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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

House Bill No. **4164**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reclassify a certain parcel of land of the public domain from timberland to agricultural land for the Science and Technology (S-and-T) Park site purposes of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP).

The USTP is a Level IV state university established pursuant to R.A. 10919, and is located at C.M. Recto Ave., Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro City.

**Background**

On November 26, 2004, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo signed Presidential Proclamation No. 739, reserving for school site purposes of the Mindanao Polytechnic State College (MPSC) a certain parcel of land of the public domain, classified as timberland under Land Classification Map No. 2768 certified and approved on November 20, 1972, containing an area of Two Million Nine Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen (2,921,419) square meters, and situated in Barangay Lourdes, Municipality of Alubijid, Province of Misamis Oriental, Island of Mindanao.

In 2009, the MPSC was converted into the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) with the enactment of R.A. 9519 (Act Converting the Mindanao Polytechnic State College into a State University to be known as the Mindanao University of Science and Technology). In 2016, R.A. 10919 amalgamated the MUST with the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT), thereby establishing the USTP.

R.A. 10919 provides for a USTP System which is composed of two (2) major campuses, i.e., the Cagayan de Oro Campus which is located at Cagayan de Oro City, and the Claveria Campus which is located at Claveria, Misamis Oriental. There are also three (3) satellite campuses, as follows: the Jasaan Campus which is located at Jasaan, Misamis Oriental, the Oroquieta Campus which is located at Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental, and the Panaon Campus which is located at Panaon, Misamis Occidental.

Also, R.A. 10919 provides for an expanded composition of the university's governing board – the Board of Regents. In addition to the usual representatives from the executive and the legislative departments, the Board's composition also includes the following as members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines:

- a. Four (4) prominent Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of duly recognized national or multinational corporations who have distinguished themselves in the fields of specialization of the university or who have entered into a partnership with the university; and



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AN ACT

RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED AT LOURDES, ALUBIJID, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, ISLAND OF MINDANAO, AND EMBRACED IN PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 739, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2004, FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S-AND-T) PARK SITE PURPOSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTP).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "USTP S-and-T Park Site Act."

SECTION 2. A parcel of land of the public domain classified as timberland under Land Classification Map No. 2768 certified and approved on November 20, 1972, and embraced in Presidential Proclamation No. 739, dated November 26, 2004, located in Barangay Lourdes, Municipality of Alubijid, Province of Misamis Oriental, Island of Mindanao, is hereby reclassified as agricultural land for the Science and Technology (S-and-T) Park site purposes of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP).

The said parcel of land is more particularly described as follows:

**Lot 3, NR-10-000011 Amd.**

A PARCEL OF LAND (Lot 3, Nr-10-000011 Amd.), situated in Barangay Lourdes, Municipality of Alubijid, Province of Misamis Oriental, Island of Mindanao.

Bounded on the Northeast and Southeast, along lines 1-2-3-4-5-6 by Portion of Project No. 10-D, Timber Land L. C. 2768; on the East, along lines 6-7-8-9-10-11-12 by Lot 2, Nr-10-000011 (Domingo Labadan) Timber Land; on the East, Southeast, South, Southwest, and Northwest, along lines 12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19 by Portion of Project No. 10-D, Timber Land L. C. 2768; and on the Northwest, along lines 19-20-1 by Lot 1, Nr-10-000011 (Kabamatu).

Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being South 82 degrees 45' West, 2,720.24 meters from BLLM No. 1, GSS-580, Lourdes, Alubijid; thence:

S. 58 deg. 58' E.,	544.57 m. to point 2;
S. 65 deg. 31' E.,	124.73 m. to point 3;
S. 89 deg. 19' E.,	104.05 m. to point 4;
S. 71 deg. 16' E.,	53.07 m. to point 5;

S. 00 deg. 41' W.,	77.51 m. to point 6;
N. 64 deg. 53' W.,	40.07 m. to point 7;
S. 26 deg. 54' W.,	50.16 m. to point 8;
S. 52 deg. 10' W.,	42.30 m. to point 9;
S. 72 deg. 20' W.,	47.86 m. to point 10;
S. 24 deg. 58' W.,	68.19 m. to point 11;
S. 33 deg. 09' E.,	127.26 m. to point 12;
S. 09 deg. 47' W.,	248.97 m. to point 13;
S. 65 deg. 01' W.,	668.77 m. to point 14;
S. 54 deg. 08' W.,	265.05 m. to point 15;
S. 67 deg. 57' W.,	1,135.45 m. to point 16;
DUE West	699.97 m. to point 17;
N. 00 deg. 22' W.,	1,044.41 m. to point 18;
N. 72 deg. 00' E.,	1,250.08 m. to point 19;
N. 72 deg. 00' E.,	599.98 m. to point 20;
N. 55 deg. 06' E.,	276.15 m. to point of beginning,

containing an area of TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN (2,921,419) SQUARE METERS, more or less.

All points referred to are indicated on the plan and marked on the ground as follows: points 2, 5, 6 by x on tree and the rest P. S. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15 x 50 cm.

SECTION 3. Within three (3) months from approval of this Act, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the necessary orders, circulars, and other rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 4. If any section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect in any manner the other parts of this Act.

SECTION 5. All laws, decrees, proclamations or issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.



- b. Two (2) prominent academicians in the Philippines who have distinguished themselves in the fields of specialization of the university through their publication and track record in research.

Hence, the Board's composition was expanded from a membership of eleven (11) to seventeen (17).

Further, R.A. 10919 provides that the seat of administration of the university shall be established at its main campus which is located at Alubijid, Misamis Oriental.

### **Rationale**

The USTP is a Level IV State University/College (SUC) (Highest Distinction) which is one of only seventeen (17) in the entire Philippines. It is a Center of Excellence (COE) in Information Technology, the only one in the entire Visayas and Mindanao. It is also a Center of Development (COD) in the fields of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Agriculture.

The university's mission is to (a) bring the world of work (industry) into the actual college training of students; (b) offer entrepreneurs the opportunity to maximize their business potentials through a gamut of services from product conceptualization to commercialization; and (c) contribute significantly to the national development goals of Food Security and Energy Sufficiency.

Pursuant to R.A. 10919, the university is mandated to provide advance education, higher technological, professional and advance instruction in mathematics, science, technology, engineering, agriculture, and advance research and extension work in human resource development in critical science and technology skills and competencies required for global competitiveness.

In order to strengthen industry linkages with the academe, Section 28 (Science and Technology Parks) of R.A. 10919 provides for the establishment of a Science and Technology (S-and-T) Park at the Alubijid Campus for the long-term development of the academic and research facilities in strong partnership with the industries.

Further, Section 31 (Research and Development Collaboration) provides that the university shall be engaged as a research partner of partner industries and business entities from project conceptualization to technology prototyping. Finally, Section 32 (Academic Development Collaboration) provides that national and multinational corporations that are locators in the S-and-T Park shall participate in the formulation of the curricular programs of the university as experts and practitioners in keeping with the "Developing A Curriculum (DACUM)" process for competency-based curriculum. Whenever applicable, the university shall institutionalize the dual training program in curricular offerings where students are expected to undergo a minimum of one (1) year industry training as part of the requirements for graduation. In addition, a business immersion program shall be established as part of faculty enrichment to allow participants to gain insights into actual business operations and for research purposes. Under the program, faculty members shall render service in partner entities and the same shall be considered as part of government service.

For this purpose, an Industry-Academe Council (IAC) shall be established as an advisory body composed of the members of the instructional staff with the rank not lower than professor, and two (2) members representing the business entities located in the S-and-T Park.

Hence, the idea is that the entire Alubijid Campus shall be established as an S-and-T Park supportive of the long-term development of the academic and research




facilities of the university – in strong partnership with the industries and the various agencies and instrumentalities of the government.

Part of the strategy to achieve this goal is to establish a Regional Government Center (RGC) to form an integral part of the S-and-T Park. The RGC shall be composed of local government offices, and various agencies of the national government to be identified by the Regional Development Council (RDC) of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). The RGC shall serve as a sort of a one-stop shop to facilitate government transactions not only for the industry locators at the S-and-T Park but also for the research and academic collaborations of the university with national and multinational partner corporations and other partner industries and business entities.

The former MPSC had evolved from a simple state college whose mission was *“to provide quality relevant trained human resources and to promote research supportive of the industrialization program of Northern Mindanao,”* into the USTP whose mandate is to provide advance education, higher technological, professional and advance instruction in mathematics, science, technology, engineering, agriculture, and advance research and extension work in human resource development in critical science and technology skills and competencies required for *“global competitiveness.”* The USTP is now an ecosystem of innovation and research and academic collaborations with national and multinational partner corporations and other partner industries and business entities.

Thus, the immediate reclassification of the site from timberland to agricultural land for the S-and-T Park site purposes of the USTP is hereby highly enjoined.



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