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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR THE PHILMECH-KOICA JOINT PROJECT ENTITLED "ENHANCING CAPABILITY TO DESIGN, DEVELOP AND MANUFACTURE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERIES TO ACCELERATE MECHANIZATION OF PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE"**

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The joint project of the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) entitled "Enhancing Capability to Design, Develop, and Manufacture Agricultural Machineries to Accelerate Mechanization of Philippine Agriculture" is primarily geared to enhance the capability of PHilMech and the local manufacturers in the development and prototyping of quality agricultural machineries.

One of the activities of the project is the identification and finalization of the list of potential technologies for development under the Agricultural Mechanization Design and Prototyping Center (AMDPC). As such, an Inter-agency TWG is hereby created to provide guidance and expertise in this activity and shall be composed of officials/personnel from DA Agencies and Banner Programs, KOICA, and DOST, as follows:

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The TWG shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Provide technical inputs, advice, and recommendations on the technologies to be developed under the PHilMech-KOICA Project;
2. Provide relevant data and facilitate sharing of information, including best practices, lesson learned, and research findings related to the technologies;
3. Ensure coherence in the linkages of project activities with other similar initiatives implemented by the government, non-government, and private sector agencies; and
4. Perform other tasks as needed.

Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of activities of the Inter-agency TWG such as travelling expense, per diem, incidental expenses, and honoraria pursuant to DBM-DOST Joint Circular No. 1, Series of 2013 chargeable against PHilMech funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 24th day of February 2025.



**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.**

Secretary

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