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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF INVESTMENT WORKING GROUP FOR THE PROPOSED QATAR'S
BALADNA INVESTMENT IN MILK & DAIRY PRODUCTION IN THE PHILIPPINES**

In the exigency of the service and with a view to help facilitate and realize the proposed foreign direct investment in the production and processing of milk and dairy to address the Philippine Embassy's and DTI's endorsement of the proposed project by Baladna, the leading and largest producer in Qatar, the Investment Working Group ("DA BALADNA-IWG") is hereby created with the following composition:

Chairperson: MS. CHERYL MARIE NATIVIDAD-CABALLERO
Undersecretary for Agri-Industrialization and for Fisheries

Vice-chairperson: DR. WILLIAM C. MEDRANO
Undersecretary for Livestock

Members:

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DA BALADNA-IWG shall have the following duties and functions:

- Review the proposal/s of the proponent and refer or endorse applicable regulatory requirements to appropriate agencies, as may be needed;
- Review relevant policies affecting the production, processing, packaging, labelling and marketing/trade of milk and dairy products in country and recommend improvements, where necessary, with a view to promote investments and enhance development of the country's milk and dairy industry;
- Review the policy direction of the dairy industry road map relative to the country's milk sufficiency target levels and its implementation at the local level, taking into consideration foreign direct investments (FDIs), joint ventures and partnerships leading to inclusive agribusiness;
- Facilitate and/or coordinate meetings with the relevant parties such private sectors including farmers' and dairy cooperatives; and relevant government agencies as may be needed;
- Review and conduct site inspections on the proposed project locations and provide the basic information as to availability, suitability and accessibility given existing infrastructure (if there are any);
- Submit reports and recommendations to the Secretary.

Secretariat:

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All expenses that may be incurred by the DA Baladna-IWG in the performance of their duties and responsibilities shall be chargeable against their respective offices' funds and other available funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. DA BALADNA-IWG shall commence its activities with utmost urgency and shall cease to exist immediately right after the full realization of the Baladna investment in the country.

All Orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Order are deemed revoked.

Done this 20th day of December 2021.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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