

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 04
February 15, 1988**

**SUBJECT : Rules and Regulations Governing
The Issuance of Land Patents
within Geothermal Reservations**

Pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 83 issued by the President of the Philippines on April 30, 1987, lifting the suspension of the issuance of patents within geothermal reservations and authorizing the issuance of patents over lands within said geothermal reservations subject to the concurrence of this Office, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the effective and orderly implementation thereof:

1. The District Land Officers (Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer) concerned shall resume the processing of free patent applications which had been held in abeyance by reason of the suspension on May 8, 1980, and homestead applications already approved prior to the suspension. The issuance of the patents therefore shall be subject to the concurrence of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources.
2. All approved land patents covering areas within geothermal reservations which had not been released due to the suspension shall be transmitted to the Register of Deeds concerned for registration and issuance of the corresponding certificates of title.
3. No new applications for patent over lands within geothermal reservations shall be accepted.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary