

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 150, November 18, 2002 ]**

**AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS) TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ITS ABANDONED AQUEDUCT, KNOWN AS DAANG TUBO, SITUATED AT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN MATEO AND RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, IN FAVOR OF THE BONA FIDE FAMILY-OCCUPANTS THEREON FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PURPOSES**

WHEREAS , pursuant to the Memorandum of the President of the Philippines dated February 5, 2001, all Heads of Government Departments, Agencies, and Instrumentalities, including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations are directed to identify areas or lands owned by said departments, agencies, instrumentalities or corporations, which may be proclaimed by the President for socialized housing purposes;

WHEREAS , the government is committed to undertake measures that shall provide security of tenure to informal settler families, especially those occupying idle government lands which are no longer suitable or utilized for their intended purpose;

WHEREAS , the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) owns and/or has legal title to a 15-meter wide aqueduct right-of-way, popularly known as Daang Tubo, which runs through the municipalities of San Mateo and Rodriguez, both in the Province of Rizal;

WHEREAS , a portion of the aqueduct right-of-way has for several years been occupied by more or less 3000 informal settler families; and

WHEREAS , the MWSS' plan for the said aqueduct right-of-way calls for the utilization of only a portion thereof for its operation.

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

SECTION 1. Grant of Authority to MWSS to dispose of certain portions of its Aqueduct Right-of-Way. – The MWSS is hereby authorized to dispose of certain portions of the aqueduct right-of-way covering the 9-meter section of the 15-meter wide right-of-way, from P. Rodriguez in Rodriguez to Ampid I in San Mateo, in favor of the bona fide family occupants thereon for socialized housing purposes: Provided, the remaining 6-meter wide sections of the aqueduct right-of-way shall be excluded therefrom and shall continue to be reserved for MWSS' right-of-way purposes in order to protect any proposed water supply project passing through the said right-of-way from possible contamination or disruption; Provided further, that the proposed development plan for the socialized housing project therein shall be approved by the MWSS.