

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5405, June 15, 1968 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING SAN JOSE TIMBER CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT, PRIVATE COASTAL, PRIVATE AERONAUTICAL AND LAND-BASED AND LAND MOBILE RADIO STATIONS FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to San Jose Timber Corporation a franchise to construct, operate and maintain the City of Manila, in the Province of Samar, and in which other places as the grantee may select, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, private aeronautical and land-based and land mobile radio stations for the transmission and reception of wireless messages by radiotelegraph or radiotelephone, each station to be provided with a radio transmitting apparatus and radio receiving apparatus.

SEC. 2. This franchise shall continue to be in force during the that the Government has not established similar service at the places selected by the grantee, and is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction or installation of said stations be within two years from the date of approval of this Act and be completed within four years from said date.

SEC. 3. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall not engage in the domestic business of telecommunications in the Philippines without further special assent right of the Congress of the Philippines, it being understood that the purpose of this franchise is to secure to the grantee the right to construct, install, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, private aeronautical and land-based and land mobile radio stations in places within the Philippines as the interest of the grantee may justify.

SEC. 4. No fees shall be charged by the grantee as the radio stations that may be established by virtue of this Act shall engage in communications regarding the grantees business only.

SEC. 5. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall construct and operate its radio stations as not to interfere with the operation of other radio stations maintained and operated in the Philippines.

SEC. 6. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall hold the national, provincial, city and municipal government of the Philippines harmless from all claims, accounts, demands, or actions arising out of accidents or injuries whether to property or to