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SUGAR ORDER NO. 5
Series of 2002-2003



SUBJECT: STRENGTHENING THE MDDC AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS ACCREDITATION (Amendments to Sugar Order No. 8, Series of 1990-1991).

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18 dated 20 May 1986, creating the **Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)**, declares as a national policy of the government to promote the growth and development of the sugar industry through the **greater and significant participation of the private sector**.

WHEREAS, the Sugar Regulatory Administration, pursuant to and in furtherance of the said declared national policy, promulgated Sugar Order No. 8, Series of 1990-1991 dated 02 May 1991 creating the **Mill District Development Committee (MDDC)** to encourage the active involvement and participation of the private sector in the advancement of the sugar industry specifically in the field of research and development, in the mill district level;

WHEREAS, by the nature of their functions and structure, the **MDDCs**, on their own and in cooperation with the **Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)** and **Philippine Sugar Research Institute Foundation (PHILSURIN)**, have proven to be effective and reliable organizations in delivering services and farming innovation to sugarcane stakeholders, thereby bridging the perceived gap between research, effective dissemination of research results, and technology utilization by sugar planters/producers;

WHEREAS, in recognition thereof, they have become direct recipients not only of private sector support through the **PHILSURIN** and other associations or foundations but also of government funds which are

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specifically provided for the development of the sugar industry;

WHEREAS, in order that the **MDDCs** can further strengthen their functions and structure to insure access to necessary government support, guidelines for their **accreditation** have to be set in place;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in the **Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)**, the following guidelines shall be followed in the strengthening and accreditation of the **Mill District Development Committees (MDDC)**.

Section 1. Definition

1.1. A **mill district** *refers* to a centrifugal sugar mill together with all plantations adherent thereto. A plantation is deemed adherent by virtue of sugarcane being delivered to a mill regardless of contract relation between the mill and the plantation owner and/or any other person cultivating sugarcane in the plantation contiguous to the mill. (Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A 6982).

1.2. Each mill district shall have only one (1) **Mill District Development Committee (MDDC)**.

1.3. In a mill district where there are two (2) or more mills, only one **MDDC** will be recognized and accredited.

Section 2. Objectives of Accreditation.

Accreditation is aimed and focused towards the attainment of the following objectives:

2.1. To provide opportunities and encourage wider participation of the private sector in the conduct of development programs and projects in the mill district.

2.2. To give due recognition to the effort and capabilities of the **MMDC** in the delivery of the said development programs and projects in the mill district.



