

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39, November 04, 1998]

RECONSTITUTING THE PROJECT BOARD AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE SOSKSARGEN AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE

WHEREAS, the SOSKSARGEN AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE has achieved significant strides in integrating the crucial development initiatives of the national government since its inception in August 1991;

WHEREAS, of the major infrastructure components of the project only the airport, fishport, seaport and, the roads are operational, and there is a need for more time to finish critical infrastructure projects in the area;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Committee on Flagship Programs & Projects (Flagship Committee) has been mandated by virtue of Administrative Order No. 109 to prioritize and monitor the implementation of vital infrastructure programs of the Government;

WHEREAS, the Mindanao Railway System has been identified as a "flagship project", and General Santos City is envisioned to be a major station in the System; and

WHEREAS, the southern Philippines Development Authority which has been attached to the Flagship Committee by virtue of Executive Order No. 13, has been tapped as a vehicle for the implementation of development projects in Mindanao;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The provision on the ADP Office term is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. ADP Office Term. The term of the ADP Office is hereby extended to December 31, 2002."

SECTION 2. The provision on the establishment of the South Cotabato/Sarangani/General Santos City — Area Development Project Office in Section 1 of Executive Order No. 474 series of 1991, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1 SOSKSARGEN Area Development Project Office.

There is hereby established the South Cotabato/Sultan Kudarat/Sarangani/General Santos City — Area Development Project Office, hereinafter referred to as the ADP Office as a Special Project under the Presidential Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects for integrating, coordinating, supervising, directing, and formulating policies and guidelines for the implementation of major undertakings in SOSKSARGEN. The ADP Office shall be composed of a Project Board and a Project Management Unit (PMU) which shall hold office in General Santos City."