

PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

PROTECTING AND DEFENDING THE AMBURAYAN RIVER BASIN AND WATERSHED

A PARTNERSHIP UNDERTAKING FOR THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE AMBURAYAN RIVER BASIN AND WATERSHED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ATOK, TUBLAY, BUGUIAS, KIBUNGAN, KAPANGAN AND BAKUN IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET; MUNICIPALITIES OF SUDIPEN, SANTOL AND BANGAR IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION; AND MUNICIPALITIES OF ALILEM, TAGUDIN AND SUGPON IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR

This agreement entered into by and among:

The **JAIME V. ONGPIN FOUNDATION, INC.**, a foundation duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and with the Philippine Council for NGO Certification, with principal address at 5th Floor, P.E. Building, University of the Cordilleras, Governor Pack Road, Baguio City, represented herein by its **President, DANIEL Z. URQUICO**, herein referred to as **JVOFI**.

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The **PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BENGUET**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet, represented by the **Provincial Governor, HON. NESTOR B. FONGWAN**, herein referred to as **PLGU OF BENGUET**.

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The **PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ILOCOS SUR**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Provincial Capitol, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur, represented by the **Provincial Governor, HON. RYAN LUIS V. SINGSON**, herein referred to as **PLGU OF ILOCOS SUR**.

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The **PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF LA UNION**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Provincial Capitol, San Fernando City, La Union, represented by the **Provincial Governor, HON. MANUEL C. ORTEGA**, herein referred to as **PLGU OF LA UNION**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ATOK**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Paoay, Atok, Benguet, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. PETER B. ALOS**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF ATOK**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BAKUN**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Ampusongan,

Bakun, Benguet, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. FAUSTO T. LABINIO**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF BAKUN**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BUGUIAS**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Abatan, Buguias, Benguet, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. MELCHOR D. DICLAS**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF BUGUIAS**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF KAPANGAN**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Lomon, Kapangan, Benguet, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. ROBERTO K. CANUTO**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF KAPANGAN**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF KIBUNGAN**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Poblacion, Kibungan, Benguet, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. BENITO D. SIADTO**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF KIBUNGAN**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF TUBLAY**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Acop, Tublay, Benguet, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. RUBEN E. PAOAD**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF TUBLAY**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ALILEM**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Poblacion, Alilem, Ilocos Sur, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. MAR RUEL P. SUMABAT**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF ALILEM**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF SUGPON**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Sugpon, Ilocos Sur, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. FERNANDO C. QUITON, SR.**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF SUGPON**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF TAGUDIN**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Tagudin, Ilocos

Sur, represented by the **Municipal Mayor, ATTY. JOSE V. BUNOAN, JR.**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF TAGUDIN**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF SUDIPEN**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Sudipen, La Union represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. WENDY JOY D. BUQUING**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF SUDIPEN**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF SANTOL**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Santol, La Union represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. DAISY A. SAYANGDA**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF SANTOL**.

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The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BANGAR**, a local government unit primarily mandated by Law for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction, with principal address at Bangar, La Union represented by the **Municipal Mayor, HON. JOY PINZON-MERIN**, herein referred to as **MLGU OF BANGAR**.

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The **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency mandated as the primary agency responsible for the conservation, management, protection, development and proper use of the country's natural resources and the promotion of sustainable development, with principal address at Diego Silang St., Baguio City and at Sevilla, San Fernando, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Executive Directors, PAQUITO T. MORENO**, and **SAMUEL R. PEÑAFIEL, JR.**, herein referred to as **DENR**.

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The **DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency mandated as the primary agency responsible for the promotion of peace and order, ensures public safety, and strengthens the capability of local government units to effectively deliver basic services to the citizenry, with principal address at Barangay Center, Baguio City and Aguila Road, Sevilla Norte, San Fernando City, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Directors, JOHN M. CASTAÑEDA** and **DR. JULIE J. DAQUIOAG**, herein referred to as **DILG**.

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The **NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES - CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency mandated as the primary agency responsible for the protection and promotion of the interest and well-being of the indigenous cultural communities/ indigenous peoples with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions and institutions, with principal address at Ogiby Lyman Bldg., Magsaysay Ave., Baguio City and 2/f Martinez Bldg., Quezon Ave., San Fernando, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Directors, NORA T. CHULIPA** and **ENGR. SANCHO S. BUQUING**, herein referred to as **NCIP**.

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The **NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government owned and control corporation responsible in providing adequate level of irrigation service on a sustainable basis in partnership with farmers and local government units and in providing technical assistance to institutions in the development of water resources for irrigation, with principal address at Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, and Bayaoas, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Managers, ENGR. JOHN L. SOCALO** and **ENGR. JOHN N. CELESTE**, herein referred to as **NIA**.

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The **NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD**, a government agency responsible for ensuring optimum exploitation, utilization, development, conservation and protection of the country's water resource, consistent with the principles of Integrated Water Resource Management, with principal address at 8th Floor NIA Bldg., EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by its **Executive Director, DR. SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR.**, herein referred to as **NWRB**.

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The **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency mandated as the primary agency to undertake the planning of infrastructure of national roads and bridges, flood control, water resources projects and other public works, and to undertake the design, construction, and maintenance of national roads and bridges, and major flood control systems, with principal address at Engineers Hill, Baguio City and Aguila Road, Sevilla, San Fernando City, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Directors, ENGR. EDILBERTO P. CARABBACAN** and **ENGR. MELANIO C. BRIOSOS**, herein referred to as **DPWH**.

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The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency responsible for the promotion of agricultural development by providing policy framework, public investments, and support services needed for domestic and export-oriented business enterprises, with principal address at BPI Compound, Guisad Road, Baguio City and Capitol Compound, San Fernando City, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Directors, MARILYN V. STA CATALINA** and **VALENTINO C. PERDIDO**, herein referred to as **DA**.

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The **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency responsible in providing national policy direction and develop national plans, technical standards and guidelines on health, with principal address at BGHMC Compound, Baguio City and San Fernando City, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Directors, DR. VALERIANO V. LOPEZ** and **DR. MYRNA C. CABOTAJE**, herein referred to as **DOH**.

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The **NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency primarily responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs, with principal address at Guisad Road, Baguio City and RDC/ NEDA Building, Guerrero Road, Barangay 1, San Fernando City, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Directors, MILAGROS A. RIMANDO** and **NESTOR G. RILLON**, herein referred to as **NEDA**.

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The **SN ABOITIZ POWER**, a corporation investing in the generation, production and distribution of power, owning and operating the Luzon Hydro Corporation in Alilem, Ilocos Sur and the Bakun AC Hydro Plant in Bakun, Benguet, with principal address at 32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City 1634 Taguig City, represented herein by its **President and CEO, EMMANUEL V. RUBIO** hereinafter referred to as **SNAP**.

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The **HEDCOR, INC**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aboitiz Power, specializing in generating renewable energy from run-of-river hydropower systems with office at 214 Ambuklao Road, Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet, represented herein by its **Senior Vice President, CHRIS FERNANDO FAELNAR**, herein referred to as **HEDCOR**.

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The **DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and REGION 1**, a government agency mandated as the primary government agency responsible for the promotion and development of tourism as a major socio-economic activity to generate income and employment in the country with principal address at DOT – Tourism Complex, Gov. Pack Road, Baguio City and Oasis Country Resort, National Highway, Barangay Sevilla, San Fernando City, La Union, respectively, represented herein by its **Regional Directors, PURIFICACION S. MOLINTAS and MARTIN S. VALERA**, herein referred to as **DOT**.

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The **BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY**, an educational institution established to provide better educational services, trainings, and scientific researches and environment related technology aspects, with principal address at Km.5, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet, represented herein by its **University President, DR. BEN D. LADILAD**, herein referred to as **BSU**.

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The **DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY**, an educational institution established to provide better educational services, trainings, and scientific researches and environment related technology aspects, with principal address at Sapilang, Bacnotan, La Union, herein represented by its **University President, ATTY. BENJAMIN P. SAPITULA**, referred to herein as **DMMMSU**.

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The **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES - BAGUIO**, an educational institution established to provide better educational services, trainings, and scientific researches and environment related technology aspects, with principal address at Governor Pack Road, Baguio City, herein represented by its **Chancellor, DR. RAYMUNDO D. ROVILLOS**, referred to herein as **UPB**.

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The **UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN PHILIPPINES**, an educational institution established to provide better educational services, trainings, and scientific researches and environment related technology aspects, with principal address at Tamag, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur, herein represented by its **University President, DR. GILBERT R. ARCE**, referred to herein as **UNP**.

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WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9275, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 provides that the State shall pursue a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection, preservation and revival of our fresh, brackish and marine waters;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 provides that the State shall recognize and promote all the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that xxx within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology xxx;

WHEREAS, Section 17 (a) (b) of the same Code mandates that local government units shall discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them xxx likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provision of basic services and facilities;

“For a Municipality:

- (i) Extension and on-site research services and facilities related to agriculture and fishery activities which include xxx water and soil resource utilization and conservation projects;

For a Province:

- (iii) Pursuant to national policies and subject to supervision, control and review of the DENR, enforcement of forestry laws limited to community-based forestry projects, pollution control law, small scale mining law and other laws on the protection of the environment; mini-hydro electric projects for local purposes;
- (vii) Infrastructure facilities intended to service the needs of the residents of the Province and which are funded out of Provincial funds including xxx drainage and sewerage, flood control and irrigation systems xxx;

WHEREAS, Section 468 (4) (i) of the same Code mandates the Provincial LGU to enact ordinances, approve resolutions, appropriate funds and xxx adopt measures and safeguards against pollution and for the preservation of the natural ecosystem in the province, in consonance with approved standards on human settlements and environmental sanitation;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 1067, otherwise known as the Water Code of the Philippines of 1976 is a law governing the ownership, appropriation, utilization, exploitation, development, conservation and protection of water resources;

WHEREAS, the **USAID PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN Fund**, provided funding support for the project entitled **“Protecting and Defending the Amburayan River Basin and Watershed through Good Governance and Active Peoples Participation”** which aims to strengthen local capacities on river basin and watershed governance for a sustained protection, management and conservation of the Amburayan River basin and watershed;

WHEREAS, **JVOFI** is tasked to implement the three-year project aimed at institutionalizing a collaborative stakeholder management of the Amburayan River Basin & Watersheds ensuring indigenous peoples rights & active participation;

WHEREAS, the project aims to achieve the following outcomes within the three year period of project implementation:

1. Development of an Amburayan Integrated Water Resource Management Plan including an integrated water quality management plan; utilized and implemented by the Amburayan Multi-stakeholder Council in managing the Amburayan River Basin and Watersheds;

2. Amburayan River enrolled as a Water Quality Management Area;
3. Amburayan River Council/ Governing Board composed of all stakeholders (LGUs, Indigenous and Community Peoples' Organizations, Business Sectors, Government Agencies, Academe) organized and capacitated ably assuming management functions;
4. Feedback system, monitoring and evaluation and IECs in place for the Amburayan river basin and watersheds; and
5. Project exit and sustainability plans in place.

WHEREAS, the PLGU of Benguet, PLGU of Ilocos Sur, PLGU of La Union, the MLGU of Atok, MLGU of Tublay, MLGU of Buguias, MLGU of Kibungan, MLGU of Kapangan, MLGU of Bakun, MLGU of Alilem, MLGU of Sugpon, MLGU of Tagudin, MLGU of Sudipen, MLGU of Santol and the MLGU of Bangar realizes the need for community cooperation in the conservation and protection of the Amburayan River as the primary source of livelihood, irrigation, power and for it being a traditional site;

WHEREAS, the DENR and the different line agencies recognizes the need to arrest degradation, pollution and contamination of the river and water systems and to stem the unwanted destruction of forest resources. They also recognize their lead role in fulfilling the obligation of the State to protect the forest cover areas not only to prevent flash floods and hazardous flooding but also to preserve the biodiversity, protect threatened habitats and sanctuaries of endangered and rare species;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the following premises, the parties hereby agree as follows:

The JVOFI shall:

1. Coordinate with DENR, DILG, NCIP, NIA, NWRB, DPWH, DA, DOH, NEDA, DOT, SNAP, HEDCOR, Provincial Local Government Units of Benguet, Ilocos Sur & La Union, Municipal Local Government units of Atok, Tublay, Buguias, Kapangan, Kibungan, Bakun, Alilem, Tagudin, Sugpon, Sudipen, Santol & Bangar and other agencies concerned for the implementation of the project with the following objectives:
 - a. Prepare an Amburayan Integrated Water Resource Management Plan that will be implemented by the Amburayan Multi-stakeholder council in managing Amburayan river basin and watershed;
 - b. Organize and capacitate an Amburayan River Council/ Governing Board composed of all stakeholders (LGUs, Indigenous Peoples' Organizations/ Community Organizations, Business sector, Government Agencies, Academe) to assume management functions for the Amburayan river basin and watershed;
 - c. Conduct assessment of the water quality and biophysical, socio-economic and political elements of Amburayan river and enrolment as a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) of the DENR;
 - d. Capacitate the LGU's, partner-agencies, Peoples Organizations and the communities to strongly protect and manage Amburayan River;
 - e. Establish and put in place a feedback, monitoring and evaluation and IEC system for the Amburayan river basin and watersheds.
2. Provide financial support to the project which shall be used solely for the purposes and activities described in the attached logical framework of the grant agreement between USAID PHIL-AM and JVOFI;
3. Coordinate and conduct the capability building/ training for the Peoples Organizations, Local Officials, Partner Agencies and members of the community in the areas traversed and affected by the Amburayan River;
4. Coordinate conduct of water resources assessment (i.e. water sources, its quality, availability and users) in the river basin as part of the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) implementation;
5. Provide quarterly activity/ accomplishment reports and final project report to USAID as well as project partners;

6. Implement and oversee all action activities in coordination with partner-agencies as indicated in the project logical framework (hereto attached as Annex A);
7. Coordinate and ensure the implementation and sustainability of the IWRM plan after project completion.

The DENR shall:

1. Provide technical assistance in the enrollment & designation of Amburayan River as Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) and in development of Integrated Watershed Resource Management Plan (IWRP) and other technical requirements such as biophysical assessment, biodiversity profiling of the river basin and watershed and ensure implementation of WQMA & IWRM plans;
2. Advocate sharing of information and experiences in relation to sustainable river basin & watershed management and protection;
3. Provide technical support and advisory in the attainment of project objectives in coordination with the NWRB, DILG, NIA, NCIP, DPWH, DA, DOH, NEDA, JVOFI, SNAP, HEDCOR, DOT, Provincial Local Government Units of Benguet, Ilocos Sur & La Union, Municipal Local Government units of Atok, Tublay, Buguias, Kapangan, Kibungan, Bakun, Alilem, Tagudin, Sugpon, Sudipen, Santol & Bangar and other agencies concerned on the following activities:
 - a. Organization/ creation of the technical working group/s to facilitate completion of requirements for enrolment of Amburayan river as Water Quality Management Area;
 - b. Conduct of water quality monitoring, pollution control and geo-hazard assessment;
 - c. Development of a feedback, monitoring and evaluation and information management and decision support system for the Amburayan River Council/ Governing Board;
4. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues with settlers, indigenous peoples' organizations, farmers and other stakeholders in coordination with other agencies;
5. Facilitate the deputation of qualified stakeholders as Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officers (DENROs) to sustain the enforcement of forest laws, rules and regulations and protection of the river basin, forest and watershed areas; and
6. Appoint/ designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project

The PLGU of BENGUET, PLGU of ILOCOS SUR and PLGU of LA UNION shall:

1. In coordination with all project partners, jointly supervise and monitor the project to ensure that all activities are in accordance to project work plan and agreements;
2. Assist in resolving issues or conflicts that may arise among indigenous peoples, farmers and project proponents in the Amburayan River;
3. Enact Provincial Ordinances and pass Resolutions on river basin and watershed protection including but not limited to Resolutions endorsing the passage of a law by the Congress of the Philippines creating the Amburayan River Basin and Watershed Development Authority and providing regular funding for sustainable development;
4. Assist the Municipal Local Government Units in passage or enactment of ordinances and resolutions on river basin and watershed protection;
5. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan and ensure its implementation;
6. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Amburayan River Management Council/ Board, Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project;
7. Provide funding counterparts if available for the implementation of the project;
8. Protect the interest of the JVOFI and free the institution from any form of liability and damages in connection to the implementation of the project; and
9. Perform other related functions as maybe necessary for most effective and efficient project implementation for best result.

The MLGU of ATOK, MLGU of TUBLAY, MLGU of BUGUIAS, MLGU of KIBUNGAN, MLGU of KAPANGAN, MLGU of BAKUN, MLGU of ALILEM, MLGU of SUGPON, MLGU of TAGUDIN, MLGU of SUDIPEN, MLGU of SANTOL and MLGU of BANGAR shall:

1. In coordination with all project partners, jointly supervise and monitor the project to ensure that all activities are in accordance to work program agreement and assist in resolving issues or conflicts that may arise among indigenous peoples, farmers and project proponents in the Amburayan River;
2. Enact municipal ordinances and resolutions on river basin and watershed protection;
3. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan and ensure its implementation;
4. Provide funding counterparts if available for the implementation of the project ;
5. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project;
6. Protect the interest of JVOFI and free the institution from any form of liability and damages in connection to the implementation of the project;
7. Request PNP to provide escorts/ or police protection for the other parties' representative/s in the performance of the latter's respective responsibilities whenever their physical presence is required in the area.

The NWRB shall:

1. Pursuant to PD 424, PD 1067 and Republic Act No. 9275:
 - a. Provide technical assistance in the delineation of the Amburayan river basin/ watershed for the enrolment of the Amburayan river as water quality management area and preparation of IWRM plan;
 - b. Enforce the Water Code of the Philippines in terms of regulation of water use in collaboration/ partnership with stakeholders;
2. Promote sharing of information and experiences in relation to sustainable river basin & watershed management and protection; and
3. Appoint/ designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project.

The DILG shall:

1. Enjoin LGUs to enforce the provisions of RA 7160 (Local Government Code) in so far as protection and management of the environment and natural resources within their respective municipal waters are concerned;
2. Encourage LGUs to ensure and/or pass appropriate ordinances to prohibit anyone to throw, run, drain, or otherwise dispose into the river and its tributaries any organic or inorganic matter or any substance in gaseous or liquid form that shall cause pollution of such waters, land or atmospheric air as provided for under Section 9 of RA 3931 of 1964 on the Creation of National Water and Air Pollution Control Commission (now Environment Management Bureau);
3. Provide guidance on how partnerships shall take place and in setting-up mechanisms in the implementation of management roles and functions from the National Government Agencies to the LGUs and the Council and also in forging closer alliance among the project partners;
4. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan and ensure its implementation;
5. Assist in the dissemination of information to ensure the safe and satisfactory condition of the Amburayan river water quality and the necessary waste management therein;
6. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project.

The NCIP shall:

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 8371 otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997, must provide assistance to the project by providing advisories for promotion and protection of rights

and well-being of Indigenous Peoples in the areas traversed & affected by the Amburayan river basin and watershed;

2. With Emphasis on Administrative Order No. 3 Series of 2012, or the Revised Guidelines on Free And Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) and Related Processes of 2012, consult and conduct FPIC as may be necessary in the areas traversed & affected by the Amburayan river basin and watershed;
3. In coordination with all project partners, assist in resolving issues or conflicts that may arise between indigenous peoples, farmers and project proponents in exploration, development and utilization of the Amburayan river ;
4. Provide project partners data on the population of Indigenous peoples and the ancestral domain occupied by them along the areas traversed & affected by the Amburayan river basin and watershed;
5. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues related to project implementation;
6. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan taking into consideration the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development Protection Plans (ADSDPPs) of the concerned Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) and ensure its implementation; and
7. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project.

The NIA shall:

1. Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 552 and Republic Act No. 3601, assist in the conduct of studies and investigations within the Amburayan river basin as source of irrigation and hydraulic power development, with due regard to environmental protection and indigenous peoples beliefs and traditions;
2. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues related to the project implementation;
3. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan and ensure its implementation;
4. Appoint/ designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project;

The DPWH shall:

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 124, series of 1987 known as the Reorganization of the Ministry of Public Works and Highways, Redefining Its Powers and Functions, and for other purposes, coordinate with all project partners in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of proposed flood control and water resources development system in the Amburayan river basin;
2. Advocate sharing of information and experiences in relation to flood control and water resources development system in the Amburayan river basin;
3. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues related to project implementation;
4. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan and ensure its implementation; and
5. Appoint/ designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project;

The DA Shall:

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 8435 otherwise known as the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997, provide technical and administrative assistance in promoting and monitoring agricultural activities in the areas traversed & affected by the Amburayan river;
2. In coordination with all project partners, assist in resolving issues or conflicts that may arise between indigenous peoples, farmers and project proponents in exploration, development and utilization of the Amburayan river ;

3. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues related to project implementation;
4. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan and ensure its implementation; and
5. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project.

The DOH Shall:

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 102, provide technical and administrative assistance in the health quality monitoring of the citizens residing in the areas traversed & affected by the Amburayan river;
2. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues related to project implementation;
3. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan; and
4. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project

The NEDA Shall:

1. Facilitate the inclusion of the project and the activities included in the Amburayan Integrated Watershed and River Management Plan in the priorities of the Regional Development Plan;
2. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues related to project implementation; and
3. Provide technical resource in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan; and
4. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project.

The SNAP and HEDCOR shall:

1. Provide technical and administrative assistance related to the project implementation including in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan and ensure its implementation;
2. In coordination with all project partners, assist in resolving issues or conflicts that may arise between indigenous peoples, farmers and project proponents in exploration, development and utilization of the Amburayan river;
3. Advocate sharing of information and experiences in relation to sustainable river and watershed management and protection;
4. Jointly monitor the project and make recommendations for improvement; and
5. Actively participate in the conduct of public hearings, consultations and dialogues related to project implementation; and
6. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project.

The DOT shall:

1. Provide technical assistance and support in project implementation related to the promotion of ecotourism, especially in the capacity building of the community members in the project areas;
2. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan, especially in the identification and promotion of sustainable ecotourism;
3. Advocate sharing of information and experiences in relation to sustainable promotion and marketing of ecotourism practices in the country;
4. Assist in the identification and promotion of feasible ecotourism sites in coordination with the concerned LGUs and other concerned stakeholders.

BSU, UPB, DMMSU, UNP Shall:

1. Advocate sharing of information and experiences in relation to research studies on the biophysical, social, economic and political state of the Amburayan river and watershed;
2. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the preparation of the Amburayan River Basin & Watershed Integrated Water Resource Management and Sustainability Plan especially results of research studies on the Amburayan river and watershed;
3. Provide assistance in other project related activities as need arises; and
4. Designate permanent and alternative representative/s to the Project Management Team (PMT) and Project Implementing Team (PIT) for the duration of the project.

SETTLEMENT OR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES OR CONFLICTS

The parties herein shall endeavor that any and all conflicts or disputes arising out of or from the implementation or interpretation of any of the provisions hereof shall be firstly settled through peaceful alternative modes of dispute resolution before any action may be filed in court.

However, should a court action ensue after complying with the immediately preceding section, the venue shall be at the appropriate court in the Provinces of Benguet, Ilocos Sur and La Union to the exclusion of all other courts.

EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE:

This Agreement shall take effect upon signing hereof by the parties concerned.

This agreement shall have duration of 3 years from the signing of this MOA or until June 9, 2017. This agreement may be subject to modifications and/ or alterations upon prior written mutual consent of the contracting parties.

SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Should any provision in this agreement be subsequently declared void and ineffective by a court or body of competent jurisdiction, all provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affixed their signatures on this 17th day of November 2014 in the Province of Benguet, Philippines.

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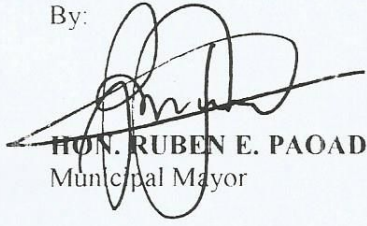
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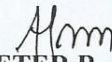
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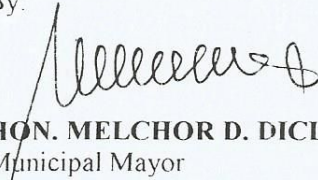
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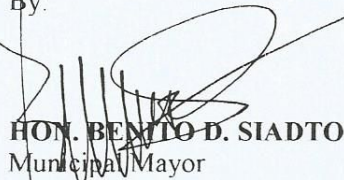
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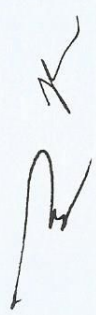
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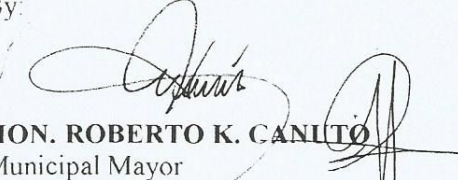
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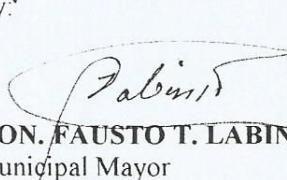
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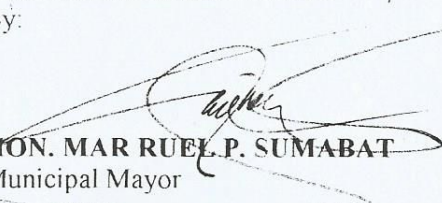
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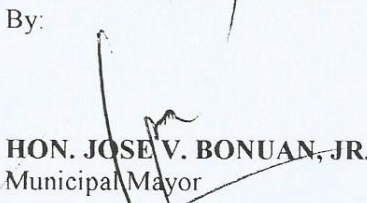
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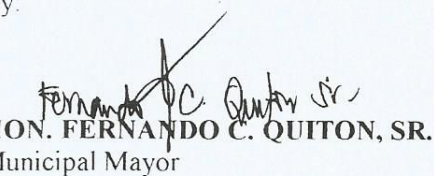
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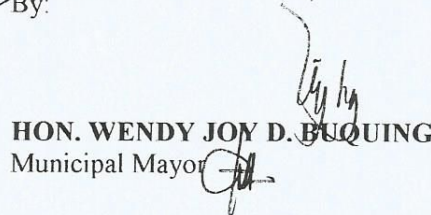
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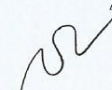

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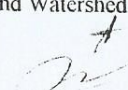












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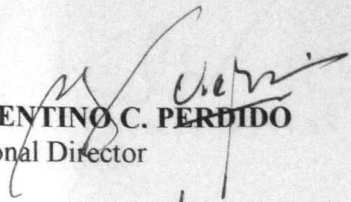
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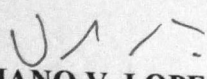
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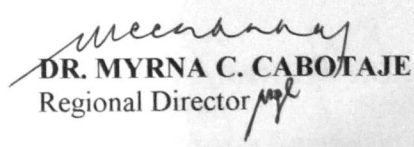
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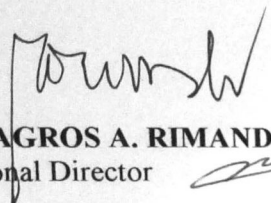
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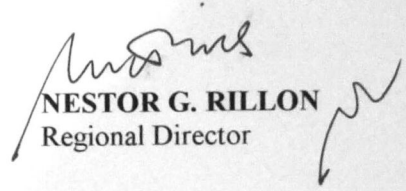
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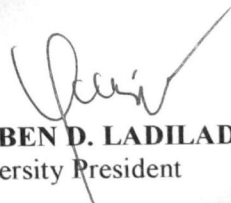
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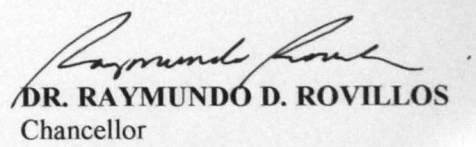
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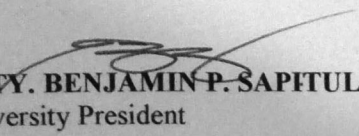
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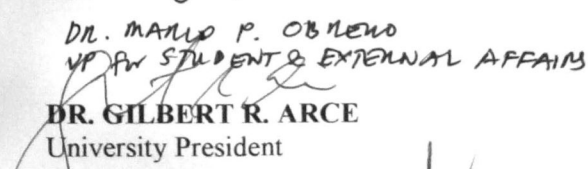
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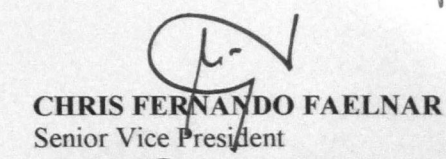
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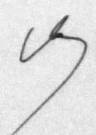
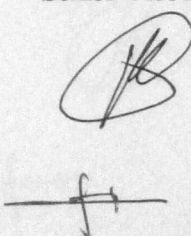
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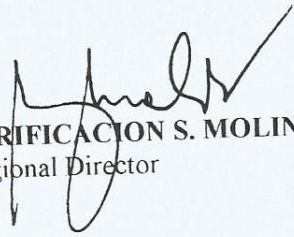
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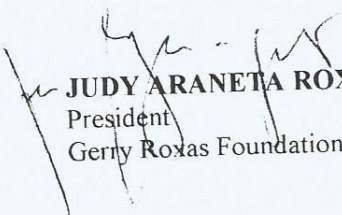
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