firms and the pos-

sible suspension of another 20 companies.

Despite complaints from some of the stakeholders in the industry, Lopez maintained that she is happy with the integrity, dynamism and rule of law in which the audit was done.

"If anybody wants to fight, you fight with me. Nobody takes the blame, but me," she said.

Listed Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. has filed a case against Jasareno for the violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

Lepanto alleges that the "bad faith and gross inexcus-

able negligence of Jasareno in announcing on national TV on Sept. 27 that Lepanto had been recommended for suspension by the DENR Audit Team."

The company added that audit team concluded "the company substantially complied with the pertinent provisions of the environmental and mining laws, rules and regulations, thus no penalty is recommended by the team."

The mining firm, which operates in Benguet, said pronouncements of Jasareno caused undue injury to Lepanto.

The month, the DENR announced that Lepanto's grounds for suspension include the unregistered treatment, storage and disposal facility for the detoxification process for its mill tailings; four fatal and 11 lost-time accidents; and its low performance in tree planting.

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## Lepanto Mining files corruption charge against Jasareno

By Anna Leah E. Gonzales

LEPANTO Consolidated Mining Company filed with the Office of the Ombudsman a corruption complaint against former Mines and Geosciences Bureau director and Environment Undersecretary Leo Jasareno for violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

Lepanto in a statement cited bad faith and the alleged gross inexcusable negligence of Jasareno in announcing on national TV on September 27, 2016 that Lepanto had been recommended for suspension

by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources audit team.

Lepanto claimed that the audit team actually signed a report concluding that "the company substantially complied with the pertinent provisions of the environmental and mining laws, rules and regulations" and did not recommend a penalty.

The company said Jasareno's conflicting statement caused undue injury to it.

Lepanto said that Jasareno's "misrepresentation of the contents of the audit report besmirched the good reputation of Lepanto as a responsible



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mining company."

"It also caused stock prices of Lepanto "A" and "B" shares to drastically fall, and adversely affected Lepanto's credit standing," it said, adding that the act

of Jasareno was considered a corrupt practice.

Jasareno, who is the former head of the mining audit team, earlier said Lepanto was one of the mines that did not pass the audit.

"I have not received a copy of the complaint yet. That's how it is. If you're a public official, anyone can file a complaint against you," he said.

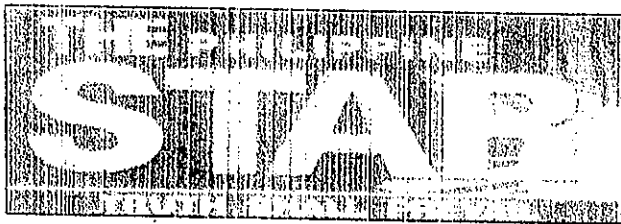
Jasareno was earlier dismissed from the DENR after President Rodrigo Duterte appointed Wilfredo Moncano as acting director of the MGB.

Environment Secretary Regina said she would appeal

Jasareno's retention.

"Leo did not resign. When I was in France, there was an order that director Moncano will be the MGB head and that renders him (Jasareno) out of DENR. I will really like Jasareno's retention. I feel that the president is a good man and I respect his decision but I am looking forward to meeting him and sort things out," Lopez said.

"I'm really happy with his services. He did the audit and to put show cause to 30 miners, that takes courage. Right now, I am keeping him as a senior resource person," Lopez said.



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# DENR suspends nickel mining firm

By RHODINA VILLANUEVA

Amid the crackdown on irresponsible mining firms, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has suspended the environmental compliance certificate (ECC) of a nickel mining company in Davao Oriental.

"The operations of Austral-Asia (Mining Corp.) has caused negative effects to Mt. Hamiguitan, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A biodiversity team from the DENR...found that the company's operations have been putting at risk the biodiversity in the area, including the trees and birds such as the Philippine Eagle," DENR Secretary Gina Lopez told a press briefing yesterday.

The mining firm operates in Sitio Salingcomot, Barangay Macambol in Mati City.

Lopez noted that the mining firm is "sandwiched" between two protected areas, referring to Mount Hamiguitan and Pujada Bay.

"Because they don't have a place to put their stockpile,

species in the area are affected. It was also not indicated in the company's environmental impact assessment how they intend to treat their stockpile," she said.

"I want a moratorium on any new mine," Lopez added. "I don't want to fight the mining companies. I can work with them as long as they don't silt the rivers and destroy rice fields."

Lopez also suspended the ECC of Century Communities Corp., a property developer in Quezon City, for not complying with the requirements of a groundwater survey.

The housing project is said to affect the La Mesa Eco-Watershed, another protected area. — With Louise Maureen Simeon, Reuters

## LOPEZ SUSPENDS CERTIFICATES OF LA MESA PROJECT, QUARRY

By Jaymee T. Gamil  
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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has suspended the environmental compliance certificates (ECC) of a housing development project in the La Mesa watershed in Quezon City and of a quarry in Mati, Davao Oriental.

In a press conference yesterday, Environment Secretary Gina Lopez, announced the suspension of the ECCs of the Century Communities Corp. project in the Quezon City watershed and of the Austral-Asia Link Mining Corp. quarrying site in Mati, based on a new audit the DENR is conducting of some 800 previously issued ECCs.

### No MWSS clearance

According to Maria Paz Luna, whom Lopez introduced as the undersecretary for legal services, Century's ECC was "rendered ineffective" due to the company's continued failure to obtain a clearance from the

Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS). Luna also noted the lack of a required groundwater survey.

On the other hand, the Austral-Asia quarrying site in Barangay Macambol and covering 5,000 hectares, is situated between two heritage sites: a centuries-old bonsai or pygmy forest and Mt Hamiguitan.

### Biodiversity assessment

"We sent our [biodiversity management bureau] there to do a biodiversity assessment of the area and there's so much there," Lopez said. She said the mine operations were "putting at risk the biodiversity" in the area.

Luna said the DENR deemed "untenable" Austral-Asia's proposed solutions to the siltation and stockpiling issues.

"We will now go into an intense evaluation of all ECCs and all MPSAs (mineral production sharing agreement)... And in the review of these ECCs and MPSAs we may even come up with new and better policies at the

DENR," Lopez said.

Meanwhile, in a statement sent to media, Century Communities said it would appeal the DENR's suspension of its ECC, saying there was "no definitive basis" for it.

### Awarded via sale

There has been no development work on the property to date, the statement said, adding the property is located some two and a half kilometers away from the reservoir.

The property was awarded through a sale by the MWSS to its employees for a housing project. These private rights to develop a housing project on the property was upheld with finality by the Supreme Court in 1975," the statement said.

"Our company remains open to discuss with the DENR and the various sectors on whatever conditions or additional requirements will be imposed on the project to further safeguard the public interest," the statement said. INQ

## Century Communities, Austral-Asia Link suspended by DENR

BY JAMES KONSTANTIN GALVEZ

**T**HE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has suspended the Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECC) of property developer Century Communities Corp. and miner Austral-Asia Link Mining Corporation.

Environment Secretary Regina Lopez said that the suspension order against Century was in line with the conditions set by its ECC in developing a 58-hectare housing project at the Mesa Watershed in Quezon City for employees of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).

"They failed to secure clearance from the MWSS Council. They also lack of compliance with the requirements for the ground water survey," Lopez said in a press conference.

Lopez noted the ECC issued to Century in 2015 does not include the construction of high-rise buildings that may destroy the watershed's environment.

"The agreement was only for housing. There was no discussion at that time on putting up a high-rise building," she said, adding that Century is apt on changing their plans.

Meanwhile, Century said it is

preparing to submit an appeal to the DENR on the basis that it has complied with the provisions of its ECC for the Novaliches project.

"The company is of the strong opinion that there is no definitive basis to suspend its ECC for the said project," Century said in a statement.

"On September 6, a technical conference was held between DENR officers and company representatives to discuss responses to the agency's Notice of Adverse Findings, which required us to show cause why we should not be fined. There was no mention of the possibility of suspension, nor cancellation," it added.

Century also said the meeting established that the company complied with the ECC rules and as a result, was neither sanctioned nor fined by the DENR.

"The company is of the strong

opinion that suspension is not warranted since there has been no development works commenced on the property to date," it said.

The subject property is located some two-and-a-half kilometers away from the reservoir. It was awarded through sale by the MWSS to its employees for a housing project. The private rights to develop a housing project on the property were upheld with finality by the Supreme Court in 1975.

Century Communities said it hopes the DENR would fairly and judiciously exercise its authority throughout the course of the process not only for the project but also recognize that the property has been afforded the rights to develop a housing project.

"Projects in Singapore, the United States and the United Kingdom that are built beside water reservoirs have been proven not to contaminate the water with the use of stringent measures," it said.

"Our company believes that with the right planning and execution, and the proper guidance from the DENR, there is no reason that the same cannot be achieved for the Novaliches development," it added.

Century said it remains open to discuss with the DENR and various

sectors on whatever conditions or additional requirements will be imposed on the project to further safeguard public interest.

But Lopez said: "I am personally for zero development in any watershed."

The DENR chief also announced the suspension of the ECC of Austral-Asia Link Mining Corp. in Davao Oriental.

"The reason why we are suspending it is because we made biodiversity assessment in the area. Biodiversity is like gold. You can do many things there. It has been found that the way the company is doing its operation is putting at risk the biodiversity," Lopez said.

Lopez noted that Austral-Asia's 5,000-hectare concession area is sandwiched between two protected areas - including a pigmy forest reserve and the nesting site of the endangered Philippine eagle.

The DENR chief added that the agency will conduct an intensive audit of some 800 ECCs issued to various companies and not just mining firms.

"We will look into it, categorize (them), and put more emphasis on ones that have public impact. This is different from a regular audit because we are looking at things that have not been looked up," she added.

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### Lopez suspends two environment permits

THE Environment Department on Friday suspended the environmental compliance certificate of Century Communities Corp. and Austral-Asia Link Mining Corp.

"We are suspending two major ECCs. One is that of Century which was given a housing development inside the La Mesa watershed. That's the watershed of 12 million people and housing inside... is not an environmental thing to do," said Environment Secretary Regina Lopez in a press conference.

Century Communities is the developer for the proposed 58-hectare Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System housing project in the La Mesa dam.

Century said it would appeal the decision, claiming it already complied with the provisions of the project's ECC.

Meanwhile, Lopez said the department suspended the ECC of Austral-Asia, which operates a nickel mine in Mati, Davao Oriental, because its project was sandwiched by two heritage sites. Anna Leah E. Gonzales



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# DENR suspends ECC for MWSS La Mesa housing project, mining firm in Davao

THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources has suspended the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) of a mining firm and of the proposed housing project inside the La Mesa Watershed for their failure to comply with the environmental requirements.

DENR Secretary Gina Lopez said the suspension of ECC issued to the Century Communities Corporation (CCC), contractor of the housing project of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) inside the La Mesa Watershed

Was due to lack the necessary requirement for a groundwater service. The La Mesa watershed supplies water to at least

12 million residents of Metro-Manila.

The Supreme Court had earlier issued a decision allowing the MWSS to construct housing project inside the 58 hectares watershed for its employees.

Marlo Mendoza, DENR Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, said the portion of the land was supposedly intended for housing and not for high-rise building.

On the other hand, the suspension of ECC issued to the Austral-Asia Link Mining Corporation was due to its problem in siltation.

DENR Undersecretary Ipat Luna said they found that the mining company has no proper place for its stockpile which could be the cause of the damage

of the coral reef in the bay, where its mining site is located.

Lopez disclosed that

the 5,000 mining plains is located in between two UN heritage sites, the Bonsai Forest and the Mt.

Hamiguitan in Sitio Sal-ingcomot, Brgy. Macambal, Mati City in Davao.

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## 2 giganteng kompanya sinuspinde ng DENR

DAHIL sa pangambang makaapekto at magdukot ng pagkasira sa kalikasan ang mga proyekto ng dalawang malaking kompanya, sinuspinde ni Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Gina Lopez ang Environmental Compliance and Property Developer ng Century Communities Corporation at Australia-Asis Link Mining Corporation.

Nabatid na plano ng Century Communities Corporation na magtayo ng high rise building sa La Mesa Watershed sa Quezon City.

Una nang binigyan ng ECC ang nasabing kompanya noong taong 2015 dahil sa orihinal nitong plano na pabahay sa mga empleyado ng MWSS bukod pa sa naging kasunduan na hindi mataas na gusali.

Ang hakbang na ito ni Lopez at ginawa dahil posible umanong makontamina ang inuming tubig sa Metro Manila kung sakaling matutuloy ang nasabing proyekto.

Kasama ring sinuspinde ang ECC ng Australia-Asis Link Mining Corporation na nagmimina ng nickel sa Mati, Davao Oriental dahil nasisira umano ng pagmimina ang Mt. Hamiguitan, karagatan at deklaradong protected areas sa lalawigan.

Kaugnay nito, sinabi ng kalihim na maaaring maalis ang suspensyon kung babaguhin ng mga ito ang kanilang sistema.

Matatandaan na nakasaad sa kasunduan ng DENR at dalawang nabang na kompanya na titiyakin ng DENR na 'di makasisira sa kalikasan ang kanilang proyekto. LILY REYES



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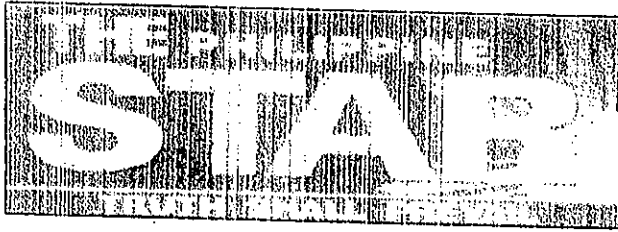
**ECC ng 2 kumpanya sinuspinde**

Sinuspinde ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) ang Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) ng dalawang malalaking kumpanya pangambang makasira sa kalikasan ang proyekto ng mga ito.

Inahunsoy ni Environment Secretary Gina Lopez na suspendido muna ang ECC ng Century Communities Corporation na nagcebalak magtayo ng high rise buildings sa La Mesa Watershed sa Quezon City at ng Austral-Asia Link Mining Corporation na nagmimina ng nickel sa Mati, Davao Oriental.

Git ni Lopez, maaaring makontamina ang ilang tubig sa Metro Manila kapag natuloy ang proyekto ng Century. Nasisira naman ng pagmimina ang kapaligiran sa Mt. Hamiguitan, isang UNESCO World Heritage Site, at Pujada Bay, isang marine protected area.

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# Metal production falls in H1

By LOUISE MAUREEN SIMEON

Metal production fell 14 percent to P48 billion in the first semester due to the sluggish metal price movement in the world market, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau reported.

The aggregate value of metal production for January to June this year was lower than the P56 billion recorded in the same period in 2015.

Direct shipping nickel ore and mixed nickel-cobalt sulfides, which used to account for half of total metal production value, suffered a 43 percent drop to P16.1 billion.

"In general, the poor showing of the nickel ore and nickel product producers during the period led to the lackluster performance of the metallic minerals industry," the MGB said.

The decline was also affected by the zero production of Wellex Mining (Wellex Area II nickel mining project), Oriental Vision Mining Philippines, (Palhi nickel project) and Western-shore Nickel (Libjo project-phase 2) due to poor metal prices and ongoing care and maintenance works during the period.

Major nickel producers Rio Tuba Mining, Taganito Mining, Platinum Group Metals, and SR Metals all incurred production setback both in volume and value.

Revenues from copper production, which comprise 19 percent of total metal production value, went down six percent to P9 billion.

Nickel price dropped to \$3.92 per pound from \$6.16 per pound, while copper price declined from \$2.66 per pound to \$2.13 per pound.

On the other hand, gold production accounted for 47 percent of the total output with aggregate earnings of P22.7 billion, or an increase of 31 percent.

Gold metal price was up by almost one percent to \$1,217.85 per troy ounce.

The production value of silver likewise grew 38 percent to P433 million despite the decline in prices from \$16.59 per troy ounce to \$15.78 per troy ounce.

The remaining one percent of total metallic production or P470 million came from the combined value of silver, iron ore and chromite.

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### PH mining output down in 6 months

MINERAL production in the Philippines fell 13 percent in the first half of the year to P48.25 billion from P55.84 billion a year ago on sluggish metal prices and the suspension of several mines, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau said Friday.

MGB said the value of gold production amounted to P22.68 billion, while nickel direct shipping ore and mixed nickel-cobalt sulfide reached P16.08 billion.

The value of copper production amounted to P9.01 billion, while the collective values of silver, chromite and iron ore hit P0.47 billion.

"In general, the poor showing of the nickel ore and nickel product producers during the period led to the lackluster performance of the metallic minerals industry," MGB said.

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### Environmental task force raids illegal quarry operations on Mount Banahaw

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**N**ATIONAL Anti-Environmental Crime Task Force (NAECTF) on Friday swooped down on illegal-quarrying sites on Mount Banahaw in Sariaya, Quezon.

The raid was conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), National Police, Armed Forces and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) personnel.

Environment Secretary Regina Paz L. Lopez said the raid, led by Undersecretary and NAECTF chief Art Valdez, effectively stopped all illegal-quarrying activities in the area.

Aside from quarrying, portions of Mount Banahaw in Sariaya and other towns in Quezon are under siege by illegal loggers.

The raid came a month ahead of a scheduled audit of nonmetallic mine operations in various parts of the country. Nonmetallic mine operations include quarry sites.

The DENR had just concluded the audit of 41 metallic mines and had, so far, suspended 10 mining companies. Twenty other companies were issued show-cause orders

and face possible suspension.

There are 65 nonmetallic mines, which the DENR audit teams will inspect as part of the campaign to weed out irresponsible mining.

Lopez said the unchecked quarry operation in the area causes massive environmental destruction that threatens the forest ecosystem in Mount Banahaw, considered a sacred mountain by tribesmen.

Some of the quarry operations used to have permits, but Lopez said the quarry companies have violated the terms and conditions of their environmental compliance certificates (ECC), which were revoked by the DENR-Region 4-A Office.

Valdez said at least 30 quarry personnel were arrested during the operation. The NAECTF also impounded more than a dozen of heavy equipment, such as back hoes and cargo trucks, used in the quarrying operation.

According to Valdez, around 30 different quarry operators are to be blamed for the massive destruction of the forest in the area.

"It already looks like a big mine. In case of rain, it will bury the town of Sariaya in mud," Valdez said.

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# ECCs of 800 projects across industries face intense audit

By MADILAINA B. MIRA

As much as 800 projects from across different industries — be it from the infrastructure sector, manufacturing, or power — will undergo scrutiny as the government sets an "intense" evaluation on all existing environmental clearances.

"There are 800 ECCs and we are going to evaluate all of them. We are coming up with an ECC audit," said Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Gina Lopez in an interview with reporters Friday.

"We are going to categorize all the projects by sector," Lopez added.

As she announced this comprehensive review of the environmental compliance certificates (ECC) granted to 800 projects across domestic industries, the DENR suspended the ECC of Austral-Asia Link Mining Corp. for its mining operation in Davao Oriental as well as that of Century Communities Corp.'s, which has a housing project inside the La Mesa Eco Park.

Lopez vowed to take back the ECCs earlier granted to "environmentally critical" projects in the country.

Withdrawal of the ECC will prevent any company from continuing its operations or its certain projects.

DENR Undersecretary for Legal Ipat Luna said the "intense evaluation" on ECCs will have different parameters from the nationwide audit on mining operations concluded in August.

"It is different from the regular audit because we are going to look at things that have not been looked at

but, are in the law," Luna said.

Luna said DENR will look at projects in the manufacturing sector, iron and steel, infrastructure, and power.

As for when the audit will start, the DENR has yet to set a target date.

"We have a timeframe. We will get help. There will be a body that will do this," Lopez said.

On the suspension of ECC of Austral-Asia, which just started its mining operations in Mati City, Davao Oriental in 2015, Lopez explained, "The reason we are suspending it because we made biodiversity assessment in the area and it has been found that the way the company is doing its operation in the province is putting at risk the biodiversity."

The mining operation of Austral-Asia is located between Mount Hamiguitan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Pujada Bay, a marine protected area.

DENR also cancelled the ECC of Century Communities which would prevent the company from proceeding with its housing project at La Mesa Eco Park, a 33-hectare natural park within the La Mesa Watershed.

Luna said the grounds for the suspension include the company's failure to secure a clearance from Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) as well as its lack of compliance to submit ground water survey.

Century Communities own exactly 58 hectares of land within the watershed but Lopez is firm that she does not want any projects to rise there.

"I'm for zero development in that

area," Lopez said.

"Even if in private land, you can't do anything there that can adversely affect the common good.

Just because it is a private land, you can do anything to it. Especially this one, it is in the watershed," she stressed.

Lopez is even open to the idea of buying the property from Century Communities, which the company bought during the term of former president Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Century Communities, for its part, said it is prepared to submit its appeal to the DENR on the basis that it has complied with the provisions of the said ECC.

"The company is of the strong opinion that there is no definitive basis to suspend its ECC for the said project. On September 6, 2016, a technical conference was held between DENR officers and our company representatives to discuss our responses to the agency's Notice of Adverse Findings, which required us to show cause why we should not be fined. There was no mention of the possibility of suspension, nor cancellation," the property developer said in a statement.

"Further, the said meeting established that the company complied with the ECC rules and as a result, was neither sanctioned nor fined by the DENR. The company is of the strong opinion that suspension is not warranted since there has been no development works commenced on the property to date," it added.

As of now, the DENR is still reviewing the ECC of undeveloped \$5.9 billion Tampakan gold-copper mine and the expansion of Semirara Mining and Power Corp., the country's largest coal producer.

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## Aurora beach resorts have no ECCs

By Ferdie G. Domingo

DINGALAN, Aurora—All 38 beach resorts in this coastal town in southern Aurora are operating without the required Environmental Compliance Certificates.

Dingalan Mayor Shierwin Taay said securing an ECC has gone out of fashion in the province.

"That is not a trend here," Taay said.

An ECC is a requirement of the Environmental Management Bureau for any project in the country that poses a potential environmental risk or impact, such as mining, agriculture and construction projects.

The EMB issues the certificate but only after a thorough and positive review of the project's application.

Taay explained that local resort owners could not secure an ECC because the beachfront is part of the so-called "salvage zone" which prohibits the setting up of structures 30 meters from the shoreline.

"The DENR prohibits resorts and other structures from being erected in the salvage zone so you can't expect an ECC to be issued in favor of the resort owners," he said.

In January, then provincial environment and natural resources officer Cyril Coliflores said that save for a few resorts and hotels in the capital town of Baler, all other establishments have failed to secure ECCs.

The lack of the requisite ECC is posing a risk to the province's tourism potentials, much like the pollution problem which is now hounding Boracay, said EMB regional director Lormelyn Claudio.

Coliflores said the holding capacities of resorts to accommodate the influx of tourists are going beyond the normal, with Aurora threatening to become another Boracay that is unable to sustainably absorb the tourism boom.

Claudio said the EMB plans to complete a master plan to make the entire province cope with the environmental demands of tourism.

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## 3 Eastern Visayas watersheds checked

By **RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT**

**T**ACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region office for Eastern Visayas (DENR-8) has done a study on three watersheds to assess their condition.

Assessed were the 3,444-hectare Almeria watershed in Biliran, the 4,869-hectare Maasin watershed in Southern Leyte and the 1,865-hectare Loog watershed in Basey Samar.

DENR-8 Regional Director Leonardo Sibbaluca said the watersheds were subjected to profiling, vulnerability assessment, soil and water analysis, flora and fauna assessment, and thematic mapping.

There were also socio-economic, demographic, geomorphological as-

sessments or studies.

He said the study's findings will be consolidated and analyzed. The data gathered will be the basis for future planning and designing different interventions in the effective management of the watershed areas.

A watershed is a land area that contains a common set of streams and rivers and where all water that falls as rain in it all drains and flow into a single larger body of water, such as a larger river, a lake or an ocean.

Proper watershed management is necessary to maintain water quality. The water that falls, drains and runs on the soil surface of the watershed picks up pollutants and deposits them in streams and rivers or larger bodies of water.

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## INVESTORS MULA SA NEW YORK MAMUMUHUNAN SA MINDANAO

**DARATING** sa bansa ang ilang negosyante mula sa Estados Unidos para sa posibilidad na maglagak ng puhunan.

Ito ang inihayag ni Environment Undersecretary for International Affairs and Foreign Assisted Programs Jonas Leones sa ginanap na Development Partners Forum sa lungsod ng Maynila.

Ayon kay Leones, nakausap nila ang may lima hanggang anim na grupo ng mga investor nang

magtungo sila kamakailan sa New York, USA.

Aniya, malaki ang maitutulong sa bansa upang mabawasan ang kahirapan kung may katuwang na pribadong sektor na magpapaunlad sa lugar.

Sinabi pa ng opisyal na pag-uusapan sa pagpunta sa bansa ng mga dayuhang mamumuhunan ang detalye ng ipagkakaloob na tulong.

"In New York, we encouraged them and they are committed, although

there is no amount yet, that they will be discussing and coming into the Philippines to further discuss the details of the assistance that they will giving to us," ani Leones.

Sa kasalukuyan, aniya, ay may 29 lugar sa Mindanao silang prayoridad na maaaring paglagakan ng puhunan.

Magsasagawa ng national planning workshop ang pamahalaan sa susunod na buwan para balangkasin ang mga

proyekto at programa na nangangailangan ng kaukulang pondo.

Nauna rito, sinabi ni DENR Secretary Gina Lopez na nagtungo siya sa New York para makalikom ng \$1-B pondong puhunan para sa Mindanao.

Kokonsultahin din ng DENR ang pribadong sektor, local government units at mga non-government organization hinggil dito.

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PALACE LEGAL TEAM SIDES WITH ECON MANAGERS IN NIXING D.A.R. PROPOSAL

## Land-conversion ban lobbying intensifies

BY DAVID CAGAHASTIAN ✉ @davecaga & JOVEE MARIE N. DELA CRUZ ✉ @joveemarie

**P**OLITICAL and ideological leanings have come into play in the proposal to stop land conversions for two years, with the known militant party-list groups criticizing the economic managers for opposing the planned moratorium.

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## Land-conversion

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The Cabinet economic cluster, however, appears to have the upper hand, with the legal team of Cabinet Secretary Leoncio B. Evasco Jr., who is tasked to coordinate the Duterte administration's antipoverty programs, recommending against the total ban on land-use conversion of agricultural lands proposed by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

Currently, members of the Duterte administration's economic managers continue to lobby against the proposal of Agrarian Reform Secretary Rafael V. Mariano, one of the Cabinet officials who came from the ranks of leftist groups.

Mariano said his proposal would allow the country to finally achieve food security.

Evasco's recommendation for or against the proposed total ban is expected to carry a heavy weight, him being the Cabinet official tasked by President Duterte in his Executive Order (EO) 1 to coordinate the government's antipoverty programs.

In the recommendation issued by Undersecretary Halmen A. Valdez of the Office of the Cabinet Assistance System, the legal team of the Office of the Cabinet Secretary opposed the DAR's proposal for a two-year total ban on land-use conversion of agricultural lands for other purposes.

"While we support enforcement of stringent measures to preserve our agricultural lands to ensure our food security, we believe that an absolute moratorium on land conversion can pose adverse effects on other government projects," the recommendation

letter, a copy of which was obtained by the BUSINESSMIRROR, said.

"This proposal [for a total ban on land-use conversion] can be counterproductive. It might pose as hindrance to the infrastructure projects of different government agencies. The plan to make President Duterte's term as the Golden Age of Philippine Infrastructure will be difficult to realize," the letter said.

Earlier, National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) Director General Ernesto M. Pernia lobbied for the support of the other members of the economic team to block the Mariano-proposed EO, which will impose the two-year moratorium on land-use conversion.

But militant farmer groups, led by Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP), which used to be chaired by Mariano before he was appointed to the top post at the DAR, pointed out that the moratorium is already a done deal, with Mr. Duterte himself having approved it in a meeting of the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) in September.

In the latest statement issued by the DAR, Mariano reiterated that PARC, which was convened for the first time in more than 10 years last month after being put in the freezer by former President Benigno S. Aquino during his term, had already approved the two-year moratorium on the conversion of agricultural lands and that an EO to put into effect such approval is in the offing.

But the legal team of the Office of the Cabinet Secretary is siding with Pernia

on the issue, citing Neda's findings that a total ban on land-use conversion of agricultural lands will worsen the housing backlog of an estimated 5.5 million houses, of which some 1.4 million is for socialized housing.

"We reiterate that absolute ban on land conversion is not the answer. We recommend that in the drafting of the proposed EO, provisions providing for exemptions will be included, particularly lands which are no longer suitable for agricultural purpose, which will be used in government projects, such as infrastructure or housing projects," the legal team's recommendation said.

"A mechanism may also be included to allow parties to seek exemption from the ban and a mechanism which empowers real parties in interest to question any exemption given to a party or project," the recommendation read. Militants lawmakers, meanwhile, criticized the position of the economic managers opposing the two-year ban on land conversion.

This is after Vice President Maria Leonor G. Robredo, Budget Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno, Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III, Trade Secretary Ramon M. Lopez and Pernia submitted a position paper to Malacañang asking President Duterte not to endorse the moratorium on land conversion.

Gabriela Rep. Arlene Brosas said she's supporting the land-conversion moratorium being espoused by the DAR as part of the Duterte administration's program to ensure food security.

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"Continuing land conversion will only benefit big real-estate businesses that led the conversion of rice fields and agricultural lands into subdivisions, resorts and golf courses. The land-conversion moratorium is right on track if, indeed, we are bent on achieving food security in the coming years," Brosas said.

"As VP Robredo uses the homeless as an excuse, it becomes obvious that she has entirely missed the point. It was massive land conversion that has evicted millions of farmers from agricultural lands and, in the absence of livelihood, forced them to exodus into congested urban-poor communities," Brosas added.

She said the housing projects that the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, headed by Robredo, have been building are in partnership with real-estate developers.

"In fact, government housing projects uproot yet again poor families from their livelihood, forcing them to live in projects far from their sources of income while collecting unaffordable amortizations," she added.

For his part, Party-list Rep. Ariel Casilao of Anakpawis said the position of economic managers runs counter to the policy direction of the DAR, which was approved by President Duterte during the PARC meeting last month.

"The Neda is actually contradicting the progressive direction of the Duterte administration. The opposition on the two-year ban on land conversion is a spoiler and a slap in the faces of poor, landless farmers,

especially in areas that are threatened by various land-conversion project, approved by the Neda itself," Casilao said.

"The Neda's lame excuse is unacceptable and unsubstantiated, as housing projects and protection of productive agricultural lands are not contradictory, they are supposed to be congruent in serving the welfare of the poor. By clashing these two concerns, only means giving precedence to profit by real-estate developers who often take advantage of the public-private partnership schemes of the government housing projects," Casilao said.

For his part, Terry L. Ridon, chairman of the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor, said: "Only large real-estate developers and multinationals stand to gain from a reversal of the President's moratorium on the land-use conversion of agricultural lands."

Ridon said the remedy was not to stop the issuance of a moratorium but to consider socialized housing projects as the only exception to the ban.

"Change has not come to our agricultural farmers if we will insist that food security and social justice should suffer at the whims of real-estate moguls and multinationals," Ridon said.

Ridon added that the main problem in agrarian reform was the dizzying pace of land-use conversions for other uses to the exclusion of the poor Filipino farmer. "In the main, land-use conversions were made not for socialized housing but for the construction of provincial malls, golf courses, residential subdivisions and resorts."

## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE

### 100,000 TRIBAL FOLK FACE EVICTION UNDER 6 GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, SAYS FARMERS' GROUP

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**—Six projects initiated by the government and private sector are threatening to displace at least 100,000 indigenous peoples (IPs) from their ancestral domain, according to a leader of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP).

IP communities in Tarlac province are at risk of losing their ancestral lands to the 9,500-hectare Clark Green City of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority and the 18,000-ha Crow Valley gunnery range of the Philippine Air Force, both in Capas town, said Joseph Canlas, KMP chair.

In Nueva Ecija, the Fort

Magsaysay military reservation, originally spanning 73,000 ha but now reduced by seven presidential proclamations to 35,000 ha, has been shut to farmers and IPs of the province, Aurora and Bulacan, Canlas said.

He cited these projects on Wednesday when IPs from the Cordillera, Cagayan Valley, Ilocos and Central Luzon regions picketed the Armed Forces Northern Luzon Command in Tarlac City.

The contingent of more than 500 IP leaders set up camp at the Department of Agrarian Reform in Quezon City on Thursday, joining the 3,000-strong caravan



A "lumad" delegate joins at least 3,000 others at a rally on the UP campus in Diliman, Quezon City. —NIÑO JESUS ORBETA

of national minorities asserting their right to self-determination and condemning military presence in their communities and what they said is the plunder of

ancestral domains.

According to Canlas, power projects in Bataan, Pampanga and Tarlac also threaten Aetas in those provinces. He said the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone has covered 13,000 ha of ancestral domain in Casiguran town in Aurora province.

Canlas said the Duterte administration should ensure the survival of IP communities by "enforcing genuine agrarian reform, respecting their ancestral domains and pulling out soldiers and paramilitary men from these ancestral land areas."

The region's seven provinces are home to Duma-

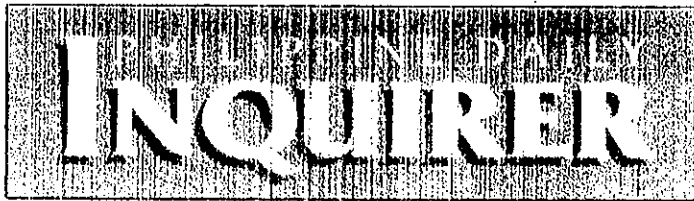
gat, Remontado, Ilongot, Bugkalot, Kalanguya, Aeta and Abelling tribes.

There are 50 IP communities in Aurora, 19 in Bataan, 20 in Bulacan, 96 in Nueva Ecija, 23 in Pampanga, 65 in Tarlac, and 79 in Zambales. As of 2007, there were 37,048 IP families registered in the region.

Only 12 out of 59 Central Luzon towns and cities hosting 352 indigenous communities are represented in local legislative councils although a law requires their mandatory representation in governance, according to the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples. —TONETTE

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### LOREN TO NEDA: RESTORE ECOLOGY OF MANILA BAY

By Jeannette I. Andrade  
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Sen. Loren Legarda has urged the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) to be proactive and restore the ecological balance of Manila Bay instead of simply developing it through reclamation.

At Thursday's hearing on the Neda budget and that of its attached agencies, Legarda, the Senate finance committee chair, called on the Neda to ensure the sustainability of Manila Bay by restoring its ecological integrity.

Ecological integrity, as defined by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, is "the structure, composition and function of an ecosystem operating within the bounds of natural or historic range of variation."

The Neda is looking to craft a P250-million Manila Bay development master plan to be undertaken between next year and 2019, aimed at coordinating the efforts of the national and local governments to develop the region and stimulate economic growth.

Legarda pointed out that while there was a need to build more concrete cities, "the priority should be ensuring that present cities are sustainable."

She said that "before we even think of reclaiming a portion of Manila Bay again, either for commercial or residential purposes, let us first check the living conditions of the communities around the bay."

Legarda urged the Neda to meet with the Manila Bay Coordinating Office and go over the bay's development plans.

"We should have a sustainable restoration program for the bay which should include the strict enforcement of laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act," she said. INQ

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### Magat dam nears maximum spill level

**RAMON, Isabela:** Heavy rains brought by Tropical Storm Karen (international codename: Sanba) have raised Magat dam's water level near its maximum and spilling level that can cause flooding in low-lying areas in Isabela, Quirino and Cagayan provinces.

Engineer Wilfredo Gloria of the National Irrigation Administration-Magat River Integrated Irrigation System (NIA-MARIIS) has confirmed the water level at the Magat dam reservoir rose to 187.93 meters on Friday.

Gloria said the water level at present is only 5.07 meters near its maximum and spilling level of 193 and 2.07 meters below its desired level of 190.

He added that NIA-MARIIS is maintaining an outflow of water

by 230 cubic meters per second (CMS), lower than an inflow of 295 CMS by 65 CMS.

"This is to maintain a comfortable level of the Magat reservoir to accommodate the expected rainfall brought about by the incoming tropical storm," Gloria said.

Besides, there is a need for SN Aboitiz Power-Magat (SNAP-Magat), which owns and operates the 360-megawatt Magat Hydroelectric Power Plant (MHEPP), to maintain and maximize power generation, he added.

"As a preparatory measure for the coming of Tropical Storm Karen, we allow SNAP-Magat to maximize their power generation by letting them use water more than the irrigation diversion requirement (IDR)," Gloria said.

Located at the border of Ramon, Isabela and Alfonso Lista, Ifugao, the 1983-built rock-filled Magat dam also supplies irrigation water to approximately 85,000 hectares (210,00 acres) of farmland in Isabela and Quirino.

"We are optimistic that we will have enough water supply to support the next cropping season," Gloria said.

He explained that the normal water level of 175 meters is needed to maintain a sufficient supply of irrigation water to farmlands while the level of 160 meters is the minimum operational level for the Magat dam to continue generating power.

In July 1991, the Magat dam reservoir recorded its all-time low level of 149 meters.

**LEANDER C. DOMINGO**

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## EcoWaste calls for firecracker ban

By Jason Faustino

A waste and pollution watch group has reiterated its call for a ban on firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices following a deadly blast at a firecracker store in Bocaue, Bulacan.

The EcoWaste Coalition, which has been conducting its "Iwas Paputoxic" drive since 2003 complementing the government's annual campaign against firecrackers, warned that more people would perish and suffer this year if the "outdated" habit of igniting firecrackers and fireworks continue unabated.

"We appeal to the government to turn the citywide Davao ban on firecrackers and fireworks into a nationwide regulation that will safeguard human health and the environment from hazardous emissions and wastes, and protect the animals, too" said Aileen Lucero, national coordinator, EcoWaste Coalition.

"It's high time that the rule of law, particularly the enforcement of our environmental and animal welfare laws, prevails in our customary welcome of the New Year," she added.

"It's time to discard the dirty, dangerous and deadly New Year rites," she further said.

The group expressed its hope that the executive order (EO) being drafted by the Department of Health as announced by Secretary Paulyn Ubial would totally ban the manufacture, distribution and sale of firecrackers for individual and household use, and illegalize their sale to the general public.

"As most of the victims of firecracker-related injuries are young children, we also hope that the EO would impose tough penalties to vendors selling firecrackers to minors," Lucero said.

The much-anticipated EO, the EcoWaste Coalition said, could contribute a great deal to turning our New Year festivities into a zero injury, zero emission and zero waste celebration or darn close.

The large-scale explosion of legal and illegal pyrotechnics to usher in New Year is not in agreement with the state policy of protecting human health and the environment as mirrored in several national laws, the group pointed out.

Among the laws that are blatantly disregarded during the celebrations include the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, as well as the Animal Welfare Act, the group said.

## NGCP plants 1.5-m seedlings

By Butch Gunio

**B**ALANGA CITY, Bataan—Since the start of its operations in 2009, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has planted more than 1.5-million seedlings in over 1,500 hectares of land across the country.

"Indigenous and commercial or fruit-bearing trees such as rubber, cacao, coffee, durian, and rambutan were strategically spread across Region 1 in

North Luzon to Region 13 in Mindanao. Only those tree species that are native to the locality were considered for the greening program," NGCP Regional Cor-

porate Communication officer Ernest Vidal said.

"These native trees are better suited to restore the natural ecological balance in the area as they draw in or invite species of plants and animals that complete the natural ecosystem, unlike exotic or imported species which absorb ground water and do not allow other species to thrive within their territory," he added.

Vidal said the greening program not only helped enhance forest condition, it also provided sus-

tainable livelihood for people's organizations such as the Samarsur Upland Farmer's Association in Samar, Mt. Malaraya; the Malepu-nyo Watershed Protection Council in Laguna; and the Midtubukan-Springside-Fatima Land Dwellers Association in Bukidnon.

Some of the widest reforestation areas cover 90 hectares in the provinces of Samar and Eastern Samar, 81 hectares in Antique, and 50 hectares in Batangas.

"As partners in maintaining and protecting the reforested ar-

eas, POs are also able to make use of the plant byproducts as a source of food and/or agro-forestry business. To date, NGCP has partnered with around 50 POs to manage and protect the hectares-wide land," the NGCP official said.

"NGCP's partnership with POs do more than the management of the land. This also provides an avenue for the POs, especially among indigenous groups, to boost their socioeconomic situation. Fruit byprod-

ucts such as rambutan, cacao, coffee, and durian put food on their tables, and may also be an additional source of income when sold in the market. We ensure that our contributions to the environment also contribute to the welfare of the communities in the area," he added.

Vidal said NGCP continues to look for more effective ways of adapting to climate change to lend support to the government's environmental conservation and mitigation initiatives.

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## 3,000 lumad camp out at UP for rights

ABOUT 3,000 members of minority groups, called *lumad*, marched to the University of the Philippines-Diliman in Quezon City on Friday to call for the protection of rights of indigenous people.

The "Lakbayan ng Pambansang Minorya" is the first of its kind to gather all minority groups in the country to collectively protest against the increased militarization and plunder of ancestral lands.

More than 150 indigenous communities were present at the protest caravan held during National Indigenous Peoples Month. These included the Moro, Dumagat, Lumad, Ifugao, Kalinga, Kakana-ey, and those from Apayao province, Cagayan Valley, Southern Tagalog, Caraga region, among others. **Sandy Araneta**

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## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE IN PANGASINAN, PLANS FOR 2ND COAL POWER PLANT

### MEET OPPOSITION

SUAL, PANGASINAN—A local environmental advocacy group on Thursday launched a signature campaign to stop the construction of another coal-fired power plant here.

The campaign is targeting the P47-billion plant to be built by Phinma Energy Corp. (formerly Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corp.) in the coastal village of Baquioen.

The plant is expected to generate 900 megawatts of electricity for the Luzon grid.

The campaign will also be launched in neighboring Labrador town and Alaminos City, said Rosanna Marie Soriano, chair of the newly organized Save Sual Movement.

"We are opposing the construction of another power plant because we have not been consulted about it and because we have been suffering the effects of the first power plant," said Soriano.

#### Original plant

This town hosts Team Energy's 1,200-MW Sual power station, the country's biggest coal-fired power plant located in Barangay Pangascasan, which began operating in 1999.

The town government endorsed the Phinma project last year when Mayor Roberto Arcinue signed a memorandum of agreement with Phinma En-

ergy President Francisco Viray.

In a manifesto, Save Sual Movement said the construction of another power plant will endanger the lives of town residents because of the health risks and harmful environmental effects posed by coal.

The manifesto was addressed to President Duterte, Environment Secretary Gina Lopez, Gov. Amado Espino III, the Pangasinan provincial board and Arcinue.

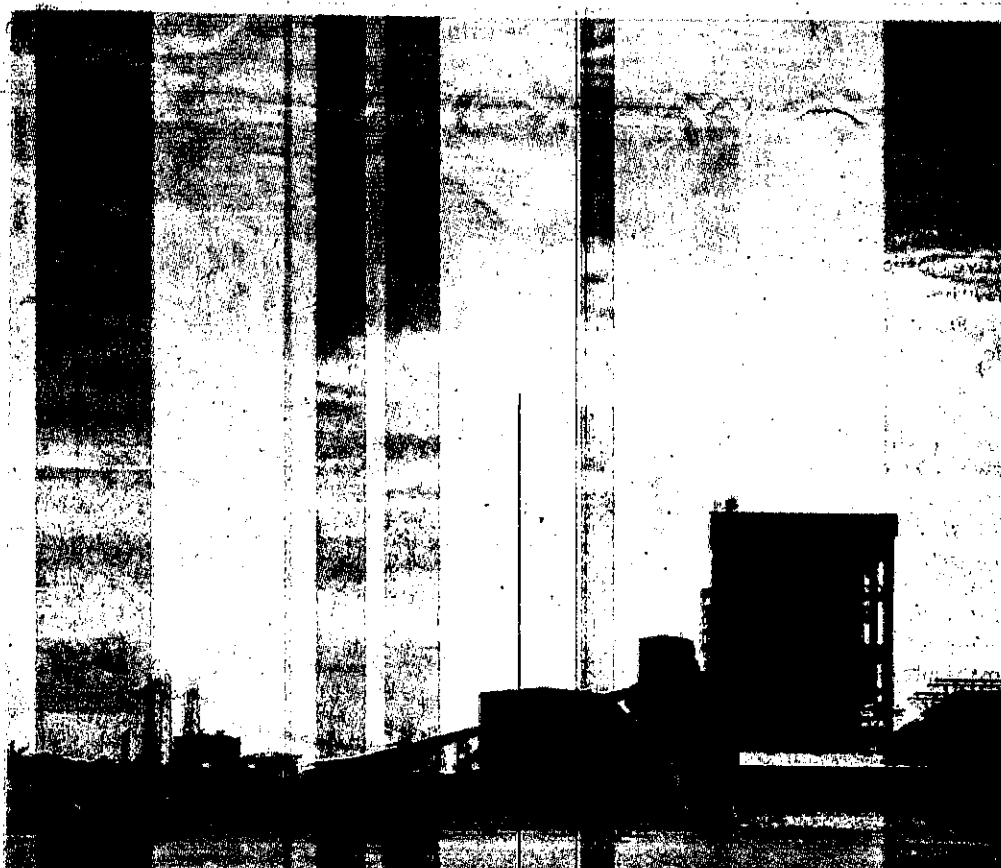
Arcinue said he conducted six consultation meetings for the second power plant but nobody expressed opposition to the plant.

Phinma Energy is preparing a feasibility study, which is one

of the requirements before it could apply for an environmental compliance certificate.

Arcinue said the second power plant will start construction in the first quarter of 2017.

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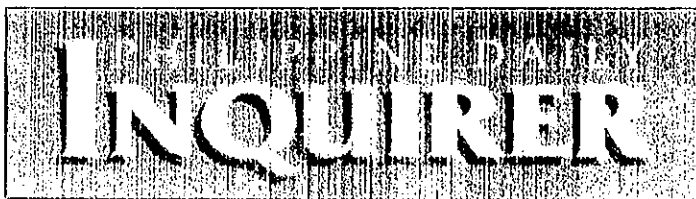
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### INVITATION TO BID FOR

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PLASTIC SEEDING TRAY (6<sup>th</sup> batch)**  
(ITB NO. 2016-016-A)

1. The **Forest Management Bureau (FMB)**, through the **GAA CY 2016** intends to apply the sum of **TWENTY-THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P23,144,800.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PLASTIC SEEDING TRAY**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The **FMB** now invites bids for **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PLASTIC SEEDING TRAY**. Bidders should have completed, within **two (2) years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".  
In addition, Bidding is open to all interested bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR of RA 9184.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **FMB** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during **8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday**.  
A complete set of Bidding Documents may be **acquired** by interested Bidders on **October 12 - 31, 2016** from the address below **and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000.00)**.  
It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.
5. The **FMB-BAC** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **20 October 2016, 11:00 AM at FMB Conference Room, FMB Main Bldg., Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City** which shall be open to all interested parties.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **03 November 2016, 11:00 AM**. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.  
Bid opening shall be on **03 November 2016, 11:00 AM at FMB Conference Room**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.
7. Other necessary information deemed relevant by the Procuring Entity:  
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8. The **FMB** reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
9. For further information, please refer to:

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### KEEP ANTISMOKE-BELCHING CAMPAIGN GOING

**T**he National Anti-Environmental Crime Task Force is strict in its campaign against air pollution. That is why antismoke-belching units were in action last Oct. 2 to test emission levels from public and private motor vehicles. I witnessed the actual emission testing of jeepneys conducted along Commonwealth Avenue by government operatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

For some, apprehending smoke-belching vehicles is a waste of time and causes

inconveniences to commuters. However, we have to admit that the air we breathe is so polluted, largely because of heavy toxic emissions from these vehicles. We have to do something about this problem to protect our health.

Jeepney and bus drivers and their operators owe it to us, as paying riders, to properly maintain their engines as their share in the effort to reduce air pollution in Metro Manila.

It is a good thing to ensure that drivers obey laws and regulations on keeping the air clean. We may need to drill into the heads of drivers

that noncompliance with emission standards will cause not only environmental and health issues but also real trouble for them.

The antismoke-belching operation is also essential to remind everyone, especially the drivers of their shared responsibility in keeping our environment—and, therefore, our people—healthy.

I hope that the antismoke-belching campaign be carried out on a regular basis in parts of the country where it is needed.

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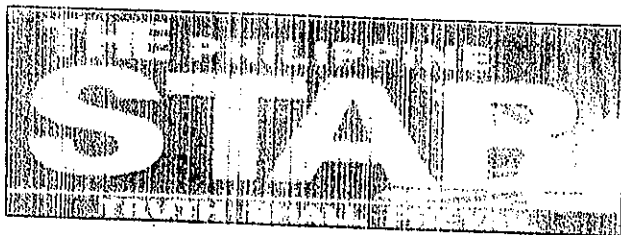
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(ITB NO. 2016-015-A)

1. The **Forest Management Bureau (FMB)**, through the **GAA CY 2016** intends to apply the sum of **THIRTY-SIX MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P36,855,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PLASTIC SEEDING TRAY**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The **FMB** now invites bids for **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PLASTIC SEEDING TRAY**. Bidders should have completed, within **two (2) years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".  
In addition, Bidding is open to all interested bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR of RA 9184.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **FMB** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during **8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday**.  
A complete set of Bidding Documents may be **acquired** by interested Bidders on **October 12 - 31, 2016** from the address below **and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000.00)**.  
It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.
5. The **FMB-BAC** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **20 October 2016, 10:00 AM at FMB Conference Room, FMB Main Bldg., Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City** which shall be open to all interested parties.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **03 November 2016, 10:00 AM**. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.  
Bid opening shall be on **03 November 2016, 10:00 AM at FMB Conference Room**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.
7. Other necessary information deemed relevant by the Procuring Entity:  
**Forest Management Bureau  
FMB Bldg., Visayas Avenue  
Diliman, Quezon City**
8. The **FMB** reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
9. For further information, please refer to:

**MR. DENCIO DADIS**

Head, Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat  
Forest Management Bureau  
General Services Unit  
Ground Floor FMB Bldg., Visayas Avenue  
Diliman, Quezon City  
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## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND INITIATIVES SERVICE



### DOE-DOTC-DENR-DTI-DILG-DOH-DOST AND TESDA JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (JAO) NO. 01 SERIES OF 2016 CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON THE USE OF AUTOLPG AS FUEL FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) is mandated under RA 7638 as amended, (Department of Energy Act of 1992) to prepare, integrate, coordinate, supervise and control all plans relative to energy exploration, utilization, distribution, and conservation, among others;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - ENERGY UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT BUREAU (DOE-EUMB) is implementing the AutoLPG program (AutoLPG) to promote the use of LPG in vehicles and other related applications as clean alternative technology and, at the same time, ensure energy security through diversification of fuel for the transport sector;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY through EUMB-ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFETD), acts as the interim AutoLPG Technical Working Group (TWG) Secretariat, which will provide administrative support to the TWG;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY's OIL INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT BUREAU (DOE-OIMB) is mandated to ensure compliance with fuel quality standards and proper retailing of AutoLPG;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC), is the primary policy, planning, programming, coordinating, implementing and administrative entity of the executive branch of the government on the promotion, development and regulation of a dependable and coordinated network of transportation and communications systems, as well as in the fast, safe, efficient and reliable transportation and communications services;

WHEREAS, DOTC - Land Transportation Office (DOTC-LTO) is mandated to conduct road worthiness inspection and registration of motor vehicles, issue licenses and permits for vehicles, enforce the land transportation rules and regulations, and adjudicate traffic cases and collect revenues for the government on land transport sector;

WHEREAS, DOTC - Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) is mandated pursuant to Executive Order No. 125 and Executive Order No. 202, 1987 to formulate, promulgate, administer, implement and enforce rules and regulations on land transportation public utilities, standard of measurements and/or design, and rules and regulations related to public land transportation service including the issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) or franchise;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES-ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU (DENR-EMB) is mandated among others, to implement guidelines, laws, policies, rules and regulations on pollution prevention and control including emission of vehicles in the transport sector; establish vehicle emission standards for new and in-use motor vehicles and issuance of Certificate of Conformity for new motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY - BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS (DTI-BPS) as the National Standards Body of the Philippines established through the Republic Act No. 4109, otherwise known as the Philippine Standardization Law, and Executive Order No. 133, is mandated to develop, implement, and coordinate standardization activities in the Philippines, more particularly standards development, product certification, and standards implementation which include, among others, the certification of AutoLPG containers;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY - CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVOCACY BUREAU (DTI-CPAB) a policy-making and implementing body for consumer protection is mandated to conduct promotion of consumer education and advocacy, undertake the review of domestic trade laws and evaluate and monitor their implementation, and formulate policies and standards on the conduct of business and industry including certification of AutoLPG vehicle conversion and automotive repair and maintenance shops;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT-BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (DILG-BFP), created by virtue of RA 8975, is mandated to ensure public safety of all land transportation vehicles and equipment through prevention and suppression of destructive fires, among others;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL BUREAU (DOH-DPCB), is the principal health agency in the Philippines responsible for ensuring equitable, accessible and quality health services for all Filipinos through the formulation and development of health policies, guidelines, standards, capacity-building and provisions of technical assistance;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) is mandated to provide central direction, leadership and coordination of scientific and technological efforts and ensure that the results therefrom are geared and utilized in areas of maximum economic and social benefits for the people through PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (PCIEERD) in the industry and emerging technology sector, and METALS INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MIRDC) in area of engineering materials applications;

WHEREAS, the TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA), established through the enactment of Republic Act No. 7796 otherwise known as the "Technical Education and Skills Development Act of 1994", is mandated among others, to integrate, coordinate and monitor skills development programs, approve skills standards and tests; and provide assistance to programs and projects for technical education and skills development including training on, assessment and certification of the repair and maintenance skills of automotive technicians;

WHEREAS, cognizant of these inter-agency jurisdictions in the effective implementation of the AutoLPG program, there is a need to harmonize AutoLPG-related policies, rules and guidelines and establish a mechanism for collaboration, cooperation, and coordination;

WHEREAS, a working group recognized by and composed of all the involved agencies is necessary to review, evaluate and recommend revisions, updates, and adoption of new policies, guidelines, rules and regulations in line with each agency's mandate;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, a Technical Working Group (TWG) on the use of AutoLPG as Fuel for Public Transport and other Related Purposes, is hereby created referred to herein as the AUTOLPG TWG

#### SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF THE AUTOLPG TWG

The AutoLPG TWG shall be composed of representatives from the following agencies/offices and organizations which should not be lower than Bureau Head/Service Unit Head:

Chair : Department of Energy - Energy Utilization Management Bureau

Co-Chair : Department of Transportation & Communication:

Members : DOE-Oil Industry Management Bureau  
DOTC-Land Transportation Office  
DOTC-Land Transportation Franchising & Regulatory Board  
DENR-Environmental Management Bureau  
DTI-Bureau of Philippine Standards  
DTI-Consumer Protection and Advocacy Bureau  
DILG-Bureau of Fire Protection  
DOH-Disease Prevention and Control Bureau  
DOST-Philippine Council for Industry Energy and Emerging Technology Research Division  
DOST-Metals Industry Research and Development Center  
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

For administrative purposes, the duly authorized representative shall nominate their alternate member to the TWG.

#### SECTION 2. POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES OF AUTOLPG TWG

- 2.1. The AutoLPG TWG shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:
  - 2.1.1. Prepare, develop, and implement a work plan in support to AutoLPG Program;
  - 2.1.2. Review and evaluate existing AutoLPG-related policies, guidelines, rules and regulations, and propose appropriate revisions/amendments;
  - 2.1.3. Periodically review, evaluate and recommend needed changes in the existing technical and safety standards for AutoLPG and other related technologies for transport for recommendation to the DTI-BPS;
  - 2.1.4. Recommend initiatives including research and development activities;
  - 2.1.5. Serve as the technical advisory group to the AutoLPG Program;
  - 2.1.6. Perform such other activities as may be deemed necessary and consistent with AutoLPG program.
- 2.2. The duties and responsibilities of each member-agency shall be limited to matters, concerns, and issues that are within the concerned Agency's mandate and jurisdiction.
- 2.3. The AutoLPG TWG may seek or avail itself of the assistance of resource experts such as the UP-National Center for Transportation Studies, UP-Vehicle Research and Testing Laboratory, CCAAP-Coalition for Clean Air Advocates of the Philippines, Red Clover, and such other organizations, in the performance and conduct of its functions and duties.
- 2.4. The AutoLPG TWG shall formulate its internal guidelines in the matter of decisions agreed upon and in the resolutions of disagreements.

#### SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Secretariat and administrative support to the TWG shall be provided by the Alternative Fuels and Energy Technology Division of the Energy Utilization and Management Bureau which shall perform the following tasks:

- 3.1. Organize and conduct regular TWG meetings:
  - 3.1.1. Prepare TWG notice, meeting agenda and documentation;
  - 3.1.2. Prepare and distribute the minutes of TWG meeting;
  - 3.1.3. Ensure follow-up of concerns and decisions taken at the TWG meetings; and
- 3.2. Keep and maintain all TWG documentations;
- 3.3. Perform such other tasks in support of the implementation of the AutoLPG Program as may be proposed by the AutoLPG TWG.

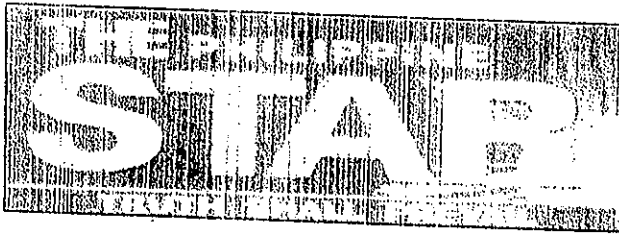
#### SECTION 4. SOURCES OF FUNDS

Personnel related expenses will be shouldered, incurred or defrayed by the respective member-agency in relation to the implementation of this Joint Administrative Order subject to the usual government and auditing rules and regulations, such as:

- 4.1. transportation
- 4.2. accommodation
- 4.3. meals
- 4.4. per diem
- 4.5. honorarium and
- 4.6. other incidental expense.

#### SECTION 5: REVIEW AND REVISION

This Joint Administrative Order shall be subject to review and revision every five (5) years, or as the need arises. Review may be initiated by any member agency of the TWG through consultations with the



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member agencies and with the approval of their respective Secretaries or the Heads of the Offices.

**SECTION 6: SEPARABILITY**

If any provisions of this Joint Administrative Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and the effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

**SECTION 7: REPEALING CLAUSE**

All orders and circulars inconsistent with this Joint Administrative Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8: EFFECTIVITY**

This Joint Administrative Order shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon filing with the National Administrative Register, and upon furnishing the U.P. Law Center with a copy hereof.

Metro Manila, 2016.

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| <br>HON. ZENALDA Y. MONSADA<br>Secretary, DOE   | <br>HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ARAYA<br>Secretary, DOTC |
| <br>By Authority of the Secretary:<br>ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELLA-TEH<br>Undersecretary/Chief of Staff, DENR | <br>HON. ADRIAN S. CRISTOBAL JR.<br>Secretary, DTI |
| <br>HON. MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO<br>Secretary, DILG  | <br>HON. JANETTE LORETO - GARIN<br>Secretary, DOH  |
| <br>HON. MARIO C. MONTEJO<br>Secretary, DOST  | <br>HON. IRENE M. ISAAC<br>Director General, TESDA |

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

(Note: Witnesses will be from specific bureaus/offices/organization)

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| <br>ASST. ENGR. T. AQUINO<br>DOE Representative (EUMB)        | <br>DIR. ROMEO I. ROMERO<br>DOE Representative (OIMB) |
| <br>GIOVANNI D. GONZALEZ<br>DOTC-LTRB Representative          | <br>DOTC-LTRB Representative                          |
| <br>ATTY. J. R. LEONES<br>Undersecretary/Chief of Staff, DENR | <br>DTI-CPAB Representative                           |
| <br>MR. R. L. LINARES<br>DTI-BPS Representative               | <br>DILG-BFP Representative                           |
| <br>HON. DPCB Representative                                  | <br>DOST-PCIEERD Representative                       |

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### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

**One (1) Lot Laboratory Equipment**  
**ITB 2016-10-075**  
**P.R. No. 2016-06-585**

1. The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), through the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for CY 2016 intends to apply the sum of **Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP2,200,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **One (1) Lot Laboratory Equipment**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected during opening of bids.

The MGB now invites bids for Procurement of **One (1) Lot Laboratory Equipment: Portable X-Ray Fluorescence for Mineral Analysis**

Delivery of the Goods is required within thirty (30) days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed (NTP). Bidders should have completed, within Five (5) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II (Instructions to Bidders).

2. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the **Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184**, otherwise known as the **"Government Procurement Reform Act"**.

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.

3. Interested bidders may obtain further information from MGB and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from **October 17 to 28, 2016** at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP2,500.00)**.

Preview of specifications/scope of work can be downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (Phil-GEPS).

4. The MGB will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **October 19, 2016, Wednesday at 2:00PM**, at the **Office of the Bids and Awards Committee, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City**, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below on **November 02, 2016, Wednesday, on or before 1:30PM. Late bids shall not be accepted.** All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration or any other bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

Bid opening shall be on **November 02, 2016, Wednesday, 2:00PM**, at the **Office of the MGB-Bids and Awards Committee**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

6. The MGB reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

7. For further information, please refer to:

**HOWELL M. MAPOY**  
Head, Secretariat  
Bids and Awards Committee

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| Project Title |  |               |              |
|---------------|--|---------------|--------------|
| 1             | Procurement of Administrative Services   |               |              |
|               | a. Aircon 2HP Inverter with labor and materials for installation                                   | 25 units      | 1,250,000.00 |
|               | b. Aircon 1HP Inverter with labor & Materials for installation                                     | 9 units       | 225,000.00   |
|               | c. Food Conveyor, 30-50 tray   | 9 units       | 495,000.00   |
|               | d. Mess Tray, 34cm, round (silver)   | 100 units     | 35,000.00    |
|               | e. Osterizer Blender   | 2 units       | 9,000.00     |
|               | f. Utility Cart  | 5 units       | 100,000.00   |
| 2             | Procurement of Automatic Transfer Switch ATS (Automatic Transfer Switch)                           | 5 units       | 2,000,000.00 |
| 3             | Procurement of Blood Banking Services  |               |              |
|               | a. Refrigerated Centrifuge   | 1 unit        | 1,900,150.00 |
| 4             | Procurement of Refrigerator  |               |              |
|               | a. Biological Refrigerator   | 10 units      | 4,000,000.00 |
|               | b. Blood Bank Refrigerator, 50 bags  | 1 unit        | 185,000.00   |
|               | c. Blood Bank Refrigerator, 300 bags   | 1 unit        | 500,000.00   |
|               | d. Domestic Household (Reagent) Refrigerator 8 cu. Feet  | 10 units      | 200,000.00   |
|               | e. Kitchen Refrigerator  | 3 units       | 75,000.00    |
|               | f. Pharmaceutical Refrigerator   | 3 units       | 600,000.00   |
|               | g. Refrigerator (for medicines and breast milk)  | 9 units       | 135,000.00   |
|               | h. Vaccine Refrigerator  | 4 units       | 200,000.00   |
|               | i. Two door refrigerator, 7cu ft. w/ roller  | 3 units       | 45,000.00    |
| 5             | Procurement of Medical Instruments   |               |              |
| 6             | Procurement of Sterilizers   |               |              |
|               | a. Autoclave 50L   | 4 units       | 800,000.00   |
|               | b. Autoclave heavy duty, 300L, fully automated   | 3 units       | 2,550,000.00 |
|               | c. Autoclave heavy duty, 350L, fully automated   | 1 unit        | 1,100,000.00 |
|               | d. Ethylene oxide gas sterilizer, 130L   | 1 unit        | 6,500,000.00 |
| 7             | Procurement of General Medical Services Equipment  |               |              |
| 8             | Procurement of Obstetric/Delivery Room Services Equipment  |               |              |
| 9             | Procurement of OR Services Equipment   |               |              |
| 10            | Procurement of ER Services Equipment   |               |              |
| 11            | Procurement of Laboratory Services Equipment   |               |              |
| 12            | Procurement of Dental Services   |               |              |
| 13            | Procurement of Generator   |               |              |
| 14            | Procurement of Oxygen  |               |              |
| 15            | Procurement of radiology Services  |               |              |
| 16            | Procurement of Weighing Scale  |               |              |
| 17            | Procurement of Blood Count CBC & Blood Typing supplies and reagents                                |               |              |
| 18            | Procurement of;  |               |              |
|               | a. CD4 Cartridge Kit   | 400 kits      |              |
| 19            | Purchase of Laboratory Supplies (Support to the operation of TB Culture Laboratory)                |               |              |
| 20            | Procurement of Water Disinfectant  |               |              |
|               | a. Hyposol, water disinfectant   | 7,763 bottles |              |
| 21            | Procurement of;  |               |              |
|               | a. WP-2001-18 Colliert 18 snap pack for 100 Water sample   | 3 packs       | 209,400.00   |
|               | b. 120ml shrink-banded vessel with Sodium thiosulfate  | 3 packs       | 50,400.00    |
|               | c. WP104 P/A Compactor   | 3 pcs         | 7,440.00     |
| 22            | Procurement of BHW Planner Specifications  | 8,357 pcs     |              |
| 23            | Re-bidding of Kits   |               |              |
|               | 1. GIDA Mother Kit   | 300 kits      | 195,110.00   |
|               | 2. GIDA BABY'S KIT   | 300 KITS      | 218,100.00   |
|               | 3. Buntlis Kits  | 400 kits      | 224,000.00   |
|               | 4. Procurement of KA Tropa Kits for Priority LGUs of E. Samar                                      | 400 kits      | 80,000.00    |
| 24            | Re-bidding of Essential Health Care Package (EHCP)   | kits          | 4,333        |
| 25            | Re-bidding for Procurement of First Aid Bag/Kit Height, 5 inches, length 11 inches, width 7 inches | 680 pcs       | 680,000.00   |

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

- age 1. Prospective bidders should have completed within two (2) years from date of submission an contract amounts should be equivalent to at least 25% for Drugs & medicines & 50% of the eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II, Instructions to (30) calendar days
- 4.1. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184) otherwise Reform Act.
- SEC 3. Bidding Documents through Electronic Form "CD" may be purchased by interested bidder payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount indicated in the above table. It may also be done through Government Electronic Procurement System (PHILGEPS) and the website of the Department of the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.