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**SUBJECT: Implementing Guidelines and Criteria for Prioritization of Sugarcane
FMR Proposals**

I. Policy Statement

The construction and rehabilitation of sugarcane farm-to-mill roads (FMRs) is one of the priority infrastructure projects identified by the sugarcane industry roadmap that will reduce postharvest losses brought about by delays of sugarcane deliveries to processing facilities.

A mandated appropriation of infrastructure projects for the sugarcane industry is also provided for in the Sugarcane Industry Development Act of 2015 (SIDA) wherein its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) provides the main criteria for the prioritization of sugarcane FMR projects.

To ensure that all sugarcane mill districts will benefit from the sugarcane FMR projects funded by the government, the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) issued these guidelines and criteria for the prioritization of Sugarcane FMR proposals.

II. Scope and Coverage

These guidelines cover all sugarcane FMR proposals submitted to SRA for evaluation and funding by the GAA or from any other funding sources whether local



or foreign. Project proponents shall belong to industry organizations who will directly benefit from the proposed sugarcane FMR.

II. Criteria of Fund Allocation in Each Sugarcane Mill District under the SIDA Mandated Appropriations and Other Funding Sources

Sugarcane FMR funds approved for funding by the mandated general appropriations (GAA) as provided for under the Sugarcane Industry Development Act of 2015 (SIDA) or from any government funding facility shall be allocated, on a pro-rata basis, based on the latest SRA hectarage data of sugarcane farms in the mill districts.

Emergency funds, calamity funds, donations, loans or funds derived from any funding sources that are beneficiary-specific or location-specific are excluded from the above-stated criteria.

III. Prioritization of Sugarcane FMR Proposals for Each Mill District

Given the fund allocated for each mill district pursuant to Section 2 hereof, sugarcane FMRs shall be prioritized in accordance to Rule 7.2 (i) of the IRR of SIDA, as follows:

- a. First priority of sugarcane FMR proposals at the mill district level shall be those connected to the national highways or arterial roads, leading to block farms, small farms and expansion areas with at least 100 hectares of sugarcane plantations (cumulative) and validated/endorsed by the MDDCs or by the planters organizations in the absence of an MDDC;
 - In cases where the area of influence is an expansion area for sugarcane farms, a petition with undertaking to plant sugarcane shall be executed by the landowners
 - If the landowner failed to develop the area into a sugarcane farm one year after the completion of the sugarcane FMR, then, SRA shall

