

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 560, August 29, 2006 ]**

**REACTIVATING THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA) was created pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 690, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1703;

WHEREAS, SPDA, an agency attached to the Office of the President, was deactivated by virtue of Executive Order No. 149 dated 18 November 2002;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the present Administration to foster and accelerate the balanced growth of the Southern Philippines for national economic, social and political stability; and

WHEREAS, under Section 77 of Republic Act No. 9336, also known as the "General Appropriations Act of 2005", the President may direct changes in the organization and key positions in any department, bureau or agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Reactivation of SPDA.* – The SPDA is hereby reactivated effective immediately. It shall have a lean and professional organization, and shall be under the oversight of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).

SECTION 2. *Functions of the Board.* – The Board shall have, among others, the following functions:

- a. Approve policies and implementing guidelines needed to accomplish the purpose and purposes and objectives of SPDA;
- b. Determine and approve the organizational structure, staffing pattern and pay scales of SPDA, its officers and employees subject to existing rules and regulations;
- c. Review and approve annual work and financial plan and budget of SPDA;
- d. Establish levels of authority and responsibilities of the Administrator and other officers of SPDA;
- e. Submit an annual report to the President;
- f. Perform other tasks as may be assigned by the President.

The Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Board. Except for the Administrator, who is ex-officio Vice-Chairman of the Board, no member of the Board shall perform day-to-day administrative or operations work.

SECTION 3. *Catch-Up Plan.* – SPDA shall be the implementing arm for the economic