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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02 Series of 2017

## CREATING A JOINT LGU-INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON ALPHALAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT TOCMO, LOACAN, THIS MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, Alphaland Corporation has decided to transform its 79-hecatre agricultural land at Tocmo, Loacan, Itogon, Benguet into mountain lodges within the concept of "Horizontal Condominiums" which require conversion of its land utilization and classification, acquisition of necessary permits, clearances, orders, and conduct of required proceedings prior to any development;

WHEREAS, the commencement of activities related to the project such as earth moving, construction of structures and road improvements without the requisite authority(ies) from the government and/or its instrumentalities have drawn negative reactions from affected communities, the municipal government and concerned regulatory bodies resulting to the filing of complaints by concerned residents and issuance of a Cease and Desist Order and Notice of Violation by the Environmental Management Bureau against Alphaland Corporation;

WHEREAS, in a consultative meeting held on January 18, 2017 at the Tuding Senior Citizens' Center, it was pointed out that Alphaland should seriously consider complying first with the necessary legal and procedural requirements before proceeding further with its construction/development activities. Said requirements shall include Land Conversion Order from DAR, Environmental Compliance Certificate from DENR-EMB, Locational Clearance (PALC), Development Permit, Building Permit and Sanguniang Bayan Endorsement from the LGU, FPIC/Certification Precondition from NCIP, certification from HLURB, and such other permits, clearances, etc.;

WHEREAS, the creation of a task force to oversee Alphaland Corporation's compliance with all requirements, performance of its social obligations to affected communities, effecting appropriate measures to mitigate adverse environmental impacts consistent with the principles of sustainable development and to perform other related actions is deemed necessary as it was agreed upon during the afore-mentioned consultative meeting;

**NOW THEREFORE,** by virtue of the powers vested in me as Municipal Mayor of Itogon, Benguet Province, I, ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN hereby create and organize the LGU-Inter-agency Task Force on Alphaland development project more particularly called Alphaland Baguio Mountain Lodges at Tocmo, Loacan, this municipality as follows:

Section 1. Composition. The LGU-Inter-agency Task Force to be known otherwise as TASK FORCE ALPHA shall be composed of the following:

Task Force Chairman:	ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairman:	HON. DANTE ALAIN XAVIER GODIO Chairman, SB Comm. On Land Use

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MEMBERS:

MR. HARRY CHRISTIAN V. NOOL Representative, HLURB-NLR

ATTY. PENELOPE B. de AUSEN Representative, DAR-Benguet

MR. SANTOS B. GODIO Representative, NCIP-Itogon CSC

HON. HENRY M. DIAMNUAN Punong Barangay, Loacan

MR. EDWIN GOLINGAB Municipal assessor

ENGR. CHARLIE M. GAYASCO Municipal Engineer

MR. CESAR U. ATING MLGOO

ENGR. IMELDA F. NUGUID MPDC

MR. CRISPIN ABELLERA BLOFA Representative

MR. RUDY FERNANDEZ LFCC Representative

MR. PHILIP GEORGE DEMOT Alphaland Representative

EMB-CAR Representative

Section 2. Functions. The Task Force Alpha shall perform the following duties and functions:

- To determine, monitor and evaluate Alphaland Corporation's compliance with all requisite legal, regulatory and procedural requirements before proceeding further with all works necessary and incidental to the implementation of its development plans, programs of work and other related activities for the horizontal condominium project. Corollary, to inform Alphaland Corporation of any lacking requirement(s) and to demand for the latter's compliance.
- 2. To act on complaints of residents and other interested parties who may be adversely affected by the project. Relatively, the task force may endorse any controversy to appropriate offices, bodies or agencies for proper disposition.
- Conduct regular monitoring of all activities related to project implementation and development. In addition, the task force shall conduct joint inspection activities to assess, evaluate and/or validate damages and other adverse effects to the safety, livelihood, water systems, infrastructure and environment

of the surrounding communities arising from Alphaland's construction of structures, earth moving and other related activities.

4. Prepare and submit reports and recommendations to concerned offices, bodies and/or agencies for appropriate action.

Section 3. Secretariat. There is also hereby created a secretariat to provide assistance to the task force in the performance of its functions. The composition of which shall be as follows:

MR. ROMEO POCDING MR. JOSE YAMOTO JR. MS. RHODORA G. PARIAN

Section 4. *Repealing Clause*. All Administrative Orders and/or Issuances inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

LET COPIES of this ORDER be furnished all concerned for their information.

DONE this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2017 at Itogon, Benguet.

PALANGDAN ATTY. VICTORIO Municipal Mayor