[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 348, June 18, 1996]

DECLARING AND DELINEATING THE MASBATE PORT ZONE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Port of Masbate is one of the major ports in the country:

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the Port of Masbate to accommodate projected increases in port traffic and to program the development of the necessary port facilities to support the demands of the shipping trade within the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Masbate is hereby expanded and particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at point marked 1 on the plan, thence to point 2 at a distance of 282 meters with bearing South 45°0' West, thence to point 3 at a distance of 13 meters with bearing South 45°0' West thence to point 4 at a distance of 16 meters with bearing North 54°0' West, thence to point 5 at a distance of 41 meters with bearing South 38°50' West, thence to point 6 at a distance of 25 meters with bearing North 51°0' West, thence to point 7 at a distance of 405 meters with bearing South 41°25' West, thence to point 8 at a distance of 428.84 meters with bearing South 51°05 "31" East, thence to point 9 at a distance of 58 meters with bearing North 51°10' West, thence to point 10 at a distance of 58 meters with bearing North 51°10' West, thence to point 1, the point of beginning at a distance of 25 meters with bearing North 51°10' West, thence to point 1, the point of beginning at a distance of 25 meters meters more or less."

SEC. 2. The Masbate Port Zone, as expanded, is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority which shall, consistent with the regional industrial plans of the. Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning development and utilization of the port.

SEC. 3. All other orders, proclamations and issuances or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-six.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS** President of the Philippines