

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 2001 – 23
August 29, 2001**

**SUBJECT : Amending the Guidelines Setforth
in DENR Administrative Order
No. 30, Series of 1992 and
Providing for this Purpose the
Return to the DENR of Devolved
Survey Functions.**

- A. DENR Administrative Order No. 30, Series of 1992, provides the “Guidelines for the transfer of DENR-LMB Functions Devolved to the Local Government Units (LGUs)” was issued to give effect to the decentralization scheme of the government as provided for under R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”

Among the devolved functions referred to in DAO 30, s. 1992 are those pertaining to the Lands Management functions hereunder described as follows:

- a. Conduct of Cadastral Surveys
- b. Conduct of Lot Surveys
- c. Conduct of Isolated and Special Surveys

However, the above-cited DENR activities are not expressly provided but merely inferred in the aforementioned law taking into account the thrust of the then administration.

- B. To date, despite its devolution for nearly ten (10) years, not a single municipality was completely surveyed by the LGUs.

Thus, objectives have not been achieved and continued inaction will result to irreparable loss in terms of economic opportunities affecting land resources. By this inaction, the goal of the government to accelerate land titling has been adversely affected as there was no implementation of an effective cadastral surveys program.

Consequence of such devolution, the establishment of political boundaries which is so vital in the setting of Internal Revenue Allocation (IRA) and land resource administration in every geographical unit of the country has not been given attention.

This grim situation cannot be entirely attributed to the LGUs because they lack technical manpower and financial resources. Thus, remedial measure, solution must be offered and pursued to address the problem.

- C. Premises considered, Section 3.5 of DENR Administrative Order No. 30, Series of 1992 is hereby amended, providing for this purpose the return to the DENR-LMB the functions pertaining to the execution, supervision and management of the conduct of these land surveys.
- D. To facilitate an efficient and effective implementation of this Order, all concerned officials of the DENR-LMB in collaboration with the LGU counterparts are hereby enjoined to see to it that this Order are complied with.

Provided, however, that this should not prevent any LGUs from initiating and funding a cadastral or any other survey projects in coordination with the DENR-LMB. In the case of cadastral surveys, this should be implemented by the DENR as soon as Congress provides funds therefor.

- E. All Orders and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded, repealed and/or modified accordingly.

F. This Order shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

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Secretary

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