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EMB Regional Special Order No. 37 Series of 2022

March 09, 209 JATE:

"IME SUBJECT: CREATION OF A FACT-FINDING TEAM TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AGAINST THE MACARTHUR IRON PROJECT CORPORATION LOCATED IN MACARTHUR LEYTE PURSUANT TO A COMPLAINT FROM THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, REGIONAL OFFICE 8.

In the exigency of the service and in order to conduct fact-finding investigation, the following personnel of the Environmental Management Bureau are hereby authorized to conduct an investigation on 10-11 March 2022, concerning the above-noted complaint.

The following personnel of EMB Central Office and Regional Office are hereby designated as members of the Fact-Finding Team:

- Atty. John Edward T. Ang Team Leader
- 2. Alexander G. De Guzman Member
- 3. Engr. Carlo Vic J. Arida Member
- 4. Engr. Lene E. Ramboyong Member
- 5. Atty. Rodolfo A. Yodico II Regional Office
- 6. Engr. Janet T. Polea Regional Office
- 7. Sherwin Gil E. Avestruz Regional Office
- 8. Jo Anne Joy M. Dañal-Villero Regional Office
- 9. Jay Arwin Lipayon Regional Office

The above-mentioned personnel shall be authorized to perform the following in the conduct of their investigation:

- Issuance of subpoena for the production of documents and/or things relative to the subject-matter of investigation;
- Invoke visitorial powers over the establishment which is subject of investigation;
- Filing of necessary case in court, board, or agency in case refusal to comply iii. with the instruction of the team during the conduct of investigation.

The above-mentioned personnel shall have the following tasks when ordered by the Regional Director to conduct an investigation:

- a. Conduct investigation and ocular inspection on the subject area:
- Conduct collection of viable testimonial, object, photograph, and documentary evidence which will establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the
- Report to the Regional Director the findings of the conduct of investigation;
- Recommend the filing of necessary civil, administrative, and/or criminal actions that may be warranted as a result of the investigation, if there are adverse findings.

All expenses incurred shall be charged to EMB Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect for the duration of the investigation.

ENGR. REYNALD O B. BARRA OIC-Regional Director

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