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**Subject: Creation of an Ethanol Program Consultative Committee (EPCC)
and Technical Working Group and Secretariat (TWGS)**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 18, which created the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) states that, *"it is the policy of the State to promote the growth and development of the sugar industry through greater and significant participation of the private sector"*;

WHEREAS, among the powers and functions of SRA in E.O. 18 are: to explore and expand the domestic market and foreign markets for sugar and by-products and to evaluate and recommend to the President new projects involving the production of sugar and its by-products and other products derived from sugarcane and sugar;

WHEREAS, during the last two years, the sugar industry has already attained self-sufficiency levels of production and there is now a greater need to promote and maintain a proper balance of production of sugar and its co-products and by-products requiring the industry to set sights on the same;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Clean Air Act promotes the use of alternative fuels to significantly reduce emissions and mandates DENR and other related agencies to fully implement a national plan consistent with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other international agreements, conventions and protocols on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the country;

WHEREAS, ethanol is one such alternative fuel that do not emit greenhouse gas and sugar co-products and by-products can be produced in large-scale and sustainable manner.

NOW THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers vested in the Sugar Regulatory Administration under E.O. 18, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. An Ethanol Project Consultative Committee or EPCC, is hereby organized with the following duties and functions:

- a). To provide an effective forum for the discussion and analysis of issues and concerns regarding the promotion and development of ethanol as a renewable fuel.

