

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 552, August 01, 2006]

**TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OVER
THE MT. PINATUBO LOWLAND COMMUNITIES FROM THE
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL
(HUDCC) TO THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA)**

WHEREAS , by operation of law, specifically Republic Act No. 7637 and Proclamation No. 1201, the Mt. Pinatubo Assistance, Resettlement and Development Commission, hereinafter referred to as Mount Pinatubo Commission (MPC) has expired on 31 December 2000;

WHEREAS , under Executive Order No. 269 dated 19 July 2000 and Executive Order No. 4 dated 5 March 2001, provisions were made to facilitate the winding-up activities of the MPC with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) designated as lead agency of the Commission to supervise the closure of MPC;

WHEREAS , Executive Order No. 6 issued on 20 March 2001 directed the transfer of resettlement functions and responsibilities over the Mt. Pinatubo lowland communities to the HUDCC;

WHEREAS , under Executive Order No. 54 dated 7 November 2001, the assets, records, funds, personnel, liabilities and responsibilities over the Mt. Pinatubo lowland communities were transferred to the Pinatubo Project Management Office (PPMO) attached to the HUDCC;

WHEREAS , estate management activities including award of housing units and issuance of titles to Mt. Pinatubo housing beneficiaries, and disposition of housing units to non-Pinatubo victims occupying units in said lowland communities including the corresponding collection of housing payments still need to be undertaken;

WHEREAS , estate management and collection fall within the mandated functions and powers of the NHA;

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

SECTION 1. Transfer of the Administration of the Mt. Pinatubo Lowland Communities to the National Housing Authority (NHA). The administration and management of the Mt. Pinatubo lowland communities and all other functions performed by the Pinatubo Project Management Office (PPMO) under the HUDCC as provided under Executive Order No. 54 are hereby transferred to the NHA. The HUDCC and NHA shall execute a Memorandum of Agreement to cover the transfer of functions and turnover of all assets, liabilities and pertinent documents and records within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Order.

SECTION 2. Institution of Mechanisms for Reforms. NHA shall institute a mechanism wherein all the stakeholders concerned shall be consulted on the reforms to be