

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 530, May 24, 2006 ]**

**AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TO  
ISSUE BONDS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83, SERIES OF  
1998, FOR THE PUMP-PRIMING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER  
PROJECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 83, Series of 1998 ("EO No. 83?"), authorized the National Development Company (NDC) to issue long term bonds to support projects for economic growth under a revitalized rural development program;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of EO No. 83 provides that the proceeds from the issuance of the bonds shall be used exclusively for the development of the agricultural and agrarian sectors;

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the coverage of EO No. 83 in order that the proceeds of the bonds to be used by NDC may be used to fund, by way of loan or any other mode of financing, the economic pump-priming activities of Government-Owned and Controlled Operations which have existing projects on housing, irrigation, infrastructure and the like which are designed to pump-prime the economy and alleviate poverty;

WHEREAS, the NDC, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1648, as amended (the "Revised Charter of the NDC"), is the corporate vehicle of the government designed to pursue commercial, industrial, agricultural, mining and other enterprises which may be necessary or contributory to the economic development of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING NDC TO ISSUE BONDS UNDER EO NO. 83 TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC PUMP-PRIMING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PROJECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT. NDC is hereby authorized to issue bonds under EO No. 83. The utilization of the proceeds of the bonds under EO No. 83 (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund") is hereby expanded to include economic pump-priming projects of the GOCCs and any other projects designed for economic growth and poverty alleviation.

SECTION 2. UTILIZATION OF FUND AND EVALUATION OF PROJECTS. The National Economic and Development Authority and the Department of Budget and Management are hereby directed to select the GOCCs to whom NDC will lend the Fund.

The GOCCS that will borrow from the Fund shall be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of their respective projects as well as the proper disbursement of the Fund once the same has been released by NDC.