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Trustee Paul Levi Sy Represents PWPA in Malaysia

hillippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) expected to be attended by more Trustee Paul Levi Sy represented the PWPA and than 100 Malaysian timber industhe local wood industry to the Marketing Semi- try members and stakeholders. nar organized by the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) on April 18, 2017 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The seminar, "Global Timber Market Outlook and Export Opportunities for Malaysian Timber

Products and Furniture,"



Trustee Sy was requested to PWPA Trustee Paul Levi Sy prepare a paper and presentation entitled "The Philippines - Market Outlook and Export Opportunities for Malaysian Timber Products.



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Retired General Roy Cimatu, New Guardian of the **Environment**

resident Rodrigo Duterte, on May 8, 2017, appointed Retired General Roy A. Cimatu as the new Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and has administered Cimatu's oath-taking during the 15th Cabinet Meeting in Malacanang.

Two days later, on May 10, 2017, the changing of the guards happened at the DENR when outgoing DENR Secretary Regina Lopez turned-over the symbolic DENR flag to incoming DENR Secretary Cimatu.

In his speech, he said the appointment caught him by surprise but as duty calls, he will be moving on a new field and would need time to study the agency that impacts the daily lives of the Filipino citizens. He also said that he is willing to listen to everyone and will make use the power and resources to ensure that every concerns will be properly and judiciously addressed as he believes that the DENR will only be effective with the cooperation of all its stakeholders.

Knowing DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu

Born on July 4, 1946, Retired General Cimatu is a native of Bangui, Ilocos Norte. He studied in Bangui Elementary School and Bangui National High School. He is studying pre-Engineering courses at the National University when he joined the Philippine Military Academy and graduated as a member of PMA Class 1970. He also holds a degree of Master in Business Administration from Ateneo Graduate School of Business.

Cimatu, is also a pilot. New DENR Secretary, Retired He was trained in the US General Roy A. Cimatu Army Command and Staff (credits: https://www.scoopnest.com College (USACSC) at Forth Leavenworth, Kansas.



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The early part of his career was spent in combat in rebellion-wracked Mindanao. He rose from the ranks from an army platoon leader to a brigade commander.

He was chief of the 4th Infantry Division based in Cagayan de Oro during the all-out war waged versus the Moro Islamic Liberation Front by deposed President Joseph Estrada in 2000; Commanding General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Southern Command in 2001 who participated in the Balikatan 02-1 military exercises between the Philippines and the United states took place for the first time in Basilan amid the US-led War on Terror.

He was appointed AFP Chief of Staff of the Arroyo Administration in 2002. Even being AFP Chief of Staff, Cimatu is still in the jungle base of the Army Scout Rangers in Cabunbata, Basilan crushing Abu Sayyaf.

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PWPA Meets with DENR Undersecretary Marlo Mendoza

hilippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) Vice Chair Ramon Uv, Executive Director Maila Vasquez and Manager Regino Serafico met with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary for Policy and Planning Marlo Mendoza again last February 28, 2017 to discuss how the PWPA and the DENR can continue its collaboration for the improvement of the wood industry.

At the onset, PWPA Vice Chair Uy inquired about the news about the pronouncement of His Excellency, President Rodrigo Duterte about the issuance of a total logging ban law in the country which Undersecretary Mendoza said that the DENR has already presented with the President that there is already an existing logging ban in the country and disallowing the cutting of plantation forests will not be advantageous to the country.

Though DENR policies have not yet changed, Mendoza updated the PWPA with the efforts they are doing to facilitate the improvement of their services to their clients. He added he wants to revise the guidelines on the Industrial Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) to make it more responsive to the current situation and also consider social justice as one of its focal points. He requested the PWPA to take the lead with the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) and suggested to meet with the FMB on how the workshop will proceed.

Mendoza emphasizes the need to promote Industrial Tree Plantation (ITP) not only to provide the industry with the much needed raw materials but most important is the livelihood it will provide to the communities surrounding the ITP areas. He added that aside from livelihood, which could be on short-, medium- and longterm, the establishment of many ITPs will also promote greening and social justice.

He then opened up his idea Policy and Planning, about liberating the requirements for the harvesting of tree meet-the-experts/)



DENR Undersecretary for Forester Marlo Mendoza (credits: https://10min10.org/

in plantations. He said that the planters will just have to register the trees that they have planted. However, he added, that once apprehended for violation, the source, the seller, and the buyer will also be included in the filing of cases. He added a one strike policy shall be strictly implemented. He said he would want to seek the help of the PWPA to police its implementation.

He said that with less regulations and requirements, there will be more people and investors who will be encouraged to plant trees.

Mendoza also have the idea of the private sector and the community entering into a joint venture where the DENR can provide funds for the community while the private sector will be responsible for providing inputs to ensure quality trees that could be used by the industry.

Uy said that the move will be widely accepted and agreed that it will encourage more people and investors to go into tree plantation development. He also seconded the one strike policy and ensure the PWPA's support in its implementation.

Uy added that establishment of ITPs is very much needed by the industry considering that majority of the raw materials were imported already and the country and the community were not getting its benefits when raw materials are imported. When the country produces its own raw materials, there is inclusive growth.

Updates! Philippine Forest Certification System

INGB Members attends Capability Building Workshop

he members of the Philippine Forest Certification System (PFCS) Interim National Governing Board (INGB) attended a two-day Capability Workshop last January 20-21, 2017 at the View Park Hotel, Tagaytay City.

The workshop aimed to strengthen the core group and leadership of the INGB for the development and implementation of the national forest certification system and to provide a common understanding on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and the Certification Scheme Management to level-off knowledge and expectations.

To determine the level of understanding of the different participants to the workshop, a diagnostic survey was distributed to be filled out by the participants to assess how equipped the members of the INGB in the matters of SFM, certification, standard development, among others. The result of the survey will be the basis for the training development agenda for the members so that they may be able to implement PFCS effectively.

In attendance to the workshop are representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources/Forest Management Bureau (DENR/FMB); the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA); the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) and Philippine Adjudication Bureau (PAB); the Integrated Forest Management Association of the Philippines (IFMAP); the Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI); the National Community-Based Forest Management Federation (NCBFMF); and the UPLB Forestry Development Center (FDC).

DTI/BPS Standard Development Chief, Engr. Mario Gaudiano, made a presentation of the guidelines and processes in the Development of Philippine Standards, the benefits of standards to business, government, society, or consumers and about the WTO-TBT agreement, and the directives that guide the BPS in developing standards.

He also said that RA 4109 or the Standardization Law of the Philippines in 1964 mandated the BPS to be the national standard body of the Philippines and to develop, promulgate, implement, and coordinate standardization activities in the Philippines.

He said further that the PNS should be aligned to the International Standards (IS) per World Trade Organization -Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO-TBT) Agreement and clarified that standards are not mandated regulations, controls, necessarily "how to" documents nor certifications.

DTI/PAB Trade and Industry Development Specialist Chief, Ms. Ma. Juanita Carpio, made a presentation about the components of a certification system, conformity assessment, certification scheme, accreditation, and the PAB.

She said that certification system outlines the rules, procedure and management for carrying out certification. She added further that it establishes specific requirements for a product, process, system or body and uses a third-party to ensure that the fulfilment of specified requirements has been demonstrated. She identified the different components of certification system which are standard setting, certification and accreditation.

She said Executive Order 802 of 2009 was issued pursuant to Section 13 of RA 9236 or The National Metrology Act of 2003 which strengthened and recognized the Philippine Accreditation Office (PAO) as the national accreditation body of the country. She added further that upon approval by the Department of Budget and Management of the DTI's Rationalization Plan, the PAO was then renamed as Philippine Accreditation Bureau.

She presented their mandate and said that the PAB is a signatory to the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) and Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) and through MRA and MLA, an accreditation body recognize the equivalence of accreditation performed by their overseas counterpart.

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PWPA at the FAO FLEGT Programme Workshop

Department he of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Forest Management Bureau implements the "Forest Law Enforcement, Governance, and Trade (FLEGT) Programme" project supported by the Food Agriculture Office (FAO) of the United Nations. As a part of its



FLEGT PROGRAMME (START-UP PHASE) MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP 16-19 January 2017 Linden Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines

-government organizations, and the private sector.

FAO's Regional Office for Asia and Pacific's Forestry Officer Bruno Cammaert provided the project background and objectives and the reflection on past and renewed FAO FLEGT support and introduction to the situational analysis.

He said that the FAO FLEGT Program 2016-2020 is an improved local programme ownership and integration for better planning, implementation and monitoring of programme support; it works closely with the private sector to define and address their greatest bottlenecks to producing legal timber; for VPA and key non VPA certification, among others; and strategic engagement activities that could be funded by the Programme. with consumer countries and promotion of south-south cooperation.

implementation, a multi-stakeholder consultation work- Executive Director Salvio Valenzuela and FAO FLEGT conshop was held last January 17-18, 2017 at The Linden sultant Gualberto Tortoza presented the draft Guidebook Suites, Pasig City. It was attended by representatives from on Requirements for Chain-of-Custody Systems and Monithe FAO, the government, other government agencies, non toring Compliance in the Philippines while Carl Ronnow's Richard Anning and IDC ELDF Oscar Carrasco discussed the Building Capacity for Training and Auditing Chain-of-Custody Systems, both projects were funded by FAO FLEGT Programme.

> Other presenters include NEPCon's Southeast Asia Regional Manager Christian Schiver who gave an independent review of the CFIP Guidebook; FMB's Forest Protection Section Chief Raul Briz, the Current Initiatives on Timber Traceability; and FAO FLEGT consultant Tortoza, the results of their situational analysis and assessment on Forest Governance and on the Private Sector.

The activity prioritization for the programme was countries; step up collaboration and synergies with other done in a workshop by the different stakeholders where forest sector initiatives such as REDD+, CITES, voluntary capacity building was identified as one of the priority

The different activities that were identified for the implementation of the Philippine Forest Certification Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines System were included in the priority activities.



FLEGT PROGRAMME (START-UPPHASE) MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP 16-19 January 2017 | Linden Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasiq City, Philippines As a way forward, the members of the Technical Working Group on Wood (TWGW) were expanded to include other important stakeholders. Advisers and observers were also identified.

The TWGW will be chaired by the DENR/FMB and will be co-chaired by the PWPA with DTI, CFIP, PCEPSDI, IFMAP, among other as members.

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PWPA Joins Conveners Group for KGP3 Expo Conference 2017

he Philippine Wood Producers Association the Kalikasan Green Productivity 3 (KGP3) Expo Conference 2017 last March 24, 2017 at the New World Manila Bay Hotel, Manila. The conveners committee is led by the Honorable Senator Aquilino Pimentel III, Senate President of the 17th Congress Senate of the Philippines and is composed of representatives from the government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations and the private sector.

The conveners committee shall (PWPA) joined the conveners committee for serve as the conference icon and spokesperson related to the KGPS Expo-Conference 2017; act as adviser on the requirements of the conference preparations and component activities; build vital links between organizers and target participants and sponsors; promote KGP3 Expo-Conference and encourage participation and involvement of more stakeholders in the Green Economy advocacy to address the impact of climate change, among others. (see related story in page 10)

PWPA Endorses Global Timber Conference 2017

Wood Producers Association November 6-8, 2017. The (PWPA) joins other associations in endorsing the conference is organized by uled on May 15-17, 2017 but due to some unavoidable is indicated below.

circumstances moved to



Global Timber Conference 2017 to be held in Pullman Confexhub with the support from the Sarawak Timber In-Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. Originally, the event is sched-dustry Development Corporation. The details of the event

Title	Global Timber Conference 2017
Tagline	Innovation & Market Driven Strategies: Keys to Sustainable Growth
Description of event:	Timber; flexible, structurally strong and being the lowest embodied carbon of any commercially available commodity; contributes \$600 billion to the global economy and that translates to 1% of global total GDP. According to the World Bank's forecast, the global demand for timber will quadruple by 2050. The market foresees major changes in the regional supply of and demand for wood fiber over the next two decades which will impact both international markets and other producers around the globe. The second edition of the Global Timber Conference 2017 (GTC 2017) is once again back to gather 300 odd regional policy makers, experts and captains of the industry from over 20 countries in Sarawak; under the selected theme 'Innovation & Market Driven Strategies: Keys to Sustainable Growth' to discuss and deliberate on strategies in lifting the timber and timber-products industry.
Dates/ time:	15-17 May 2017 moved to November 6-8, 2017/7.30am-6.00pm
Venue:	Pullman Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia
Event hyperlink:	http://globaltimberconference.com/
Contacts:	+603 27711668/ conference@confexhub.com

PWPA Attends EDNP Meeting on CGC Forest Restoration Project

he Philippine Wood Producers Association joined the Earth Day Network Philippines, Inc. (EDNP) in its meeting with its partners/members last February 5, 2017 at the UP Executive House, UP Diliman, Quezon City to discuss the Clark Green City (CGC) Forest Restoration Project, a project under the TREES4Life: Tubong Pinoy Movement Program.

The EDNPI signed a Memorandum of Bases and Conversion Development Authority standing) posed after a productive meeting of CGC Forest Restoration Project. (BCDA) and Fern and Nature Society of the Philippines, Inc. (FNSPI) for the development and management of the Clark Green City Green Forest Reserve, Ecotourism Park and Botanical Garden. The Clark Green City Forest Restoration Project was launched last November 23, 2016 at the Manila Polo Club.

Mr. Emmanuel Viado of the FNSPI made a presentation of the draft masterplan for the development of the area which will be composed of botanic gardens, ecotourism park and reforestation zone. The area covered is about 500 hectares and it was recommended that the area be adopted for the project. He said that the project only covers 2/3 of the area due to man-made boundaries however once the area is developed, it is hoped that BCDA will also award said area for expansion.

Forester Ryan Vita, Executive Director of the EDNP made a presentation on how the area will be developed. He said that the project will focus on the use of Philippine native trees in the area. He added that there will be a short Palaypay, assisted by Trustees Celdran and Lita Salvador.



Agreement (MOA) last July 25, 2016 with the EDNP members led by EDNP Chairperson Metodio Palaypay (second to the right,

term and long term targets for the project development. For the short term, CGC Ecology Center (native tree seedling nursery and gene bank; organic garden), Forest restoration demonstration plot (campsite, demonstration farm and arboretum) were identified while for the long term, restoration, and sustainable management of the CGC Forest Reserve which will result to the provision of ecological services in the future such as air and water purification, drought and flood control, stabilization of sloping areas and aesthetic values.

He said that the existing forest restoration strategies will be used in the development of the project and will also consider providing livelihood opportunities to the community.

Open forum followed facilitated by EDNP Trustee Anita Celdran.

The meeting was chaired by Chairperson Metodio

PWPA Meets with DENR...

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With regards to the workshop Mendoza is suggesting, Uy said that the PWPA is open to take the lead together with FMB in the workshop revising the guidelines on

IFMA. He said PWPA will set a meeting with the FMB so that the mechanics and the like will be discussed, among other details. The good undersecretary will be informed once arrangements are finalized.

DTI/BPS Creates Technical Committee on **Forest & Forest Products**

he DTI Bureau of the Philippine Standards, in line with the creation of the Philippine Forestry Certification System, has created the Technical Committee (TC) on Forest and Forest Products or will be better known as TC 78. The technical committee will be the venue for the development of standards for the certification system.

The first meeting of the TC 78 was held last March 24, 2017 at the New World Manila Bay Hotel, Manila. PCEPSDI Executive Director For. June Alvarez made the welcome remarks and gave a brief background on why the TC 78 was created.

Presentations on the status of the Philippine Forest Certification System, the BPS directives that mandates the BPS to be the standard governing body of the country and how standards are being developed to guide the TC members in their responsibilities in developing standards for the certification system of the country were made.



Members of the Technical Committee on Forest and Forest Products (TC 78) posed after its first meeting last March 24, 2017 at the New World Manila Bay Hotel, Manila.

During the meeting, the PWPA was elected chair of the committee with the PCEPSDI as its Vice Chair.

During the meeting, it was discussed that the work program of the committee will be taken up in the next meeting. The group agreed to have the last Thursday of the month will be the schedule of its regular meeting or depending on the availability of the members. Meetings shall be on a rotation basis and members are encouraged to host the meeting.

Retired General...

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He was called "Pacman," dubbed as a "Thinking General" and a "Smiling General," due to his excellent and aggressive campaign plans against Abu Sayyaf.

After retirement from service, he was Special Envoy to the Middle East with a title "Ambassador" until June 30, 2011; chief negotiator for the released of the Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) kidnap victims in Iraq; also head of the panel overseeing the contingency measures for the welfare of OFW's in the Middle East in times of troubles.

In October 2016, President Rodrigo Duterte re- Sources: appointed him to the same position and in April 23, 2017, President Duterte introduced Cimatu as a new Cabinet https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roy Cimatu

member and announced his appointment as Special Envoy for OFW Refugees who is tasked to assist distressed Filipino workers in the Middle East during the opening ceremony of the Palarong Pambansa in Antique.

On May 8, 2017, he was appointed DENR Secretary.

Cimatu is the third child of war veteran Fidel Magarro Cimatu, Sr. and public school teacher Clara Aguillana. He is married to businesswoman Fe Aguillon with whom he has one son, Dennis, who studied architecture at the University of Sto. Tomas.

http://ofwempowerment.wordpress.com/2006/04/23/special-envoy-to-me-roy-cimatu/ http://www.abante.com.ph/sino-si-roy-cimatu.htm

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Group Forges to Commit for Kalikasan GP3 2017 and Transform Advocacy into Action

continuing green fervour that aims to advance climate-smart businesses and concur the country's commitments on global actions for Climate Change, a group formed to advance Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the country staging of the "Kaliksan Green Purchasing Productivity, Green launched earlier by the country's leading sustainability advocates.



is hugging the lime lights at the next Conveners of the KGP3. Senator Aguilino Pimentel (first row, 4th from the left) with Dr. JR Nerius Acosta (first row, 4th from the left) led the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation as convener for the KGP3 Expo Conference 2017. Joining them as conveners are as follows: (Front Row, L-R) Usec Renato Solidum, DOST; Usec Rolando Canizal, DoT; Chair Nereus Acosta, PCEPSDI; Sen. Pimentel III; Asec Juan Miguel Cuna, DENR; Towards Green Philippines 2017", Asec Ernesto Perez, DTI; Dr. Thomas Lehmann, GIZ Thailand; (Back Row, L-R) Archt. Christopher dela Cruz, Philippine Green Building Council; Executive Director Maila Vasquez, Philippine Wood Producers Association; VP-Operations Lisa Silerio, SM Cares Foundation; Chair Peterri Makitalo, Foreign Chamber Council of the Philippines; City Adminitrator Aldrin Cuna, Quezon City.

With the Senate approving on second hearing the revisions for the Paris Treaty, this year's event theme hopes to complement this feat with its theme: "Advancing Sustainable Consumption and Production in Addressing

Climate Challenges". A Memorandum of Cooperation was forged between 14 public and private organizations, among them DENR, DTI, DOST, DOT, Quezon City LGU, SM Supermalls, Ayala Land, Philippine Green Building

INGB Members....

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DENR-FMB Senior Forest Management Specialist Ray Thomas Kabigting made a presentation of the different Forestry Laws that governs the sector. He said that the basic forestry law is still the Presidential Decree No. 75 known as the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines which was issued in 1975. He focused on the definition of terms, the criminal offenses, and the arrest and institution ing structure, the certification scheme structure, the of criminal actions.

He also discussed the different tenure instruments, its legal basis, qualification of interested applicants and the identification of the different stakeholders that could be requirements for the different tenurial instruments.

UPLB CFNR FDC Director Priscila Dolom presentation dealt with Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), its com-

ponents, the four pillars needed to support SFM in the country, its benefits and the national policies supporting SFM. She also presented forest certification, the need for certification and the Philippine criteria indicators.

Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Mr. Richard Laity made an online presentation, using Skype technology, on the PEFC Standards and System Development. His presentation included its workstandard setting process, and its documentation structure.

The workshop culminated with the participants' covered or affected by the PFCS, its role or sector in the supply chain through a plenary workshop.

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Group Forges...

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Chamber Council of the Philippines and the Philippine ence participants for this year. Wood Producers Association, that was endorsed by the Senate President Aquilino "KOKO" Pimentel III, as one of the supporting personalities of the event. The event that was launched will take place on September 21-23 at the SMX Convention Center Manila, SM Mall of Asia Complex.

In his Key Note speech at this Launching, Sen Koko Pimentel emphasized, "Addressing climate change is a central overriding concern of global actions for sustainability. The Philippines, in its commitment to the Paris Treaty for Climate Change, needs to shape its development agenda for the promotion of sustainable consumption and production."

Green Choice Philippines (NELP-GCP), the advocacy event ment Protection and presently the Chairperson of the Phil. aims to gather increased commitments for deeper inroad Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable actions in addressing climate challenges, and advancing Development, Inc , which administers the NELP-GCP. sustainable consumption and production practices.

ence has served as a valuable forum and convergence for at@gmail.com buyers' increased awareness on green products available in the market; and the acquisition of knowledge and shared experiences on green business practices and production technologies. Garnering more than 200 local and interna-

tional trade exhibitors in the past years, Kalikasan GP3 Council, Philippine Business for the Environment, Foreign hopes to gather some 300 exhibitors and some 600 confer-

> Green traders, manufacturers, service providers and the general public are all expected to benefit from the array of activities lined up for the three-day expoconference.

Also during the Launching, a back-to-back event celebrating the 14th Anniversary of NELP-GCP was highlighted by the awarding of citations to the men and women who had made the NELP-GCP a success. "With the continuous evolvement of the programme, we hope to gather more commitments for the adoption of sustainable production and consumption, to contribute to the country efforts on climate change mitigation and adaptation" pointed by Organized by the National Ecolabelling Programme- Nereus Acosta, former Presidential Adviser for Environ-

For more details on this event, visit http://kalikasan- For the last six years, the Kalikasan GP3 Expo Confer- gp3.com or contact the PCEPSDI at kgp3secretari-

http://kalikasan-gp3.com/news features/2017/03/kgp3 2017launch/

Condolences

With sincerest condolences to the bereaved families of:

- Knight Leo Lim Liu, father of TWPA Chairman Charlie Liu, who passed away last February 26, 2017; and
- Mr. Tsu Huan Chen, father of TWPA Treasurer Calvin Tan David, who passed away last March 20, 2017

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