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Subject:

Creation of Ad Hoc Technical Working Group for Land

Valuation and Compensation Rehabilitation of

Baguio-Bontoc-Banawe Road

(Halsema Highway)

To achieve social acceptability as embodied under the World Bank Operational Directives on Environmental Assessment, Indigenous Peoples and Involuntary Resettlement and to expedite resolutions of the road-right-of-way problems prior to the scheduled construction of the subject project (last quarter 1999), an Ad Hoc Technical Working Group for Land Valuation and Compensation is hereby created with the following composition:

1. Alerto E. Tremor, Legal Officer III, DPWH-CAR

Team Leader

2. Edgardo B. Pera, Engineer V, PMO-IBRD

Asst. Team Leader

3. Romeo B. Cleto, Consultant's Local Environmentalist

Member

4. Dolores Villoria, Economist II, DPWH EIA Group (PMO-FS)

Member

 Nestor M. Donaal, Environmental Mgt. Specialist II, DENR-CAR, EMPAS Unit Member

6. Toledo Camiro, Legal Officer III, Legal Service

Member

7. Rogelio A. Hernandez, Engineer III, Bureau of Design

Member

The Ad Hoc Group shall have the following responsibilities:

- Conduct library research and interviews to determine DPWH actual procedures and practices in resolving RROW problems;
- ii. Organize brainstorming sessions with concerned DPWH offices to determine if past/present procedures in resolving RROW problems were/are fair and effective;
- iii. Conduct small-group discussions with stakeholders including LGU and utility agencies, in each road links to solicit their views on RROW and establish coordination system with them;
- iv. Draft a comprehensive framework on land take, negotiation, and compensation where ROW. types of PAF's (projected affected families), schedules of base values of properties, conduct of negotiation and compensation shall be defined and delineated;
- v. Organize a workshop with concerned DPWH offices to review the draft framework before finalizing the same; and
- vi. Prepare socio-economic questionnaires and conduct survey for PAF's to identify seriously affected families and provide baseline data for monitoring recovery of economic status of such PAF's.



The functions of this group shall neither usurp nor undermine the responsibilities of the established RROW Task Force of the DPWH-CAR Office. The group shall complement the work of the Regional Task Force in preparing the base-line data to expedite resolutions of road-right-of-way.

The Group shall commence its activities by early January 1998 and complete the same by March 1998. Upon completion of its tasks, the group shall be dissolved.

The report on the activities of the Ad Hoc Group shall be included in the Monthly Status Report of the on-going Consulting Services undertaking detailed engineering for the subject project. The output (Final Report) of the group shall be submitted to the DPWH-CAR Regional Office.

The logistic needs and expenses of the group in undertaking its responsibilities shall be charged against the contingency fund of the Consultant's contract for the aforementioned consulting services.

For strict compliance.

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Secretary