

**[OP 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:

"SECTION 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:

"*SECTION 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