

PROCLAMATION NO. 245

RESERVING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A SETTLEMENT AND AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY UNDER THE AGRARIAN REFORM COMMUNITY PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND SITUATED IN BORONGAN AND SAN JULIAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR

WHEREAS, Section 85, Chapter XII, Title 5 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, approved 7 November 1936, otherwise known as the "Public Land Act", authorizes the President to designate, by proclamation, any tract or tracts of land of the public domain for the establishment of agricultural communities;

WHEREAS, Section 14, Chapter 4, Title I, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that "[t]he President shall have the power to reserve for settlement or public use, and for specific public purposes, any of the lands of the public domain, the use of which is not otherwise directed by law. The reserved land shall thereafter remain subject to the specific public purpose indicated until otherwise provided by law or proclamation";

WHEREAS, Section 3(5), Chapter 1, Title XI, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that the Department of Agrarian Reform shall "[a]dminister and dispose of, under a settlement scheme, all portions of the public domain declared as alienable and disposable lands for speedy distribution to and development by deserving and qualified persons who do not own any land and under such terms and conditions as the Department may prescribe, giving priority to qualified and deserving farmers in the province where such lands are located;"

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to provide a vigorous land resettlement program in order to create a truly viable social and economic structure in the country;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the government to provide the people with lands as well as technical guidance and assistance to make them independent, self-reliant and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is a big tract of agricultural land in Borongan and San Julian, Eastern Samar found to be suitable for cultivation and conversion into a well-organized and developed resettlement area for rebel-returnees, evacuees and other deserving Filipinos. //

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and upon recommendation of the Secretary of Agrarian Reform and the Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources, and pursuant to Section 85, Chapter XII, Title 5 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, otherwise known as the "Public Land Act" and Section 14, Chapter 4, Title I, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, do hereby reserve for the purpose of establishing a settlement and an agricultural community under the administration and disposition of the Department of Agrarian Reform, subject to private rights, if any there be, and to future classification, certain parcels of land, more particularly described as follows:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at point marked BLLM #1, N 34 deg. -49' W, 5,742.08. m.

thence N. 88 deg. 52' W., 1,579.22 m. to point 2;
N. 88 deg. 45' W., 699.22 m. to point 3;
N. 88 deg. 45' W., 107.14 m. to point 4;
N. 75 deg. 58' W., 118.43 m. to point 5;
N. 75 deg. 57' W., 202.42 m. to point 6;
N. 82 deg. 01' W., 277.77 m. to point 7;
N. 58 deg. 59' W., 232.59 m. to point 8;
N. 43 deg. 57' W., 243.08 m. to point 9;
N. 48 deg. 44' W., 398.81 m. to point 10;
N. 57 deg. 04' W., 259.40 m. to point 11;
N. 42 deg. 47' W., 2,069.08 m. to point 12;
N. 53 deg. 55' W., 796.69 m. to point 13;
S. 68 deg. 00' W., 3,000.00 m. to point 14;
N. 19 deg. 30' W., 5,897.00 m. to point 15;
N. 65 deg. 20' E., 9,600.00 m. to point 16;
S. 40 deg. 48' E., 8,852.71 m. to point 17;
S. 46 deg. 20' W., 4,200.00 m. to point 18;
S. 46 deg. 15' W., 1,313.00 m. to point 19;
S. 49 deg. 31' W., 1,685.60 m. to point of
beginning containing an area of NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED
THIRTY EIGHT (9,638.00) HECTARES, more or less.

The technical description is subject to adjustment based on the result of a final survey.

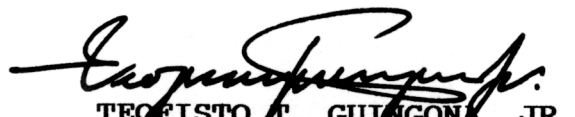
All areas within the reservation which fall under the classification of timberland, forest land or unclassified public land, if any, shall be deemed excluded from the scope of this Proclamation.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall retain jurisdiction over portions covered by public land applications as of the date hereof and shall continue to process such applications. All vested rights inside the reservation shall be respected.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of September in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three. N



By the President:


TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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