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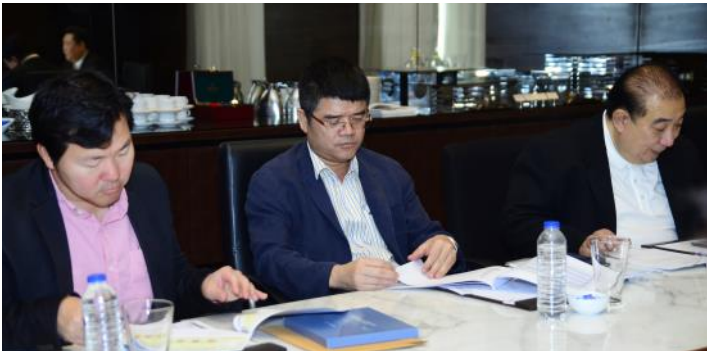
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The PWPA Welcomes Regina Paz “Gina” Lopez as New DENR Secretary

Last June 30, 2016, Regina Paz “Gina” Lopez assumed office as the new Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). She was appointed by newly elected President Rodrigo “Rody” Duterte in order to fill in the role of the outgoing Secretary Ramon Paje.

The official turn-over ceremony was held on July 1, 2016, at the DENR Social Hall.

During the event’s press conference, the newly minted Secretary stated that she would be taking a closer at local mining activities, in order to see if they are operating up to standards, especially as mining has become a big concern for the Philippines and the local environment in the past.

Aside from this, she said that she will be campaigning for reforestation, and will help spread awareness by coming up with environmental summits for the youth. Aside from this, she hopes to create a new hotline and regional helpdesks so that the locals will have more access to information and to the department itself.

Lopez, prior to her appointment, was the Chairman for both the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. and the Pasig River Rehabilitation Coalition (PRCC), and has been instrumental in various projects such as the “Kapit Bisig para sa Ilog Pasig” project, the reforestation of the La Mesa Watershed Reservation, and Sagip Kapamilya.

Lopez is the daughter of ABS-CBN Chairman Emeritus Eugenio Lopez, Jr. and the sister of ABS-CBN Chairman Eugenio Lopez III.

The Philippine Producers Wood Association of the Philippines (PWPA), in their letter dated June 24, 2016, congratulated and warmly welcomed the new Environment Secretary and pledged its support and cooperation to her future initiatives in the department, and hopes that together, they will be able to make a difference in preserving forests and the local wood industry.



New DENR Secretary Regina Paz “Gina” Lopez

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PWPA Joins the PRC Awards Night

The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) together with representatives from the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other professional groups and agencies join the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) in celebrating its 43rd Founding anniversary and Professional Awards Night last June 22, 2016 at the Manila Hotel.

Themed “Going Global,” the PRC, in coordination with the Philippine Association of the Professional Regulatory Board, Inc. and the Foundation for Outstanding Professional Association, Inc.

recognized professionals and accredited professional organizations who accomplished their duties with professionalism, integrity, responsibility, accountability, competence and excellence.

More than 30 professionals were awarded the 2016 Outstanding Professionals in their respective fields of profession. For the field of Forestry, DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones was given the award.

The Professional Regulatory Board for Foresters is chaired by Commissioner Neria Andin with members Commissioners Jose Lorenzo and Gerardo Cabreros.



From L-R. PRC Commissioner Gerardo Cabreros, former DENR Usec Renato de Rueda, SFFI President Tom Valdez, PRC Board for Forester Chairman Neria Andin, 2016 Outstanding Forester DENR Usec Jonas Leones, PWPA Executive Director Maila Vasquez, DENR/ERDB Director Henry Adornado and PRC Commissioner Jose Lorenzo.

Usec. Jonas Roque Leones Receives Outstanding Forester Award

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Environment and International Environmental Affairs Jonas Roque Leones was given the Outstanding Forester Award last June 22, 2016 during the 43rd Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Awards Night at the Manila Hotel.

He was given the award due to his contributions in breaking the mold and innovating the role of a forester in today's day and age; and for creating collaborative efforts between the forestry sector and other environmental related fields such as urban planning, climate change, among others.

Aside from this, he also supported and advocated global agenda such as the Paris Agreement signed recently in New York.

Prior to becoming the DENR Undersecretary, Leones worked hard for the environment and for the forestry sector as the former Environmental Management Bureau Director, and as the Former Deputy Project Director for the Forest Management Bureau's National Forestation Development Office.



2016 Outstanding Forester DENR Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones

PIDS Holds Focus Group Discussion on the Local Wood Industry

Last July 11, 2016, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), in line with the World Bank's Study on CARAGA's wood industry, held a focus group discussion with members of the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) regarding further studies into the local wood processing industry at the AIM Conference Center in Makati City.

PIDS Team Leader David Bunao said that the focus group discussion was aimed at looking into the past and present status of the local wood processing industry; the description of the local wood processing industry value chain; and the challenges and issues in the industry including recommendations for these.

He showed the participants a flowchart of the industry, and a diagram on the job value chain of the wood industry, where necessary adjustments were made by the PWPA members.

The PWPA participants answered all of Bunao's questions, and did not shy away from providing insights based on their own experiences. They were also able to inform them of the differences between the past and the present local wood industry, and candidly discussed the many challenges and opportunities that come and go in the local wood processing industry.

After thanking the participants and informing them that they would be notified again when PIDS has finished their study, Trustee Evaristo Narvaez, Jr. asked for an outline of the study, which was seconded by Executive Director Maila Vasquez who requested for a copy of the study prior to its publication.

Bunao promised to send PWPA the outline and the study.

Aside from Bunao, fellow researchers Juan Alfonso Tanghal and Christine Ma. Grace Salinas attended and assisted in conducting the focus group discussion.

The PWPA members that were present included Executive Director Vasquez, Trustee Narvaez, Trustee Antonio C. Olizon, Vice Chair Ramon Uy, Pateco President Charlie Lu, Richmond Plywood Corp., United Wood Industries Corp., and Philippine Softwood Products, Inc. Liaison Officer Francis Fernandez, and SMWPI's Luisito Chao.

Did you know that...

*A tree can absorb up to 150 kg of CO₂ per year,
sequester carbon and consequently mitigate climate change?*



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SAVE THE DATE

**WOOD: A STRONG
CLIMATE CHANGE
SOLUTION**

25-26 OCTOBER 2016

Organized by the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA), the 2-day event is a perfect platform for suppliers, manufacturers & wood enthusiasts to showcase their products, innovative technologies and production scenarios.

Attracting high quality trade professionals from all over the world, you can gain the advantage by participating in the 1st Philippine Wood Expo. Aimed at expanding your business reach by meeting relevant business partners; suppliers, manufacturers, trade associations and institutions, you have exclusive access to the latest products, techniques, information and expertise necessary to maintain a productive and profitable business in this changing economy.

Expected Visitors

- Manufacturers
- Importers and Exporters
- Government officers
- Forestry consultants
- Contractors and Developers
- Architects and Interior Designers
- Association and Institutions
- Wood enthusiasts
- Media

Top Visiting Countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- China
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- United States of America • Thailand
- Vietnam



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WHAT TO EXPECT

Free to all PWPA members, the Philippine Wood Expo will help the local \$5.03 billion wood market as the event will showcase sustainable trends and innovation in the local wood industry. Aside from this, there will be breakout sessions with keynote speakers who will allow participants to understand pressing environmental issues and how wood is a solution to mitigating climate change.



Ramon Uy, New PLMA President

Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) Vice Chairman Ramon Uy took oath as the new Philippine Lumber Merchant Association (PLMA), Inc. President last July 31, 2016 at the 71st Induction and Turn-over Ceremonies of Officers & Directors at the PLMA Bldg., Intramuros, Manila.

Uy of the Consolidated Wood Products, Inc., will be the President of PLMA for the next two years, 2016-2018. He took over the leadership from Mr. Aquino Lee of the Timberyard Corporation.

PLMA former President Lino Uy officiated the induction rites of about 40 PLMA directors and the turn-over ceremony of former President Lee and new President Uy.

The occasion was graced by Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Vice President Sy Seng Yen and gave a message to the association.

Former and current presidents also gave their messages. Former president Lee talked about the opportunities and other wood technologies while current president Uy talked about the importance of the use of wood and its role in mitigating climate change.

PWPA Chairman Charlie Liu also gave a message and invited everyone to attend the upcoming Philippine Wood Expo & Forum.

PLMA, the association of sawmillers and lumber dealers, was organized in 1920 and was registered at the Securities & Exchange Commission in 1986.



Mr. Ramon Uy, the new President of the Philippine Lumber Merchant Association, Inc.

Photo Highlights of the PLMA's 71st Induction & Turn-over Ceremonies



DTI Issues Implementing Guidelines for the Marking and Labelling Requirements of DAO 15-01

Last June 8, 2016, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) finally approved and released the new implementation guidelines for the marking and labelling requirements of its Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 15-01, issued last year, dated July 1, 2015. The implementing guidelines, which should have been released no later than three months after the effectivity of the DAO 15-01, aimed at putting a uniform marking and labelling for the products delisted from the list of products under mandatory certification such as ceramic tiles, flat glass, plywood, among others.

Though mandatory marking and labelling is on a self-declaration basis, the DTI may verify or validate the veracity of the information marked and labeled on the products through its Fair Trade and Enforcement Bureau, and if products are found not in conformity with the label and standards, the DTI is allowed to enforce the necessary legal actions or impose the appropriate penalties.

For each delisted product, the mandatory marking and labelling follows the specifications mandated by its Philippine National Standards (PNS). In the case of plywood, it follows PNS 196:2000 and PNS 2103:2014. The implementing guidelines also included the packaging requirements for each delisted product.

It could be recalled that the DAO 15-01 delisted some products from the mandatory list and transferred it to the mandatory marking and labelling on the reason that the product is not life threatening.

Because of this, manufacturers of the delisted products such as the local plywood manufacturers in the case of the local wood industry, submitted a position paper contesting the matter. According to them, plywood, as an important construction material, will threaten and compromise the health and safety of consumers and workers as it will expose them to formaldehyde emissions. Aside from this, it will encourage substandard material to circulate in the market which will endanger the construction industry and compromise the sea-worthiness of the boat-making industry.

The local plywood manufacturers and the other affected manufacturers continue to contest the premises the DAO 15-01 was issued.

3.2 Plywood (PNS 196:2000 and PNS 2103:2014)	
3.2.1 Marking and Labeling	
Markings and Labeling Requirements	Applicable Information
Trade name/Trademark	i.e. XYZ
Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type I – Marine or Type I – Exterior • Type II – Ordinary or Type II – Interior
Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade A • Grade B • Grade C • Grade D • Grade E
Thickness in mm	i.e. 4.0mm
Moisture Content (%)	Compliant
Glue Bond Strength	Compliant
Formaldehyde Emission (FE)	"FE" and the star rating i.e. FE ★ FE ★★ FE ★★★ FE ★★★★
Name & Address of importer or manufacturer	i.e. XYZ Enterprise 3F, Trade and Industry Building 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Country of Manufacture	i.e. Made in the Philippines

Implementing Guidelines DAO 15-01 2015

3.2.2 Packaging

3.2.2.1 The plywood shall be packed or crated to provide suitable protection from the elements to the panels.

3.2.2.2 Sticker or stamped markings and/or edge branding shall be used as prescribed by the standard.

Technical Working Groups Meet Regarding Industry Standards & Systems

The last two weeks of June were quite busy for both the Technical Group on Wood-Based Panels (TC 35) and the Technical Working Group on Lumber (TC 22) as they met their respective group members to discuss industry standards and grading systems.

TC 35 held their meeting last June 24, 2016, at the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) Conference Room at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Makati City, where they planned to discuss and deliberate regarding the international standards on plywood.

The group reviewed and discussed the International Standard Organization (ISO) standards for the classification of plywood (ISO 1096:2014); the tolerances on dimension of plywood (ISO 1954:2013); the vocabulary of plywood (ISO 2074:2007); the testing method on the bonding quality of plywood (ISO 123466:1:2007/Amd 1:2013); and the requirements for the bonding quality of plywood (ISO 12466:2:2007).

Upon deliberation and review, they adopted some standards, and made some minor adjustments for revisions to some, which, according to DTI-BPS Technical Officer Tes del Rosario, will be taken into consideration by DTI in coming up with a draft of Philippine Standards. This draft will then be given to the stakeholders concerned for review and comments before formally finalizing said standards.

Five days later, on June 29, 2016, the Technical Working Group on Lumber (TC 22), met with each other at the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) Forest Products Research and Development Institute (FPRDI), which is housed in the UP-Los Banos, College of Forestry and Natural Resources campus in Laguna. They discussed the draft for the Philippine National Standards

on the grading system for timber - veneer logs, sawlogs and lumber from plantation species - grading system, in order to finalize it.

Those that attended the meeting included representatives from DTI-BPS, DOST-FPRDI, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Forest Management Bureau (FMB), the PWPA and PWPA member companies such as MATIMCO and Genmart Wood Development Corporation.

During the meeting, the TC 22 Chairman, Robert Natividad, noted that the PWPA was the only "non-government stakeholder" that submitted their comments regarding the draft.

The PWPA representatives then reiterated that they believe that having one grading rule for falcata, mahogany, mangium, bagras, and gmelina will present problems in implementation as they all have different characteristics from each other.

In response to this, Natividad said that the ruling is only a guide for plantation owners so they will be able to keep up with the required standards. He also mentioned that creating different grading rules for different species will be quite difficult to do as of the moment, but recommended that a separate grading standards can be crafted when more plantation species from similar families are used in the market.

Del Rosario, who was also present in the TC 22 meeting, also mentioned that in case there are problems in its implementation of the standard, it can be reviewed again even if it is sooner than five year standard for the review.

Without any more clarifications, the draft Philippine National Standards was finalized.

The PWPA Links Up with Canadian and French-African Suppliers

With the construction boom in the Philippines, the supply of wood, whether in round or in finished form, will be in great demand as it is considered one of the most important materials in construction. However, with the current scarcity of wood in the local market, many companies are now dependent on wood and wood products from other countries.

Taking advantage of this situation, some international wood suppliers took time to link up with the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) and offered their wood and wood products to members of the local wood industry.

Linking up with Rougier Afrique International

On February 17, 2016, Mr. Ramon Uy, the vice chair of the PWPA, met with, Jean-Baptiste Scalbert, the area sales manager of Rougier Afrique International. He then introduced his French based company, whose areas of operation are located in Gabon, Cameroon and the Congo.

He said that they can supply Okoume and Padouk species to the Philippine market, where Padouk, being a highly valued product, is used for furniture and finishing.

According to Scalbert, the wood they manufacture in Gabon are kiln dried, while the wood in Cameroon and the Congo are air dried. He also mentioned that all of their products are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Uy informed Scalbert that both Okoume and Padouk have been used in the Philippines before. He also mentioned the specific grading and size requirements used in the Philippines.

He suggested that Scalbert provide the PWPA with

quotations for trial shipment which can be distributed to the members in case they might be interested in their products.

Linking up with the Quebec Wood Export Bureau

On February 19, 2016, the PWPA led by vice chair Uy met with the Quebec Wood Export Bureau represented by Sven Gustavsson, the Quebec Wood Export Bureau's Softwood Manager; Benoit Martin, Boscus Canada, Inc.'s International Sales Representative; and Daniel Gonthier, the chief executive officer of Kebois Ltd. with Michael Dodjie Fabian, Canadian Trade Commissioner Service's Trade Commissioner of Infrastructure.

During the meeting, Uy informed them that the local trade market is open to try the Canadian hardwoods, as most of the wood imports from British Columbia are more of the softwood type (coniferous species).

He also informed them about the grading and size requirements in the Philippines, and clarified the grading system and requirements that are being implemented in Canada.

Before ending the meeting, the members of the Quebec Wood Export Bureau informed Uy about their annual wood trade event, which was held last March, at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Canada.

In exchange for this information, Uy also informed the members of the bureau about the upcoming Wood Trade Expo that the PWPA will be organizing this coming October, and promised to let them know about the details of the expo through email.

To date, two Canadian suppliers recently sent introductory emails to the PWPA, one of which added the PWPA in their weekly inventory list.

Wood Industry is the Savior of the World

The public must be told that “the wood industry is the savior of the world,” declared Resins Inc. President and Federation of Philippine Industries Chairman Emeritus Meneleo J. Carlos Jr. in a speech before the Philippine Wood Producers Association during the 64th Annual General Assembly of PWPA members last November 25 at the MAN Truck and Bus Center Multi-Purpose Hall.

Noting the ability of trees to fight climate change by capturing carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas which mainly causes global warming, and keeping the carbon trapped when converted into wood, Mr. Carlos urged the wood producers to “make wood a permanent storehouse, not a temporary storehouse, of carbon dioxide. Please do not make plywood that delaminates and decays to release greenhouse gas again.”

To support his assertion that trees and wood will save the world from climate change, Mr. Carlos presented a chart by the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines showing that in 2010, a total of 155.1 million tons of carbon emissions were caused by agriculture, energy, transportation, industrial processes and waste, but 83.2 million tons of carbon removals and capture were achieved by land use change and forestry. Thus, he estimated that in the Philippines, carbon capture is from 20 to 30% as compared to 11% or 17% in more developed countries. This therefore gives the country more room to industrialize “to have cheap power” by using coal, so long as more trees are planted and replanted.

Explaining that “biomass really is the capture of carbon dioxide converted into wood,” Mr. Carlos remarked that the “bottomline” is that “we have to be more productive” and “create more biomass” through forestry. “We need our natural forests for our biodiversity, but we also need to have production forests that are efficient in what they are doing in producing more and more biomass,” he said. “When the trees in natural forests become old, how much more carbon dioxide can they take? How much more can they help in preventing climate change, preventing greenhouse gases?” Mr. Carlos asked the wood producers. “It is really the production forests that will have to do the job.” RI Chemical Corporation subsidiary Claveria Tree Nursery



RI Chemical Corp. President & FPI Chairman Emeritus Meneleo J. Carlos, Jr. giving his speech

Inc., which clones fast-growing trees for faster and bigger yields for tree farmers, has been promoting production forests for small farmers by establishing barangay nurseries in North Cotabato and Bukidnon.

Mr. Carlos also stressed his advocacy to give the small farmers and indigenous people tenurial rights to the trees they will plant, noting that planting trees is “not a matter of just sticking a tree in the ground and saying this is it, I’m finished. It really needs someone to stay there, not high school kids being made to plant, and then a photo op.

And that is why I am saying, let’s give the people there who live there a break by giving them tenurial rights, so that trees they plant are really theirs... I advocate long-term contracts because this is in the belief that if you have something securely yours for a long time, you will develop it. You will not destroy it.” He declared that “it’s not a criminal act to cut down trees, provided you plant, and you will plant provided the government tells you you’re going to be able to harvest what you plant, and so you continue to plant and propagate trees... That’s the winning cycle.” He concluded his message by assuring the wood producers that “we are the heroes.”

Mr. Carlos and RI Chem received plaques of appreciation from PWPA president Charlie Liu. Joining Mr. Carlos to accept the plaques was RI Chem VP-Finance Carolina R. Carlos.

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