

Memorandum Circular

No. 10

July 16, 1991

**TO: The Regional Executive Directors,
Provincial and Community
Environment and Natural Resource
Officers and All Concerned**

**SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of the Processing
and Issuance of Industrial Tree Plantation
Lease Agreement**

To effectively protect our remaining natural forests and to improve and maintain a balanced ecosystem, there is an urgent need to modify existing forestry policies and regulations, one of which is the current Industrial Tree Plantation regulation. Pending promulgation of the revised regulations on the matter and with the end in view of establishing a more effective regulation responsive to the changing needs, the acceptance and processing of Industrial Tree Plantation Lease Application is hereby temporarily suspended.

Meanwhile, in addition to those areas covered by existing/cancelled ITP Lease Agreements, pending ITP applications, as well as those that have been previously identified, you are hereby instructed to identify and delimit on the ground within three (3) months from the issuance hereof, potential areas for Industrial Forest Plantation to include areas covered by cancelled TLAs or portions thereof, and inadequately stocked areas within existing TLAs/TPSA which are suitable for conversion to Industrial Forest Plantations, provided that such areas are not programmed for reforestation as required under existing regulations, and to submit reports therefore together with a sketch map of the area, complete with technical description as well as the following information:

1. Climatic type
2. Rainfall distribution
3. Soil characteristics (i.e. type, texture, drainage, erodibility, fertility, etc.)
4. Topography
5. Vegetative cover
6. Dominant species
7. Forest based industries that may be served
8. No. of families and area cultivated and possible economic and social impact
9. Accessibility to existing roads or water transportation
10. Other information

For information and immediate compliance.

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Secretary