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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by and among:

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. PROCESO J. ALCALA**, hereinafter referred to as "DA";

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. VIRGILIO R. DE LOS REYES**, hereinafter referred to as "DAR";

The **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. RAMON J.P PAJE**, hereinafter referred to as "DENR";

The **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at A. Francisco Gold Condominium II EDSA Cor. Mapagmahal St., Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. MANUEL A. ROXAS II**, hereinafter referred to as "DILG";

and

The **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Camp General Emilio F. Aguinaldo, Quezon City, represented herein by its Secretary, **HON. VOLTAIRE T. GAZMIN**, hereinafter referred to as "DND";

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, DA, DAR, and DENR pursuant to Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series 2010 have adopted a National Convergence Initiative (NCI) to integrate and strengthen development framework between and among national government, local government agencies and other stakeholders, wherein complementary human, physical and financial resources are efficiently and effectively deployed;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Memorandum of Agreement dated 11 October 2011 the overall objective of the partnership between the NCI and DILG is to develop and implement working coordination and collaboration models on Local Economic Development especially in identified LGU sites which will ultimately contribute to the attainment of sustainable economies in the areas.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 23 series 2011 has mandated the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Convergence Initiative to develop a National Greening Program in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Budget Management (DBM), private sector and other concerned agencies and institution.

WHEREAS, His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 26 on February 2011 declaring the implementation of the National Greening Program (NGP) as government priority to address poverty reduction, food security, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

WHEREAS, NGP includes among others the development of forestlands (production and protection), mangrove areas and protected areas, ancestral domain, civil and military reservations, urban areas under the greening plan of the LGU's, inactive and abandoned mine sites, and riverbanks, stream banks, and other suitable public lands;

WHEREAS, the DND have jointly signified its intention and willingness to develop selected military reservations to productive use in support of the National Greening Program and poverty reduction efforts of the national government;

WHEREAS, DND desires to be a party of the National Convergence Initiative (NCI) adopted by DA, DAR and DENR pursuant to Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series 2010 to integrate and strengthen development framework between and among national government, local government agencies and other stakeholders, wherein complementary human, physical and financial resources are efficiently and effectively deployed;

WHEREAS, DND binds itself to the provisions of **DA, DAR, and DENR** Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series 2010 except Section V-B of the aforementioned **DA, DAR, and DENR** Joint Memorandum Circular which pertains to the Implementation Mechanisms and Organizational Structure at the Sub-National Level.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
DA, DAR, DENR, DILG AND DND

Section 1. Title: The MOA shall be known as "**DA, DAR, DENR, AND DILG NATIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE IN PARTENRSHIP WITH DND.**"

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Section 2. Objectives: The MOA intends to allow the DND to be part of the convergence initiative adopted by DA, DAR, DENR and DILG for the purpose of developing selected military reservations on accordance with the policy of the state to pursue sustainable development for poverty reduction, food security, biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation.

Section 3. Scope and Coverage: Selected military reservations shall be developed into nurseries and plantation sites for the production of quality food crops, seedlings and planting of native tree species. For military reservations that can be developed into agricultural land, DA shall be the lead agency to boost farmers' income and reduce poverty in the rural sector. To protect the environment, DENR has the jurisdiction and mandate on the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources pursuant to Executive Order No. 192 and to select certain plant species that preserve the environment. The DAR shall be the lead agency in providing central direction and coordination to the national agrarian reform program.

ARTICLE II ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Section 4. In addition to what was provided under DA-DAR-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series 2010, the DENR shall do the following:

4.1 Identify jointly with the DND suitable areas for development under the NGP including vulnerable and hazard-prone areas within military reservations is important for application of appropriate intervention/remedial measures but not necessarily planting;

4.2 The DENR shall provide an initial Php 5,000,000.00 (Five Million Pesos) funds intended to support the Coffee Plantation Pilot Project (CP3) specifically covering the 200 hectares in Camp Kibaritan, Bukidnon and to be released to DND. Further, the remaining 800 hectares that will comprise the 1,000 hectares of the Coffee Plantation will be supported by the DENR.

4.3 The DENR shall provide Php 50,000,000.00 (Fifty Million Pesos) funds intended to support the Bamboo Plantation Project of 3,000 hectares in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija to be released to DND.

4.4 Provide the necessary technical assistance to ensure the success of the project;

4.5 Designate focal person to coordinate with the DND for the implementation of the project;

4.6 Conduct regular monitoring and evaluation of the project;

Section 5. In addition to what was provided under DA-DAR-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series of 2010, the DA shall do the following:

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5.1 Provide technical assistance to include soil analysis, farm management directions;

5.2 Provide access roads and trails to the planting sites; and

5.3 Provide post-harvest facilities to ensure good quality of the harvest.

Section 6. In addition to what was provided under DA-DAR-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series 2010, the DAR shall do the following:

6.1 Provide the necessary technical assistance related to agrarian reform;

6.2 Designate focal person to coordinate with the DND;

6.3 Identify agrarian reform areas suitable for development under NGP with Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) willing to participate in the program.

6.4 Conduct social mobilization activities for ARBs and other farmers within the areas identified, and provide necessary technical assistance;

6.5 Provide production and post-harvest facilities for ARBs, if applicable; and

6.6 Conduct regular monitoring and reporting on the progress of program implementation.

Section 7. The DILG shall do the following:

7.1 Pursuant to Executive Order No. 26, through the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Bureau of Jail Management Penology (BJMP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) provide transportation, security and fire protection amenities;

7.2 Assist DENR in information, education, and communication on the National Greening Program;

7.3 Encourage local governments to: a) establish nurseries and produce planting materials, b) develop greening plan for urban and suburban areas anchored on its comprehensive development plan and comprehensive land use plan, c) establish communal tree farms for firewood and other domestic uses, d) construct access roads and trails to planting sites, e) provide medical support and f) seek technical assistance and extension services with concerned agencies as necessary.

Section 8. The DND shall do the following:

8.1 Identify and develop jointly with the DENR and DA selected military reservations that are suitable for NGP and other Agribusiness projects;

8.2 Establish nurseries and plantation sites for areas that will be developed to support the NGP;

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8.3 Perform other functions as enumerated in Section 5.10 of Executive Order No. 26 series 2011.

8.4 Adhere to the principles formulated in order to guide the parties to the convergence initiative. However, the DND shall be the lead agency in the implementation of projects through lease or joint venture as may be authorized by the President, pursuant to the provisions on the proposed amendment in selected military reservations on existing laws and regulations governing lease or joint development of government properties;

8.5 Document and submit monthly and annual physical accomplishment reports on the progress of NGP implementation to the NGP Oversight Committee;

8.6 Maintain close coordination with DENR field offices concerned for smooth implementation of the NGP activities; and

8.7 Authorize designated DENR personnel to monitor and evaluate NGP implementation.

The parties hereby bind themselves to fully cooperate for the successful implementation of the project.

ARTICLE III AMENDMENTS

Section 9. This MOA shall not be revoked, revised, amended or modified in any respect except by the mutual consent in writing of the parties thereto.

ARTICLE IV EFFECTIVITY AND TERMINATION

Section 10. This AGREEMENT shall be for a period of three (3) years and shall take effect upon signing of all the parties to this Agreement. It shall be in force unless revised or amended, or revoked upon mutual agreement expressed in writing by all the parties hereto.

This Agreement may be renewed for the same period upon a written mutual agreement by all the parties.

Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other commits a violation of the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands this ___ day of _____, 2013 at DND Social Hall, DND Building, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

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BEFORE ME, this ___ day of _____ 2013, in Quezon City, Philippines
personally appeared the following:

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Known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and
acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and that the entities they
respectively represented.

This instrument refers to a Memorandum of Agreement, which consists of five (5) pages,
including this wherein the acknowledgement is written, has been signed by the parties and their
instrumental witnesses on each and every page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and at the place first written above.

Notary Public seal and signature for ATTY. DAVID V. GIL, NOTARY PUBLIC, UNTIL JAN. 08, 2014, PTR No. 9618877 / Jan. 08, 2013 / Angono, NLAG, ISP No. 831360 / Jan. 08, 2013, ROLL No. 18629.

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