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**SUBJECT : ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PRACTITIONERS**

WHEREAS, Article III of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 30, Series of 2003 provides for "strengthening the implementation of the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System established under the Presidential Decree No. 1586";

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the same Administrative Order states that "the EMB shall establish an accreditation system for individual professionals, academic and professional organizations that can be tapped to train professionals in conducting EIA using training modules approved by EMB" which has for its purpose to enhance the quality EIS submitted to DENR/EMB; and

WHEREAS Section 13 of the same Administrative Order provides that "*the EMB may commission independent professionals, experts as members of the EIA Review Committee*", which aims to strengthen the review capability through the involvement of individual professionals and academic/professional organizations;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the desired objective of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and consistent with its intention to enhance the integrity of its Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) system, this Office saw the need to establish a registry system for the purpose of recognizing practitioners with competence/expertise in the various fields relating to environmental laws, particularly in the aspect of environmental impact assessment;

THEREFORE, this Office with the end in view of achieving the foregoing objectives hereby establish a "*Registry System for Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioners*"

Section 1. Purpose of the Registry System

The registry system is a reference listing of EIA practitioners in the country that will be posted in the official website of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB).

Through a process of registration and evaluation, a list of EIA preparers and EIA reviewers in a given area and/or period shall be generated. In this manner, integrity considerations in the EIA, such as perceived/actual conflict of interests between EIA preparers and EIA reviewers, shall be managed.

As a reference listing of EIA practitioners, the registry system is a recognition intended to establish an inventory of EIA practitioners.

Nevertheless, it should be emphasized that the EMB is not in any way endorsing EIA practitioners neither does it guarantee the quality of their work.

Section 2. Categories of the Registry System

The EIA Registry System shall have the following categories:

EIA Report Individual Reviewers

The qualifications and experience EIA Report Individual Reviewers shall be included in an official database.

A registered EIA Reviewer for proposed project/s under the jurisdiction of a specific Regional Office or the EMB Central Office shall not be allowed to prepare Initial Environmental Examination/Environmental Impact Statement (IEE/EIS) either for Environmentally Critical Projects (ECPs) and Non-ECP in the same Region or the EMB Central Office

The EMB Regional Office and EMB Central Office are also encouraged to maintain a separate reference listing for resource persons who may be invited to provide technical and policy information and clarifications upon request of the EMB or the Environmental Impact Assessment Review Committee (EIARC).

EIA Report Individual Preparers

The qualifications and experience of EIA Report Individual Preparers, including EIA modules prepared shall be included in an official database.

A registered EIA Preparer for proposed project/s under the jurisdiction of a specific Regional Office or the EMB Central Office shall not be allowed to review any IEE/EIS either for ECP and Non-ECP in the same Region or the EMB Central Office.

EIA Consulting Firms

The qualifications and experience of EIA Consulting Firms, including EIA Reports prepared shall be included in an official database.

Section 3. General Registration Procedures and Requirements

Duly accomplished forms as supported by documentary requirements shall be submitted to the Environmental Impact Assessment and Management Division (EIAMD) of EMB Central Office. Registration forms can be secured from the following:

- <http://www.emb.gov.ph/portal/eia/Home.aspx> or
- <http://www.phileiaconvention.org> or
- The registration booth for the participants of the First National EIA Convention on June 19-21, 2013 at the Manila Hotel.

Registration forms for Individual EIA Practitioners & EIA Consulting Firms are attached as Annex 1 and 2 of this Memorandum Circular.

After the EIA Convention, registration may still be submitted to the EIAMD Office/s where the applicant desires to practice by accomplishing and submitting the same forms

EMB Regional Offices shall likewise maintain its *Registry for each of the above-stated categories* and provide the EIAMD Central Office with regular updates every 2nd quarter of the year.

The EIAMD Central Office shall consolidate the Regional Registries for posting as National Registry of EIA Practitioners in the EMB Website.

Section 4. Registration of Individual EIA Practitioners

Individual Preparers and Reviewers shall be registered as EIA Practitioners and shall be included in the National Registry upon submission of the accomplished registration form.

Project proponents who have in-house EIA Practitioners may apply for registration.

Section 5. Registration of EIA Consulting Firms

The general procedures and requirements provided in Section 3 shall apply to the registration of EIA Consulting Firms

In addition, the following are requirements for the registration of an EIA Consulting Firm:

Has been existing as a duly registered consulting firm for at least two (2) years;

Has prepared at least three (3) Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) in the last five (5) years which have been issued Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECCs); and

Duly-registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) (Certified true copy of the SEC or DTI registration and the latest General Information Sheet should be provided)

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately. The EMB Regional Offices are directed to conduct intensive Information and Education Campaign to disseminate this circular.



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