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Resolution

[U]pon motion made and duly seconded, the Commission approved this

Resolution:

Resolution No. 2021- 308
Approving and Adopting the
NCCA Guidelines Governing the Issuance of Treasure Hunting Permits

WHEREAS, Section 30 (a)(8) of Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as "The National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009," provides that all treasure hunting permits and licenses shall be issued by the National Museum, which shall formulate the rules and regulations to adequately control, regulate and monitor all applicants for such undertakings.

WHEREAS, Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11333, otherwise known as the "National Museum of the Philippines Act", provides for the transfer of regulatory functions from the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP) to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), specifically all regulatory functions as provided by Republic Act No. 4846, Presidential Decree No. 260, Presidential Decree No. 374, Presidential Decree No. 1109, Republic Act No. 8492, Republic Act No. 9105, Republic Act No. 10066, and all other laws and issuances amending or citing as legal basis the same;

WHEREAS, the NCCA Cultural Heritage Section prepared a set of guidelines on the guidelines which shall govern the issuance of permits for treasure hunting activities in public or private land as well as the disposition of recovered hidden treasures or things of value hoarded in secret/undisclosed places, which includes the transport and/or sale of hoarded gold bars, gold coins, platinum, silver, nickel babbitts, jewelries, gemstones, and the like, while taking into consideration the organizational structure and processes of the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, after due deliberation and careful review, and upon the recommendation of the Subcommission on Cultural Heritage, to APPROVE and ADOPT the *NCCA Guidelines Governing the Issuance of Permits for Treasure Hunting* for implementation of the NCCA, herewith attached as Annex A.

Attested by:

MYLA T. BUAN
Board Secretary

For the Board:

ARSENIO J. LIZASO
Chairman



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Annex A
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GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR TREASURE HUNTING

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Guidelines is to facilitate compliance with Section 30.8 of Article VII of the Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as the “National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009”, which states that all treasure hunting permits and licenses shall be issued by the National Museum, which shall formulate the rules and regulations to adequately control, regulate and monitor all applicants for such undertakings. Such regulatory function has been transferred to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts by virtue of Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11333 or the “National Museum of the Philippines Act”.

II. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Guidelines shall govern the issuance of Permits for the following:

- 2.1 Treasure hunting activities in public or private land.
- 2.2 Disposition of recovered hidden treasures or things of value hoarded in secret/undisclosed places prior to the effectivity of this guidelines. This includes transport and/or sale of hoarded gold bars, gold coins, platinum, silver, nickel babbitts, jewelries, gemstones, etc.

This Guidelines, however, do not cover the issuance of permits for the explorations and excavations for the purpose of obtaining materials and data of cultural value, which shall be governed by Republic Act No. 4846 as amended by Presidential Decree 374 or the “Preservation and Protection of Cultural Properties Act”; Republic Act No. 8492, the National Museum Act of 1998; and Republic Act No. 10066.

III. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Guidelines are:

- 3.1 To rationalize the system of evaluation of applications for Treasure Hunting;
- 3.2 To provide appropriate guidelines for hunting hidden treasure and disposition thereof, to protect the interest of the Government and to preserve the cultural heritage of the Filipino people.

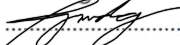
IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

As used in and for purposes of these Guidelines, the following terms shall mean:

- 4.1 **Area Clearance** – refers to a clearance issued by the agency allowing an applicant to conduct treasure hunting activities as shown in the submitted technical and environmental work programs.



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- 4.2 **Agency**- refers to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.
- 4.3 **Artifacts** – refers to articles that are products of human skills or workmanship, especially in the simple product of primitive arts or industry representing past eras or periods.
- 4.4 **Digging** – refers to the process or activities of excavating hidden treasures buried underground for years or centuries.
- 4.5 **Executive Director** – refers to the Executive Director of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.
- 4.6 **Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC)** – refers to a document issued by the Secretary or the concerned Regional Executive Director of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources certifying that based on the representation of the proponent and the preparer, the proposed project or undertaking will not cause significant negative environmental impact and that the proponent is committed to undertake all the mitigation stated in the Initial Environmental Examination.
- 4.7 **Environmental Impact Assessment** – refers to a process of predicting the likely environmental consequences of implementing a project or undertaking and designing appropriate, preventive, mitigating and enhancement measures.
- 4.8 **Environmental Work Program** – refers to a comprehensive and strategic management plan to achieve the environmental objectives, criteria and commitments including protection and rehabilitation of the disturbed environment during and after the treasure hunting.
- 4.9 **Hidden Treasure** – refers to any hidden and unknown deposit of money, jewelry, or other precious objects, the lawful ownership of which does not appear.
- 4.10 **Initial Environmental Impact Examination (IEIE)** – refers to the document required of proponents describing the environmental impact or and mitigation enhancement measures for projects or undertakings located in an Environmentally Critical Area.
- 4.11 **Permit** – refers to the Permit issued for Treasure Hunting.
- 4.12 **Permit Holder** – refers to a holder of a Permit for Treasure Hunting.
- 4.13 **Private Land** – refers to the titled land belonging to any private person or entity which includes alienable and disposable land being claimed by the holder, claimant or occupant who has already acquired a vested right thereto under the law, although the corresponding certificate of evidence of title or patent has not been actually issued.
- 4.14 **Public Land** -is categorized as defined by the Public Land Act.
- 4.15 **Relics** – refers to objects possessing cultural properties which, either as a whole or in fragments, are left behind after the destruction or decay of the rest or their parts and which are intimately associated with important beliefs, practices, customs and traditions, persons and personages.
- 4.16 **Technical Work Program** – refers to a detailed outline of activities and financial plan to be followed in the treasure hunting.
- 4.17 **Treasure Hunting** – refers to any and all inland activities such as but not limited to locating, digging or excavating, transporting and disposition of recovered treasures.



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- 4.18 **Treasure Hunting Application Evaluation Committee** – refers to a five-member body within the National Committee on Monuments and Sites responsible for evaluating applications for Treasure Hunting Permits at the second level of application.
- 4.19 **Treasure Valuation Committee (TVC)** - shall refer to the committee constituted by the Executive Director to recommend the valuations for treasure or objects brought before him, found through treasure hunting activities in sites covered by valid permits, and found by permit holders.
- 4.20 **Site** – refers to the actual ground location of diggings and excavations.

V. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Only the following entities may apply for a Treasure Hunting Permit:

- 5.1 In case of an individual – must be a Filipino citizen, of legal age, with capacity to enter into contract and capable of conducting Treasure Hunting.
- 5.2 In case of partnership, association, or corporation- must be organized or authorized for the purpose of engaging in Treasure Hunting, duly registered in accordance with law, and with technical and financial capability to undertake Treasure Hunting activities.

VI. PROCEDURES

The application for a Treasure Hunting Permit shall have two (2) levels each with their distinct procedures and requirements which are as follows:

A. First Level of Application

1. The filing of an application shall commence with the submission of a comprehensive letter of intent bearing the details in connection to the treasure hunting activity and its location.
2. If an agent or representative shall submit the letter of intent on behalf of an individual applicant, a Special Power of Attorney authorizing the said representative must also be submitted. For corporations/partnerships, a Secretary's Certificate duly executed by the Corporate Secretary authorizing the said representative must also be submitted.
3. The letter of intent will be subject to evaluation by the concerned unit of the agency within seven (7) working days upon receipt of comprehensive letter of intent, to determine whether there is/are cultural property/ies that may be affected by the treasure hunting activity.
4. If the details in the letter are too general or vague, or if there is a cultural property which may be affected by the inland activities, the application shall be denied and a letter of denial of application shall be provided to the applicant or to his/her agent or representative.
5. Should the letter of intent be found satisfactory, the applicant shall be provided with a list of requirements for the second level of application for submission and the cost of the application fee.



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B. Second Level of Application

The following requirements shall be submitted, and the corresponding cost of the non-refundable application fee must be paid by the applicant upon satisfactory evaluation of his/her comprehensive letter of intent:

1. Legal and Administrative

1.1. For partnership, associations, or corporations:

- 1.1.1. Certified true copy of Certificate of Registration issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or concerned authorized Government agency;
- 1.1.2. Certified true copy of Articles of Incorporation /Partnership/Association and Bylaws; and
- 1.1.3. Organizational and Operational Structure
- 1.1.4. Latest General Information Sheet duly submitted to the SEC
- 1.1.5. Latest Audited Annual Financial Statements duly submitted to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the SEC, if applicable.

1.2 Written consent of landowner(s) when the activities are bound to affect private lands, consent of the concerned government agency when the activities affect public lands, or consent of concessionaires when the permit area affects aquaculture or fishery projects or beach/marine recreational areas, if applicable:

1.3 Area Clearance from the concerned government agency, when the activities affect public land, government buildings, dams, watersheds and other areas or site reserved or used for purposes affecting vital national interest, military or naval camps, bases and reservations, shrines and other hallowed places; or consent of concessionaires when the permit area affects aquaculture or fishery projects or beach/marine recreational areas, if applicable. When an applicant has already conducted any earth-moving activity in connection to his/her application, this shall not be remedied by an area clearance from a concerned agency and shall be a ground for the immediate denial of the application.

1.4 Certified True Copy of Joint Venture Agreement(s), if any.

1.5 Endorsement of the Local Government Unit which has jurisdiction over the area and the Bangsamoro Commission on Cultural Heritage in areas under the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

1.6 Free and prior informed consent if indigenous peoples in areas covered by ancestral land/domain.




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- 1.7 ECC and/or IEIE in Environmentally Critical Areas identified by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

2. Technical

- 2.1 Technical description of the site expressed in terms of latitude and longitude.
- 2.2 Technical Work Program, including appropriate technology, manpower, equipment, cost estimates and safety measures prepared and signed by a licensed engineer.
- 2.3 Environmental Work Program, including the nature and extent of predicted damages to the environment, if any, and the proposed restoration/rehabilitation program and budgetary requirements. This shall be the basis for the assessment of the required surety bond for the restoration/rehabilitation works. The said program must be prepared by a licensed environmental planner and have prior clearance from the concerned local government unit (Municipal or City level) and the concerned DENR Regional Office.
- 2.4 *Curriculum vitae* or technical person/s who shall undertake the operations based on the Technical and Environmental Work Programs.

3. Financial

- 3.1 **For juridical entities** Latest income/corporate tax return, if applicable.
- 3.2 Certified true copies of latest audited financial statements, if applicable; and
- 3.3 Bank guarantees/references, credit lines, cash deposits, and other proof of the sources of funding.

For natural persons:

- 3.4 Latest income tax return
- 3.5 Bank guarantees/references, credit lines, cash deposits, and other proof of the sources of funding.

4. Applications with incomplete requirements shall automatically be denied.

5. If the requirements are complete, an Order of Payment stating the amount of the non-refundable application fee shall be issued to the applicant based on the following rates:

- 5.1 Small-scale Treasure Hunting activity (if the area is less than one hectare) – PhP 5,000.00
- 5.2 Large-scale Treasure Hunting activity (area is one hectare or more) PhP15,000.00



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6. The processing of the application shall commence upon the presentation of the Order of Payment and Official Receipt by the applicant.

C. Evaluation of Second Level of Application

1. A Treasure Hunting Application Evaluation Committee, within the National Committee on Monuments and Sites (NCMS) and composed of the following members, is hereby established to evaluate treasure hunting applications:
 - a. Head of the NCMS
 - b. National Historical Commission of the Philippines
 - c. National Museum of the Philippines
 - d. *Kapisanan ng mga Arkeologist ng Pilipinas, Inc.*
 - e. University of the Philippines-Archaeological Studies Program
2. The evaluation of the second level of application shall take place within thirty (30) working days or less upon payment of the non-refundable application fee and submission of the complete and compliant requirements to the agency.
3. A field assessment/verification of the location, public or private structures that may be affected based on the submitted Technical and Environmental Work Programs may be conducted by concerned unit of the agency if necessary. The corresponding field verification fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 1,500.00) per field man per day shall be paid by the applicant through usual accounting processes of the agency. However, all spot inspections verifying the progress of the approved treasure hunting activity shall be shouldered by the agency.
4. In the conduct of the field assessment/verification, the agency is authorized to deputize other government agencies pursuant to Section 28 of Republic Act No. 10066, to enjoin the National Museum of the Philippines to provide its technical and expert assistance pursuant to Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11333, or any member in good standing of the *Kapisanan ng mga Arkeologist ng Pilipinas, Inc.*
5. No permit shall be issued in cave sites within Five Hundred (500) meters from the mouth of the cave; archaeological, and/or declared historical zones, and anthropological reservations, on any shipwreck activities, on all identified or recorded archaeological sites; and on permanent danger zones designated by the Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology.
6. The applicant shall be notified of the result of the evaluation of their application in writing.

D. Issuance of Permit and Permit Renewal

1. Should the application be approved, the applicant will be asked to post the surety bond issued by any reputable bonding company to cover the cost and guarantee payment for whatever actual damages that may be incurred during locating, digging, and excavating activities.



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Applicants who own the land subject of the treasure hunting permit are exempted from posting the surety bond but shall be required instead to submit a waiver indicating that the government shall not be made liable for any damage to his/her property or any adjacent structures.

2. The submission of the proof of posting of the surety bond shall be a prerequisite for the issuance of the Treasure Hunting Permit.
3. Renewal of the permit shall be subject to the same procedures, requirements, and payment of the non-refundable application fee stated in VI.B. and the submission of a new/revised work program, certification of performance or accomplishment reports, submission of area clearances, and payment of the surety bond.

VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT

- 7.1. The Permit shall be valid for a period of one (1) year which is renewable once for a period of one (1) year. After a renewal of a Permit, the permit holder must submit a new application subject to the submission of the requirements.
- 7.2. The Permit shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the Permit Holder and shall not be transferred or assigned.
- 7.3. The Permit Area may be inspected and examined at any time by the Executive Director or his authorized representative(s). Other concerned agencies may also undertake inspection in the Permit Area in coordination with the agency.
- 7.4. The Permit Holder shall commence its activities within three (3) months from the issuance of the Permit. Otherwise, a new permit application must be submitted.
- 7.5. The Permit Holder shall not destroy any building or structure erected on the Permit Area without the consent of the owner.
- 7.6. The Permit Holder shall submit a quarterly report detailing the accomplishment/progress of work as per submitted and approved Technical Work and Environmental Work Programs not later than ten (10) days after the end of each quarter.
- 7.7. Upon completion of the activity and the rehabilitation of the affected area, the Permit Holder shall submit a Final Report to ensure compliance with the rehabilitation plan in the approved Technical/Environmental Work Program.
- 7.8. In case of insolvency, impending shortage of funds, or issues on financial liquidity, the Permit Holder shall report immediately to this agency which in turn shall give an allowance of one (1) month to the Permit Holder to regain financial liquidity to operate. Incapability to sustain the financial requirement of the project shall be a ground to



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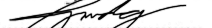


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nullify the permit with the order to immediately rehabilitate the site based on the Environmental Work Program.

- 7.9. The Permit Holder shall immediately notify the agency within twenty-four (24) hours upon discovery of valuable items in the area applied for. This may entail the suspension of activities for archaeological intervention without prejudice to the one-year period of validity of the permit which may be adjusted from the time of discovery until the archaeological activity is finished. The suspension of these activities shall be lifted only upon the written authority of the agency and only after the systematic recovery of the archaeological materials. The Permit Holder shall be directed to assist the agency personnel during the conduct of the activity. However, should the site be determined as archaeologically significant, the agency shall take over by virtue of its mandate.
- 7.10. The Permit Holder shall assume full responsibility and be liable for damages that may incur during its operation under the Permit or activities or omission incidental to its operation.
- 7.11. The Executive Director may at any time suspend or revoke the Permit when in his/her opinion, public interest and safety so requires or upon failure of the Permit Holder to comply with the terms and conditions. Should there be any damage or loss brought about by the delay caused by the suspension or revocation of the permit, all expenses incurred in relation thereto, such as the maintenance of the site, shall be shouldered by the Permit Holder and shall not be taken from the security bond.
- 7.12. The Permit Holder shall conform to applicable laws, rules, and regulations on Treasure hunting activities.
- 7.13. Withdrawal by the Permit Holder from the Permit Area shall not release it from any and all financial, environmental, legal, and/or other obligations.
- 7.14. The Permit Holder shall comply with any additional terms and conditions which the Executive Director may impose, or requirements that the agency may thereafter prescribe.

VIII. TERMINATION AND CANCELLATION OF THE PERMIT

The grounds for the termination or cancellation of the Permit shall be as follows:

- 8.1. Failure of the Permit Holder to comply with the terms and conditions stated in Section VII of this Guidelines.
- 8.2. Transportation of Treasure finds without a permit to transport from the agency.
- 8.3. Submitted documents were illegally acquired and found to be spurious or there is material misrepresentation in the information provided in the documents.



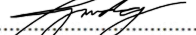
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- 8.4. Incapability to sustain the financial requirement of the project.
- 8.5. Violation of any of the provisions of R.A. 10066 and applicable environment and natural resources laws, rules, and regulations. In cases of violations the bond shall automatically accrue for rehabilitation works.
- 8.6. When public interest and safety so requires as determined by the agency or as declared by the President of the Philippines.

IX. PROCEDURES UPON DISCOVERY OF TREASURE FINDS

- 9.1. Within twenty-four (24) hours upon discovery of valuable items in the area applied for, the Permit Holder shall immediately notify the concerned unit of agency in writing via the email: heritagelaw@ncca.gov.ph, provided upon issuance of the permit inclusive of a brief description and photos of the discovered items.
- 9.2. The Executive Director will deputize nearby relevant government agencies in the area to secure the valuable items. It shall immediately notify the local government unit having jurisdiction of the place where the discovery was made. The local government shall promptly adopt measures to protect and safeguard the integrity of the valuable items so discovered.
- 9.3. Within a period of fifteen (15) days upon receipt of the report of the agency, the said items must be assessed by the personnel from the agency or authorized designated individuals either *in situ* or by transporting them to the agency.
- 9.4. The assessment is for purposes of determining whether they are considered to have cultural and/or historical value. If the items are considered to have historical or cultural value, the agency shall take over the items for appropriate action.
- 9.5. No Treasure Finds (gold bullions, platinum, jewelry, etc.) shall be moved from one point to another without a prior permit to transport issued by the agency. The permit to transport will be issued by the agency upon submission of the formal request to transport indicating the place of origin and destination, copy of the Treasure Hunting permit, and an inventory of items to be transported. The inventory of the treasure finds must be jointly conducted by the representative of a deputized government agency and the Permit Holder or his/her authorized representative.

X. VALUATION OF TREASURE FINDS

- 10.1. A Treasure Valuation Committee (TVC) shall be constituted by the Executive Director within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Guidelines to recommend to the Executive Director valuations for the treasures or objects brought before it, found through the treasure hunting activity, which correspond as closely as possible, taking


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account of all relevant factors, to what may be paid for the object(s) in a sale on the open market between a willing seller and a willing buyer.

- 10.2. The TVC has the discretion to commission more than one valuation where it deems it to be desirable, such as, but not limited to, when the treasure finds involved high value and rare objects.
- 10.3. It is expected that the TVC will be aware of the potential value of the treasure finds in its conserved state, after the deduction of cleaning and conservation costs. A valuation cannot be altered retrospectively in the light of a subsequent find. The valuation of newly discovered objects from a previously examined find may take account of that previous discovery.
- 10.4. The TVC reserves the right to adopt safeguards to ensure the reliability of the valuation evidence; for example, greater weight will be given to that from a valuer who belongs to a relevant recognized trade association with its own professional code.
- 10.5. The TVC will submit its recommendation to the Executive Director.

XI. SHARING

In the event of sale of treasure finds by the owner, the proportionate share in the proceeds of the sale, net of tax, if any, shall be as follows:

- 11.1. For Treasure Hunting within Public Lands, after an audited report of expenses have been evaluated and approved by the Executive Director – Fifty percent (50%) to the Government, fifty percent (50%) to the Permit Holder;
- 11.2. For treasures sold less than the valuation made by the TVC, the basis of the computation of the share of the government shall be that of the valuation of the TVC, the difference between the amount the object was sold, and the amount of the valuation shall be borne by the permit holder/treasure.

Should the owner of the treasure found decide not to sell the same, he must pay the government an amount equal to the fifty percent (50%) of the technical valuation of the object/treasure found in Public Land.

- 11.3. For Treasure Hunting in Private Lands – In accordance with Article 438 of the New Civil Code of the Philippines, hidden treasure belongs to the owner of the land, building, or other property on which it is found.

Nevertheless, when the discovery is made on the property of another, and by chance, one-half thereof shall be allowed to the finder. If the finder is a trespasser, he shall not be entitled to any share of the treasure.


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XII. GOVERNMENT RIGHTS

The agency, through the appropriate division, shall publish all treasure finds in an annual catalogue. Any intellectual property rights arising from the documentation or recording of the discovery, recovery and other such activities pertaining to Treasure Hunting by means of still photography, film, video or other forms of electronic media, publication of the images generated thereby and other forms of reproduction or dissemination of the same belong to the Government and shall be governed by appropriate laws.

XIII. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

In accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012, all information submitted by the applicants in support of their applications and other data supplied by the Permit Holder shall be treated as confidential by the Government from the time they are submitted/supplied to the Agency and/or Treasure Valuation Committee up to a period of two (2) years from the expiration of the permit. Likewise, illegal treasure hunting activities reported to the Agency must be treated with strict confidentiality.

XIV. REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation of disturbed areas shall be monitored in accordance with the Permit itself. In cases of forfeiture, the posted bond shall be used to rehabilitate the area and shall not be limited to rehabilitation activities but may include repair and maintenance of adjacent areas.

XV. PENALTIES

- 15.1. Any person who shall violate the terms and conditions of the permit or other provisions of these rules and regulations shall be penalized in accordance with R.A. 10066 and other existing applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- 15.2. Any violation of a Permit Holder of the terms and conditions of the permit shall warrant the automatic revocation thereof and shall bar him/her from further applying for a new Treasure Hunting Permit. In cases where the Permit Holder is a juridical entity, the partnership, association, or corporation, shall likewise be barred from further applying for a new Permit, such prohibition shall extend to the board members, officers, or persons having controlling interest therein, as reflected in its latest General Information Sheet.

XVI. GUIDELINES REVIEW PROCESS

This Guidelines shall be reviewed every five (5) years and at other times if any significant new information or organizational change warrants such review. The effectiveness of this Guidelines will be assessed as required and will be amended to reflect the needs of the agency, when necessary. The Executive Director is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this guidelines subject to the approval of the Chairman.

Any amendment to this Guidelines requires the approval of the NCCA Board.



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XVII. TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

All existing Treasure Hunting permits previously issued by the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP) shall be valid for the remainder of the term/period indicated in the permit. No permit issued by the NMP shall be renewed by the NCCA, and any person, natural or juridical, who wish to renew their NMP issued permit must apply for a new permit under the provisions of this Guidelines.

XVIII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any of the provisions of these rules and regulations is held or declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other provisions hereof shall continue to be in force as if the provision so annulled or voided had never been incorporated in these rules and regulations.

XIX. REPEALING CLAUSE

All rules, board resolutions, instructions, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Guidelines are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

XX. EFFECTIVITY

This Guidelines shall take effect after fifteen (15) calendar days following its full publication in the Official Gazette and in two (2) daily major newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever takes place sooner. A copy of this Guidelines shall be deposited in the National Administrative Register of the University of the Philippines Law Center.



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