

**[DENR MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 16, S. 2005,
October 27, 2005]**

**SIGNATURE OF THE SECRETARY ON THE DEEDS OF
CONVEYANCES/ PATENTS OF FRIAR LANDS APPLICANTS**

WHEREAS, it appears that there are uncertainties in the title of the land disposed of by the Government under Act 1120 or the Friar Lands Act due to the lack of the signature w the Secretary on the Deeds of Conveyance;

WHEREAS, said Deeds of Conveyance were only issued by the then Bureau of Lands (now the Land Management Bureau) after full payment had been made by the applicants there subject to the approval of the Secretary of the then Department of Interior, then Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and presently, the Department of Natural Resources, in accordance with Act 1120;

WHEREAS, some of these Deeds of Conveyance on record in the field offices of the Department and the Land Management Bureau do not bear the signature of the Secretary Despite full payment by the friar land applicant as can be gleaned in the Friar Lands Registry Book.

WHEREAS, its is only a ministerial duty on the part of the Secretary to sign the Deed of Conveyance once the applicant had already made full payment on the purchase price of the land;

WHEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, and in order to remove all clouds of doubt regarding the validity of these instruments, it is hereby declared that au Deeds of Conveyance that do not bear the signature of the Secretary are deemed signer! or otherwise ratified by this Memorandum Order provided, however, that full payment of the purchase price of the land and compliance with all the other requirements for the issuance of the Deed of Conveyance under Act 1120 have been accomplished by the applicant

This Memorandum Order, however, does not modify, alter or otherwise affect any subsequent assignments, transfers and/or transactions made by the applicant or his successors-in-interest or any rights arising therefrom after the issuance of a Transfer Certificate of Title by the concerned Registry of Deeds.

Adopted: 27 Oct. 2005

(SGD.) MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR
Secretary
