

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 504-A, April 10, 2008]

DEFINING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SUBIC CLARK ALLIANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (SCAD COUNCIL), AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 504 (s. 2006), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) was created by law as the authority over the Subic Bay Freeport Zone (SBFZ), and the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) was created as an operating and implementing arm of the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) over the Clark Special Economic Zone (CSEZ);

WHEREAS, on 21 June 2001, the BCDA, SBMA, CDC and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating the Subic-Clark Alliance Development (SCAD) Task Force, their policy-making body in their integrated development program with the SSEZ and CSEZ and the corridor between them, to be known as the Subic-Clark Alliance Development Program;

WHEREAS, on 30 June 2004, the President declared as one of the ten-point legacy agenda of the Arroyo administration that the Subic-Clark corridor shall be the most competitive international service and logistics center in the region;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 365 (S. 2004) created the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Subic-Clark Area Development and defined its functions;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 478 (S. 2005) placed the BCDA and its subsidiaries and attached agencies under the policy supervision of the Department of Trade and Industry, amending Executive Order No. 365 (S. 2004);

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 504 (s. 2006) created the Subic-Clark Area Development Council, repealing Executive Order Nos. 365 (S. 2004) and 478 (S. 2005);

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 150 (s. 2006) renamed the Subic-Clark Area Development Council to Subic-Clark Alliance for Development Council;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 516 reverted the supervision of BCDA from the Department of Trade and Industry to the Office of the President, amending Executive Order 504 section 5 (S. 2005);

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 561, series of 2007, authorized the formation of the Super Regions and mandated the creation of, among others, the Luzon Urban Beltway composed of most of Central Luzon, National Capital Region (NCR), Calabarzon, Mindoro, and Marinduque;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen and enhance the powers and capabilities of the SCAD Council as the single body with a full-time head to rationalize resources and harmonize strategies that will ensure an integrated and coordinated approach to the development of the SCAD corridor as a world-class mega-logistics hub and a global gateway to the Asia Pacific Region;

WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly define and state the powers and functions of the SCAD Council and the Office of the Chairman in order to effectively deal directly with the concerned agencies under its supervision, namely: Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Clark Development Corporation (CDC) and Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Powers and Functions of the SCAD Council. - The SCAD Council shall perform the following functions:

- a. Formulate policies and programs to develop Subic, Clark, and the corridor in between them as globally competitive Mega Logistics Hub;
- b. Review, identify and recommend priority infrastructure projects for implementation;
- c. Formulate common investment promotions activities;
- d. Harmonize in the SBFZ and CFZ such programs, policies, rules and regulations affecting investments, incentives, customs, immigration, leasing, privatization, and other matters necessarily related thereto;
- e. Perform such other functions as may be authorized.

SECTION 2. Composition. - The SCAD Council shall be composed of the following:

- a. Chairman, to be appointed by the President, with Cabinet rank, and who shall be a member of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);
- b. Secretary of Trade and Industry - Vice Chairman;
- c. Chairman, BCDA - Member;
- d. Chairman, SBMA - Member;
- e. Chairman, CDC - Member;
- f. Chairman, CIAC - Member;
- g. President, BCDA - Member;
- h. Administrator, SBMA - Member;