

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 672, October 19, 2007]

**DEFINING AND CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
(DENR) AND PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (PRA) IN
THE APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECLAMATION
PROJECTS NATIONWIDE**

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 3-A of January 11, 1973, the reclamation of areas under water, whether foreshore or inland, shall be limited to the National Government or any person authorized by it under a proper contract, notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary; WHEREAS, on February 4, 1977, the Public Estates Authority (PEA) was created to reclaim land, including foreshore and submerged areas, by dredging, filling or other means, to acquire reclaimed land;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1979, Executive Order No. 525 was issued directing the PEA to be primarily responsible for integrating, directing and coordinating all reclamation projects for and on behalf of the National Government; that all reclamation projects shall be approved by the President upon the recommendation of the PEA, and shall be undertaken by the PEA or through a proper contract executed by it with any person or entity; provided that reclamation projects of any National Government agency or entity authorized under its Charter shall be undertaken in consultation with the PEA upon approval of the President;

WHEREAS, the PEA has been renamed as the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) by virtue of Executive Order No. 380-A dated April 3, 2006;

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned power of the President to approve all reclamation projects has been delegated to PRA (PEA) under Executive Order No. 543 dated June 24, 2006;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-mentioned mandate of PRA under existing laws and Executive Order No. 543, the PRA (PEA) issued on January 31, 2007, Administrative Order No. 2007-2 providing the rules and regulations in the approval and implementation of reclamation projects;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title XIV, Sec. 2 of the 1987 Administrative Code, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall, subject to law and higher authority, be in charge of carrying out the State's constitutional mandate to control and supervise the exploration, development, utilization and conservation of the country's natural resources;

WHEREAS, under Sec. 4, Chapter I, Title XIV of the 1987 Administrative Code, one of the powers and functions of DENR is to exercise exclusive jurisdiction on the management and disposition of all lands of the public domain and serve as the sole agency responsible for classification, sub-classification, surveying and titling of lands