

**[ DOE DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 98-07-002, July 30, 1998 ]**

**TRANSFERRING TO VISAYAS FIELD OFFICE (VFO) THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND/OR OBLIGATIONS OF THE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY DIVISION (NCED) UNDER THE SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM DATED 22 MAY 1996 ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SOLAR ELECTRIFICATION OF REMOTE AREAS ON PANGAN-AN ISLAND, LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU**

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Belgium under the Specific Agreement dated 22 May 1996, agreed to cooperate in the implementation of the Project **"Solar Electrification of Remote Areas on Pangan-an Island, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu"**, hereinafter referred to as the 'PROJECT';

WHEREAS, the PROJECT consists of the supply, installation, and start-up of photovoltaic equipment in order to provide electricity to Pangan-an Island, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu where the PROJECT and its site are considered as a test and showcase for further policy making in this field;

WHEREAS, Article V, Project Organization of the said Agreement state that "the role of overall supervision will be assumed jointly by the Belgian Administration for Development Cooperation (BADC) on the Belgian side and by the Department of Energy-Non-Conventional Energy Division (DOE-NCED) on the Philippine side";

WHEREAS, the NCED, considering its location, is having difficulty in responding in a timely manner, to the PROJECT's needs and demands;

WHEREAS, the VFO, which is based in Cebu City, is tasked, among others, to oversee DOE programs, projects and activities implemented in the Visayas region;

WHEREAS, the VFO has been extending technical, administrative and logistical assistance in the implementation of this PROJECT;

WHEREAS, under Section 40, Chapter 8, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987, the Secretary has authority over and responsibility for the operation of the Department and that he can delegate such authority to the Bureau or field office concerned as may be necessary to implement formulated plans and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mario V. Tiaoqui, Secretary of Energy, do hereby order the following:

*SECTION 1. Transfer of Responsibilities and/or Obligations — The following*