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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION OF SALT FARMING METHODOLOGIES AND TECHNIQUES (RPSFMT)**

In the exigency of the service and pursuant to Section 16 of RA 11985 or the "Philippine Salt Industry Development Act", the **Technical Working Group on Research and Promotion of Salt Farming Methodologies and Techniques** is hereby created with the following composition:

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The **RPSFMT** shall have the following functions:

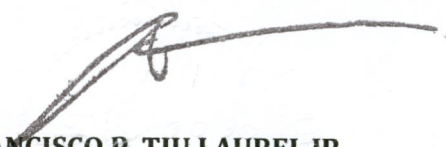
1. To spearhead the development of the latest technology in salt production;
  - a. Prepare strategic R&D plan, including budgetary requirements, for the Philippine salt industry development;
  - b. Conduct benchmarking on existing state-of-the-art technologies that allow year-round production of salt even under erratic weather patterns;
  - c. Develop, validate and verify latest technology in salt production, particularly technologies that allow year-round production of salt even under erratic weather pattern.
  - d. Conduct R&D on salt production related ancillaries, including but not limited to environmentally friendly fuel for cooking and waste utilization/disposal.
2. To encourage the mechanization of salt production from pre- to postharvest;
  - a. Conduct continuing R&D on innovation and modernization of the salt industry;
3. To develop technologies that promote alternative methods and cost-effective techniques on salt production;
4. To recommend to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) the required yearly appropriations for the plan and implementation of the salt development programs;
5. To conduct monitoring and evaluation on the progress of project implementation;
6. To recommend relevant policies;
7. To serve as Resource Person/s on salt related topics and expertise;

8. To perform other functions as determined by the NFRDI Executive Director and PHilMech Director

The members of the RPSFMT are entitled to travel expenses, per diems, and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their functions as designated, chargeable against their respective agencies' funds, subject to the availability of funds and existing 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 5th day of JULY 2024.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.**  
Secretary



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