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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM : The Undersecretary for Field Operations

**SUBJECT : INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23
"DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CUTTING AND
HARVESTING OF TIMBER IN THE NATURAL AND
RESIDUAL FORESTS AND CREATING THE ANTI-ILLEGAL
LOGGING TASK FORCE."**

DATE : 8 February 2011

Pending the review and evaluation of all existing IFMAs, SIFMAs, CBFMAs and other forestry agreements/contracts, pursuant to Executive Order No. 23, you are hereby directed to implement the following instructions:

1. Suspend the acceptance and processing of new and renewal/extension of Integrated Operations Plan and Annual Work Plan/Resource Use Permits in all natural and residual forests;
2. Suspend the acceptance and processing of new and renewal application for Wood Processing Plant Permits (sawmill, mini-sawmill, veneer and plywood plants, etc);
3. Suspend the cutting and harvesting operations of all existing tenure holders and permittees in the natural and residual forests;
4. Suspend the issuance of transport documents for all logs cut and harvested in the natural and residual forests prior to the issuance of Executive Order No. 23 and transport thereof shall be allowed **ONLY** after proper inventory and upon **CLEARANCE** by the Undersigned;
5. Supervise the conduct of timber inventory of all logs cut and harvested in the natural and residual forests prior to the issuance of Executive Order No. 23; and
6. Supervise the immediate pull-out of all logging/cutting and hauling equipment from the areas programmed for logging operations in the natural and residual forests.

Submit you compliance report to this Office within fifteen (15) calendar days.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.