

**[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2003-15,
June 03, 2003]**

**SIGNING AND APPROVING AUTHORITY OF LAND PATENTS AT
THE REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL LEVELS**

Pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 98-24 on the DENR Manual of Approvals and to further promote efficiency in public land dispositions the signing authority of the Regional Executive Directors (REDs), Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Officers PENROs/CENROs) are hereby reaffirmed as follows:

ACTIVITY/LIMITS OF AUTHORITY	APPROVING AUTHORITY
1. Homestead and Free Patents	
- Up to 6 hectares (ha)	- PENRO
- More than 5 ha to 10 ha	- RED
2. For Sales	
- Up to 1,000 square meters (sq m)	- PENRO
- More than 1,000 sq m to 5 ha	- RED
3. Insular Government Property Sales Application (IGPSA)/Government Sales Application (GSA)	
-Up to 3 ha	-RED

The RED of NCR shall likewise approve/sign Miscellaneous Sales Patents over public lands and Deed of Sale of Patrimonial Properties covered by Presidential Proclamations and in isolated areas within Metro Manila.

All patents and other Public Land Applications (PLAs) with an area exceeding the limits of the regional/field offices as authorized herein, shall be approved/signed by the Secretary. The signing authority of all other applications, orders and documents relative to the processing and issuance of PLAs not mentioned in this Order shall remain, except for the appraisal which shall coincide with the levels of authority as provided herein.