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DEPARTMENT ORDER ) NO. 23 ) Series of 2013  $(3, 3^{37}, 7^{36}, 1^{2})$  X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X )

SUBJECT : Clarifications on the Specification of Coconut Coir Fiber Materials

To address the concerns of suppliers relative to different specifications of coconut coir fiber materials used in controlling soil erosion and slope stabilization in DPWH projects, the following clarifications are hereby issued:

- All coconut coir fiber materials (coconut geonets) shall conform to the DPWH generic specifications as prescribed in Item 622 – Coconet Bio - Engineering Solutions which was issued through Department Order No. 06, s. 2012.
- DPWH accreditation of different brands and suppliers of coconut coir fiber materials is no longer required provided that the material requirements of the generic specification (Item 622) shall be met.
- 3. Department Order No. 28 and 29, s. 2008 issuing Items 518 (Coconet Bio-Engineering Solutions) and Item 519 (BY Bio-Engineering Products and Solutions) are hereby revoked.
- 4. Department Order No. 68, s. 2012 (Prescribing Guidelines on the Design of Slope Protection Works) is hereby amended prescribing Item 622 for coconets.

This Order supersedes other previous issuances to the contrary and shall take effect immediately.

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