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MEMORANDUM ORDER No. 2011- <u>04</u>

> STRICT REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS SUBJECT: AND LAND USES IN ALL AREAS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL **INTEGRATED** PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS)

Pursuant to Section 6 and 10(d) of Republic Act No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, and in view of Rule 7.1 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2008-26, the following guidelines are hereby issued for the compliance of all concerned:

- 1. The survey and processing of all public land applications (PLAs) for titling purposes over lands covered by proposed Proclamations for Protected Areas submitted by the DENR to the Office of the President are hereby declared suspended effective upon the actual date of the submission of the draft Proclamation by the Office of the RED to the Central Office. Beginning on the said date, no PLAs over lands within these areas shall be accepted;
- 2. Also on the same date, the processing of applications for lease/license/permit of any project/activity therein shall be held in abeyance and no new applications shall be accepted, except for projects that are compatible with the objectives of the NIPAS;
- 3. The suspension in the survey and administrative titling and the processing of applications for lease/ license/ permit which are incompatible with the objectives of the NIPAS, shall be lifted only upon declaration by the DENR, subsequent to the decision of the Office of the President to disapprove the proposed Proclamation;
- 4. Non-compliance with the foregoing rules shall subject the responsible officer and personnel to appropriate administrative and criminal liabilities under applicable laws, rules and regulations; and
- 5. This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes and/or revokes all orders, circulars and other issuances inconsistent herewith.