

**MALACAÑANG  
MANILA**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 95**

**I. APPROVING THE 2003 INVESTMENT PRIORITIES PLAN**

Pursuant to Article 29 of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, the attached 2003 Investments Priorities Plan (IPP) is hereby approved.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication as required under Article 31 of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 14 day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*J. M. Arroyo*

By the President:

*Alberto G. Romulo*  
**ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
Executive Secretary



**Part I**  
**2003 IPP PRIORITY INVESTMENT AREAS**

**I. National List**

**A. Exports Activities\***

This covers export producers, export traders, service exporters, and activities considered in support of exporters.

**B. Mandatory Inclusions:**

All areas/activities, whose inclusion in the IPP are required under existing laws.

<u>LAW</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
P.D. 705	Industrial Tree Plantation
R.A. 7103	Iron and Steel Projects*
R.A. 7942	Exploration, Mining, Quarrying, and Processing of Minerals*
R.A. 8047	Publication or Printing of Books or Textbooks*
R.A. 8479	Refining, Storage, Marketing and Distribution of Petroleum products*
R.A. 9003	Ecological Solid Waste Management Act

**C. Support To Government Programs**

**1. Agricultural/ Fishery Production and Processing\***

Limited to activities covered under RA 8435 (agricultural and fisheries modernization), RA 7900 (production/processing of high value crops) and RA 8550 (commercial fishing).

**2. Energy Sources**

Exploration/development of indigenous, new and renewable energy sources and technologies, including natural gas, and establishment of mini-hydro electric power plants.

**3. Logistics**

Covers land, air and water transport: projects utilizing natural gas and alternative fuels such as conversion shops, terminals/refueling stations, manufacture/assembly of Natural Gas Vehicles (NGVs) and land transportation; air and water transport facilities that may include cargo operations and passenger terminals; container yards and passenger terminals (only new facilities are applicable for passenger terminals); shipbuilding/shipbreaking/shiprepair; integrated logistics; agricultural services; pipeline operations; environmental service activities.

**4. Drugs and Medicines\***

Manufacture of essential drugs (listed in the current Philippine National Drug Formulary of the Department of Health), herbal medicines and supplements,

vaccines for animal diseases (listed under the Bureau of Animal Industry – Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 12, Series of 1992) and active substances of drugs.

**5. Engineered Products\***

Manufacture of machinery and equipment including their parts and components, and parts & components of motor vehicles; manufacture of motor vehicles; preparation of designs of machinery and equipment and/or their parts and components

**6. Information and Communications Technology\***

Information and Communications Technology Services (ICT Services, ICT-enabled Services, ICT Support Activities)

**7. Infrastructure**

Establishment of physical infrastructure, e.g., roads, bridges, and telecommunication facilities, including those under the BOT Law.

**8. Mass Housing Projects including Development and Manufacture of Housing Components\*\***

**9. Research and Development Activities, including Bio-technology**

**10. Social Service\***

Establishment of educational training institutions, health service facilities, social welfare institutions, and retirement villages (limited to new facilities only).

**11. Tourism-related Projects as Endorsed by the Department of Tourism\***

Establishment of tourist accommodation facilities, tourism estates, historico-cultural heritage projects, tourist bus operations, and agri and eco tourism facilities.

**12. Motion picture limited to films with historical and socio-cultural significance, and documentary films**

**13. New projects and bio-technology projects with a minimum project cost of US\$2 Million not commercially undertaken in the Philippines as of 31 December 2001**

**14. Printing Facilities**

**II. Regional List**

**A. Industry Clusters**

Industry clusters (ICs) endorsed by the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Council (SMEDC). ICs will be limited to only one (1) cluster per province.

\*With Modernization Projects

\*\* Modernization Limited to Manufacture only

## **B. ARMM List**

The ARMM List covers priority activities which have been independently identified by the Regional Board of Investments of the ARMM in accordance with E.O. 458. The BOI-ARMM can grant registration and administer incentives to activities listed in the IPP, provided these are located in ARMM and subject to the General and Specific Guidelines.

### **1. Export Activities**

- a. Export Trader and Service Exporters
- b. Support Activities for Exporters

### **2. Agriculture, Food and Forestry-Based Industries**

- a. Processed Food
  - Production and processing of halal meat
  - Leguminous and other vegetable-based protein (textured, pelletized or liquid)
  - Spices processing (e.g. hot pepper, black pepper, ginger, etc.)  
Note: May be integrated with plantation
  - Vegetable oils (e.g. peanut oil, rice bran oil, sunflower and soybean oil) and production of food crops  
Note: Maybe integrated with post-harvest processing and other vegetables (such as tomatoes)
  - Integrated coconut processing and plantation
  - Seaweeds production and processing
  - Cassava processing  
Note: Maybe integrated with plantation.
  - Fruit processing (e.g. durian, mangosteen, jackfruit, marang, banana, mango, passion guava, calamansi, and guyabano) and plantation
  - Aquaculture (Fish Production and Processing) such as, but not limited to:
    - Frozen fish
    - Chilled fish
    - Canned fish
    - Abalone
    - Crab fattening
    - Eel production
    - Squid processing
    - Carp and tilapia production and processing
    - Tropical fish production and processing
    - Shrimps/prawn
    - Lapu-lapu (Grouper) and other marine products
  - Corn flour mill (integrated with plantation)
  - Young corn production  
Note: May include processing/canning
  - Mushrooms culture and processing
  - Sweet potato plantation and processing
  - Crocodile farming and processing

- b. Cutflower Production
- c. Pearl Culture and Processing
- d. Industrial Tree Plantation (include Mangrove, Rattan, Bamboo, etc.) and wood processing (cement wood board and fiberboard) reconstructed veneer.
- e. Shipbuilding and Watercraft
- f. Abaca Pulp Production and Processing
- g. Palm Oil Plantation, Processing, Refining and Germinated Oil Palm Seeds
- h. Coffee Processing (maybe integrated with plantation)
- i. Particle Board (use of agri-based waste material such as rice straw, wood waste, etc.)
- j. Activated Carbon Manufacturing (use of coconut shell, wood based, etc.)
- k. Feeds Production (animal feeds and feeds for aquaculture)
- l. Tobacco Plantation and Processing
- m. Production of Beverage Crops, but not limited to:
  - Cacao beans
  - Coffee beans (Arabica variety)
- n. Production of Plantation Crops and other Medical Herbs/Essential Oil Plants (including flower extracts)
- o. Production of Livestock and Poultry (including Dairy products)
  - Beef (including cow-calf and feedlot operations)
  - Carabao (water buffalo) production
  - Goats and sheep
  - Frozen semen and embryos

Note: includes natural method and artificial insemination and embryo transfer technology
- p. Bricks and Roofing Tiles Production
- q. Quality Seeds and Seedlings of Fruit Trees and Other Planting Materials Propagated Asexually or by Tissue Culture
- r. Sugar cane plantation and refineries
- s. Sericulture
- t. Mosquito coil processing

### **3. Basic Industries**

- a. Pharmaceuticals
  - Antibiotics
    - Penicillin

- Streptomycin
  - Tetracycline
  - Soft gelatin capsules
  - Medical Devices
    - Prosthetics
    - Diagnosis
  - Other pharmaceuticals, herbal medicines
- b. Textile and Textile Products
- Yarns and fabrics
  - Hand-woven textiles
  - Specialty fabrics
  - Tire cord fabrics
- Note: Must be integrated with weaving and dipping units
- Ramie (degummed, staple fiber, combed tops, noels and slivers)
  - Fish nets
  - Fabrics made of indigenous raw materials
  - Silk reeling
- c. Fertilizers
- Organic
  - Inorganic
- d. Mining (Exploration and Development of Mineral Resources)
- Mining and quarrying of metallic and non-metallic minerals (including small scale as defined under P.D. 1899, but to exclude river beds in operations)
  - Processing of minerals (such as beneficiation and other metallurgical methods)
- e. Cement – at least 1.0 million MTPY Capacity (clinker based)

#### **4. Consumer Manufactures**

- a. Rubber Products such as:
- High pressure and hydraulic rubber hoses
  - Rubber bolts
  - Industrial rubber rollers
  - Rubber tires
- b. Leather Products

#### **5. Infrastructure And Services**

- a. Public Utilities (with developmental route of the five provinces and one city of the ARMM and other adjacent Cities and Provinces)
- Common carriers (land, air and water transport facilities)
  - Electric transmission/distribution
  - Water supply facilities/waterways and sewerage systems
  - Buses/cargo trucks
  - Other specialized mass transport systems

- Power generation like Hydro Power, and Geothermal
  - b. Telecommunications with International Gateways
  - c. Tourism
    - Tourism estates  
Subject to guidelines developed jointly by the Board of Investments – ARMM and Department of Tourism (DOT)
    - Tourist accommodation facilities
      - Hotels
      - Resorts
      - Other tourist accommodation facilities such as appartels, pension houses, tourist inns, and others
    - Tourist transport facilities
      - Air
      - Water
      - Tourist buses and taxi/van
- Note: Should be endorsed by the DOT.  
New and expansion projects may be registered.

d. Industrial Service Facilities

This will cover the following activities:

- Common centers:
  - Testing and quality control laboratories
  - Training and demonstration centers
  - Tool shops and similar facilities
  - Metal working
    - ◆ Electroplating
    - ◆ Foundry
    - ◆ Forging
    - ◆ Machining
    - ◆ Heat treatment
    - ◆ Brass making
  - Furniture
    - ◆ Kiln drying
    - ◆ Treatment and processing facilities
  - Ceramics
    - ◆ Kiln
    - ◆ Glazing
  - Food Processing
    - ◆ Bottling and Canning of Water
    - ◆ Industrial salt
    - ◆ Vapor heat treatment
    - ◆ Slaughterhouse/abattoir
  - Automotive battery plate manufacturing

Note: The following criteria must be met:

- The project will serve the common needs of the industry in the locality and;

- The project will improve the relative status and comparative advantages of the industry.
- Development of Retirement Villages
  - Shall include health and medical facilities including amenities required by the Philippine Leisure and Retirement Authority (PLRA).
  - Subject to the guidelines to be approved by BOI-ARMM in consultation with the PRA, the Department of Health (DOH), the Regional Planning and Development Office (RPDO) and other concerned agencies.

e. Petrochemical Complex

f. Industrial Gases (such as oxygen and nitrogen)

g. Miscellaneous Chemical Products

- Biotechnological/biosynthetic chemicals
- Essential oils
- Fine chemicals

## 6. Engineering Industries

a. Engineering Products

- Motor vehicle parts and components
- Automobile parts and assembly
- Modern offset printing

b. Electronics and Telecommunication Products

## 7. ARMM Priority and Tourism Areas

Listed below are potential tourist destinations which need further exploration and evaluation for intensified promotions, development and marketing.

NUCLEUS	GATEWAY	SATELLITE DESTINATION
Area I-Sulu	Jolo	Sulu Province
Area II-Tawi-Tawi	Bongao	Tawi-Tawi Province
Area III-Lanao del Sur	Marawi City	Lanao del Sur Province
Area IV-Maguindanao	Cotabato City	Maguindanao Province
Area V-Basilan	Isabela	Basilan Province