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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF ATTY. ARMANDO R. CROBALDE JR. AS LEGAL OFFICER OF THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT-NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATION OFFICE (PRDP-NPCO)

In the exigency of service and in view of the resignation of Atty. Marisol P. Recuerdo, **ATTY. ARMANDO R. CROBALDE JR.**, Director IV is hereby designated as **LEGAL OFFICER** in concurrent capacity with his regular functions and other designations.

As such, he shall perform the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

1. Assist in handling the legal requirements of PRDP-NPCO, PSOs and RPCOs including legal representation of PRDP-NPCO, PSOs, and RPCOs with the Local Government Units (LGUs), Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and other stakeholders of PRDP.
2. Render assistance in the review of contracts and memoranda under the level of PRDP-NPCO as well as in PSOs and RPCOs in each cluster.
3. Provide legal opinion on the propriety of the contracts entered into by the PRDP.
4. Assist the PRDP in the investigation of cases of those programs that failed to comply with the World Bank Guidelines.
5. Assist the PRDP-NPCO/Regional Cluster in evaluating the Bid Evaluation Report (BER), if necessary.
6. Render legal opinion if PRDP-NPCO/Regional Cluster complies with the World Bank Guidelines on procurement.

He is entitled to travelling expense, per diems and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his duties and responsibilities as designated and an honorarium not exceeding 25% of his annual basic salary pursuant to DBM Budget Circular No. 2007-2, chargeable against PRDP-NPCO funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 19th day of August 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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