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As the country weathers the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, Aurora remains resilient and is gradually attaining status as the Pacific's prime investment hub.

Aurora is ideal for agri-fisheries development with its fertile soil and mountains, vast coastlines and steady rainfall. It has its natural growth potentials, blessed with a Hawaii-like weather that results to abundant natural resources and rich collection of flora and fauna. With ongoing infrastructure development linking Aurora and other nearby provinces to the rest of the country, these resources could be better tapped for economic uplift. Such projects include the Baler-Casiguran Road, the Pantabangan-Maria Aurora Road, two airports and two seaports.

Aurora's progress takes shape as major infrastructure projects are underway, including the completion of the Economic Zone's offices in Aurora and in Clark. To keep up with the region's fast-paced development and the present-day challenges, the Economic Zone must be better equipped. This bill proposes the following changes:

- Renaming Aurora Special Economic Zone to "Aurora Pacific Economic Zone Authority" (APEZA) to establish Aurora's role as the Pacific's premier gateway;
- Providing APEZA with a compensation plan comparable with other authorities and corporations of similar nature such as the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Clark Development Corporation (CDC), Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) and the private sector. This aims for a better management by attracting best talents to APEZA's pool of human resources.
- Forming a corporate body, the Aurora Development Corporation (ADC), to be the operating and implementing arm of the APEZA and manage and expedite implementation of the various projects in the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone.

Infrastructure along with better economic management will establish Aurora as gateway to the Pacific—unlocking the resource-rich and fertile areas of Southern Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya and Aurora.

The natural wealth of Aurora—its people and resources in forests, seas, mountains, coral reefs, and unique flora and fauna—hinges an advantageous position for economic development in the Pacific region. And with APEZA's management, the dawning of Aurora as the Pacific gateway is in the horizon.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9490, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
"AURORA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 2007".**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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3                   "SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the ["Aurora  
4           Special Economic Zone Act of 2007"] "**AURORA PACIFIC ECONOMIC  
5           AND FREEPORT ZONE ACT OF 2009**"."  
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7           **SEC. 2.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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9                   "SEC. 3. *Creation of the Aurora [Special] PACIFIC Economic Zone  
10           AND FREEPORT.* - In pursuit of the foregoing declared policy and subject to  
11           the concurrence of the concerned local government units (LGUs) of Aurora  
12           affected by the zone, there is hereby established a special economic zone **AND  
13           FREEPORT**, hereinafter referred to as the Aurora Ecozone. The Aurora Ecozone  
14           shall cover [the entire area embraced by barangays Estaves, Dibet and Dibacong,  
15           all in the Municipality of Casiguran. The specific metes and bounds of the Aurora  
16           Ecozone shall be more particularly described and defined as follows:] **TWO  
17           PARCELS OF LAND, NAMELY, PARCEL 1 AND PARCEL 2 WITH THE  
18           CORRESPONDING METES AND BOUNDS PARTICULARLY  
19           DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**  
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21                   [A portion of an agricultural land of the public domain, embraced by  
22           CAD-358-D of Casiguran cadastre and beginning at a point marked "I" on the  
23           map which is located at the center of the intersection of a road going to Barangay  
24           Bianoan, Casiguran, Aurora and to the barangay road going to Casiguran National

1 High School (CNHS), Barangay Esteves, Casiguran, Aurora with geographic  
2 coordinates of 16-12-05 North, 122-02-34.7 East.

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4 Thence N 05° 00' E 1,000.00 m. to corner 2, intersection of barangay road  
5 to Barangay Dibet and So. Bikal; Barangay Esteves, Casiguran, Aurora.

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7 Thence N 70°00' E 1,700.00 m. to Corner 3, stake on the ground

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9 Thence S 08°00' E 1,300.00 m. to corner 4, along the shoreline of  
10 Casiguran Bay

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12 Thence S 85°00' W 380.00 m. to corner 5, center of Barangay Road and  
13 Motiong Creek

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15 Thence N 16°00' E 700.00 m. to corner 6, intersection of barangay road to  
16 Barangay Esteves and Dibet, Casiguran, Aurora

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18 Thence N 58°00' E 1,500.00 m. to corner 7, center of road at Banawang  
19 Creek

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21 Thence Due South 250.00 m. to corner 8, along the shoreline of Casiguran  
22 Bay

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24 Thence S 35°00' W 600.00 m. to corner 9, along the shoreline of  
25 Casiguran Bay

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27 Thence N 73°00' W 600.00 m. to corner 10, Gmelina tree 40 cm. diam.  
28 along barangay road

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30 Thence Due North 830.00 m. to corner 11, following the road from CNHS

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32 Thence N 40°00' E 1,000.00 m. to corner 1, following the road from  
33 CNHS to point of beginning containing an area of five hundred (500) hectares,  
34 more or less, subject to actual ground survey: *Provided*, That the lands embraced  
35 therein shall be public lands.]

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37 **PARCEL 1 IS A CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 3801 TO 3805, 3807,**  
38 **3809 TO 3831, 3833, 3840 TO 3842, 3844 TO 3860, 3862 TO 3878, 3880,**

1 3881, 3884 TO 3886, 3888, 3889, 3893, 3902 TO 3907, 3911 TO 3913, 3915,  
2 4140 TO 4143 & 4145 ALL OF CAD. 358-D, CASIGURAN CADASTRE,  
3 SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF ESTEVES & DIBET,  
4 MUNICIPALITY OF CASIGURAN, PROVINCE OF AURORA, ISLAND  
5 OF LUZON.

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7 BOUNDED AND ON THE NW. ALONG LINES 1-2-3-4 BY LOT 3890,  
8 ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 3836, BOTH OF CAD. 358-D, CASIGURAN  
9 CADASTRE, ALONG LINES 5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12, BY DIBET RIVER,  
10 ALONG LINE 12-13 BY LOT 3839, ALONG LINES 13-14-15-16, BY LOT  
11 3879, BOTH OF CAD. 358-D, CASIGURAN CADASTRE, ALONG LINES  
12 16-17-18-19-20, BY TALABAN CREEK, ALONG LINES 20-21-22-23-24 BY  
13 LOT 3883, CAD. 358-D, ALONG LINES 24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31, BY  
14 DIMADIS RIVER, ON THE NE.,S., SE., NW., & SE., ALONG LINES 31-32-  
15 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-  
16 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-  
17 83-84-85-86-87-88, BY CASIGURAN BAY, ON THE W., ALONG LINES 88-  
18 89-90 , BY LOT 3891, CAD. 358-D, ALONG LINE 90-91, BY CREEK,  
19 ALONG LINE 91-92, BY LOT 3894,, ON THE NW., ALONG LINES 92-93-  
20 94-95, BY LOT 3897, BOTH OF CAD. 358-D, ALONG LINE 95-96, BY  
21 CREEK, ALONG LINE 96-97, BY LOT 3900, CAD. 358-D, ALONG LINE 97-  
22 98, BY CALABGAN RIVER, ON THE NW.,SE., ALONG 98-99-100-101, BY  
23 LOT 3901, CAD. 358-D, ALONG LINE 101-102, BY CALABGAN RIVER,  
24 ON THE SW & NW., ALONG LINES 102-103-104-105, BY LOT 3990, CAD.  
25 358-D, ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 105-106, BY CALABGAN RIVER, ON  
26 THE NW., ALONG LINE 106-107, BY LOT 4160 AND ALONG LINE 107-1,  
27 BY LOT 3890, BY LOT 3890, BOTH OF CAD. 358-D, CASIGURAN  
28 CADASTRE,

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30 BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 45  
31 DEG. 39' E., 470.33 M. FROM ARA-27, NAMRIA

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33 THENCE S. 59 DEG. 20' E. 53.19 M. TO POINT 2;  
34 THENCE N. 23 DEG. 04' E. 314.97 M. TO POINT 3;  
35 THENCE N. 17 DEG. 25' E. 292.39 M. TO POINT 4;  
36 THENCE N. 67 DEG. 28' E. 356.64 M. TO POINT 5;  
37 THENCE S. 76 DEG. 56' E. 39.92 M. TO POINT 6;  
38 THENCE S. 72 DEG. 47' E. 107.74 M. TO POINT 7;

1	THENCE S. 87 DEG. 38' E.	148.51 M. TO POINT 8;
2	THENCE N. 47 DEG. 19' E.	85.88 M. TO POINT 9;
3	THENCE N. 18 DEG. 21' E.	160.76 M. TO POINT 10;
4	THENCE N. 64 DEG. 04' E.	32.87 M. TO POINT 11;
5	THENCE N. 26 DEG. 55' E.	313.62 M. TO POINT 12;
6	THENCE N. 25 DEG. 27' W.	180.38 M. TO POINT 13;
7	THENCE N. 61 DEG. 50' E.	156.45 M. TO POINT 14;
8	THENCE N. 53 DEG. 46' E.	149.97 M. TO POINT 15;
9	THENCE N. 32 DEG. 30' E.	76.58 M. TO POINT 16;
10	THENCE N. 69 DEG. 11' E.	55.97 M. TO POINT 17;
11	THENCE N. 71 DEG. 14' E.	36.05 M. TO POINT 18;
12	THENCE N. 01 DEG. 47' E.	39.21 M. TO POINT 19;
13	THENCE N. 52 DEG. 16' E.	34.19 M. TO POINT 20;
14	THENCE N. 80 DEG. 44' E.	40.34 M. TO POINT 21;
15	THENCE N. 79 DEG. 29' E.	128.51 M. TO POINT 22;
16	THENCE N. 63 DEG. 52' E.	210.74 M. TO POINT 23;
17	THENCE N. 50 DEG. 00' E.	71.33 M. TO POINT 24;
18	THENCE S. 13 DEG. 53' E.	91.43 M. TO POINT 25;
19	THENCE N. 67 DEG. 10' E.	38.08 M. TO POINT 26;
20	THENCE S. 67 DEG. 32' E.	46.01 M. TO POINT 27;
21	THENCE N. 77 DEG. 29' E.	23.35 M. TO POINT 28;
22	THENCE N. 04 DEG. 54' E.	79.71 M. TO POINT 29;
23	THENCE N. 45 DEG. 11' E.	39.22 M. TO POINT 30;
24	THENCE N. 59 DEG. 09' E.	109.77 M. TO POINT 31;
25	THENCE S. 03 DEG. 10' E.	149.96 M. TO POINT 32;
26	THENCE S. 09 DEG. 09' E.	170.16 M. TO POINT 33;
27	THENCE S. 16 DEG. 47' E.	179.65 M. TO POINT 34;
28	THENCE S. 27 DEG. 06' E.	189.28 M. TO POINT 35;
29	THENCE S. 23 DEG. 59' E.	330.91 M. TO POINT 36;
30	THENCE S. 03 DEG. 35' E.	267.56 M. TO POINT 37;
31	THENCE S. 21 DEG. 42' W.	130.06 M. TO POINT 38;
32	THENCE S. 09 DEG. 43' E.	319.35 M. TO POINT 39;
33	THENCE S. 24 DEG. 22' E.	459.45 M. TO POINT 40;
34	THENCE S. 22 DEG. 45' E.	200.88 M. TO POINT 41;
35	THENCE S. 10 DEG. 23' E.	30.37 M. TO POINT 42;
36	THENCE S. 29 DEG. 00' E.	220.02 M. TO POINT 43;
37	THENCE S. 49 DEG. 05' E.	173.48 M. TO POINT 44;
38	THENCE S. 42 DEG. 39' E.	99.09 M. TO POINT 45;

1	THENCE S. 38 DEG. 59' E.	207.63 M. TO POINT 46;
2	THENCE S. 53 DEG. 46' E.	243.23 M. TO POINT 47;
3	THENCE S. 48 DEG. 46' E.	154.95 M. TO POINT 48;
4	THENCE S. 57 DEG. 11' E.	230.10 M. TO POINT 49;
5	THENCE S. 51 DEG. 39' E.	118.66 M. TO POINT 50;
6	THENCE N. 80 DEG. 51' E.	156.06 M. TO POINT 51;
7	THENCE S. 44 DEG. 44' W.	59.65 M. TO POINT 52;
8	THENCE S. 66 DEG. 10' W.	121.76 M. TO POINT 53;
9	THENCE S. 85 DEG. 50' W.	333.03 M. TO POINT 54;
10	THENCE N. 87 DEG. 57' W.	351.68 M. TO POINT 55;
11	THENCE S. 88 DEG. 09' W.	142.77 M. TO POINT 56;
12	THENCE N. 89 DEG. 08' W.	283.53 M. TO POINT 57;
13	THENCE S. 89 DEG. 32' W.	170.88 M. TO POINT 58;
14	THENCE N. 89 DEG. 54' W.	288.01 M. TO POINT 59;
15	THENCE S. 86 DEG. 03' W.	389.54 M. TO POINT 60;
16	THENCE S. 84 DEG. 23' W.	125.00 M. TO POINT 61;
17	THENCE S. 80 DEG. 50' W.	364.76 M. TO POINT 62;
18	THENCE N. 67 DEG. 10' W.	73.26 M. TO POINT 63;
19	THENCE S. 62 DEG. 37' W.	191.38 M. TO POINT 64;
20	THENCE S. 46 DEG. 10' W.	101.70 M. TO POINT 65;
21	THENCE S. 45 DEG. 37' W.	194.50 M. TO POINT 66;
22	THENCE S. 55 DEG. 19' W.	208.91 M. TO POINT 67;
23	THENCE S. 57 DEG. 50' W.	223.59 M. TO POINT 68;
24	THENCE S. 03 DEG. 45' W.	370.48 M. TO POINT 69;
25	THENCE S. 39 DEG. 59' E.	95.59 M. TO POINT 70;
26	THENCE N. 60 DEG. 08' E.	107.13 M. TO POINT 71;
27	THENCE N. 39 DEG. 19' E.	311.00 M. TO POINT 72;
28	THENCE N. 37 DEG. 14' E.	310.92 M. TO POINT 73;
29	THENCE N. 28 DEG. 33' E.	92.59 M. TO POINT 74;
30	THENCE N. 46 DEG. 22' E.	189.36 M. TO POINT 75;
31	THENCE S. 70 DEG. 51' E.	23.56 M. TO POINT 76;
32	THENCE S. 28 DEG. 48' W.	189.91 M. TO POINT 77;
33	THENCE S. 44 DEG. 20' W.	247.58 M. TO POINT 78;
34	THENCE S. 06 DEG. 41' W.	220.43 M. TO POINT 79;
35	THENCE S. 57 DEG. 34' W.	376.98 M. TO POINT 80;
36	THENCE S. 66 DEG. 45' W.	154.02 M. TO POINT 81;
37	THENCE S. 57 DEG. 18' W.	254.79 M. TO POINT 82;
38	THENCE S. 49 DEG. 24' W.	284.99 M. TO POINT 83;

1           THENCE S. 61 DEG. 11' W.           177.87 M. TO POINT 84;  
 2           THENCE S. 88 DEG. 00' W.           99.49 M. TO POINT 85;  
 3           THENCE S. 74 DEG. 17' W.           156.00 M. TO POINT 86;  
 4           THENCE N. 81 DEG. 17' W.           269.60 M. TO POINT 87;  
 5           THENCE N. 78 DEG. 00' W.           293.73 M. TO POINT 88;  
 6           THENCE N. 27 DEG. 10' E.           165.20 M. TO POINT 89;  
 7           THENCE N. 19 DEG. 03' W.           313.55 M. TO POINT 90;  
 8           THENCE N. 10 DEG. 46' W.           31.10 M. TO POINT 91;  
 9           THENCE N. 07 DEG. 43' W.           162.64 M. TO POINT 92;  
 10          THENCE N. 75 DEG. 06' E.           220.01 M. TO POINT 93;  
 11          THENCE N. 05 DEG. 00' E.           452.99 M. TO POINT 94;  
 12          THENCE N. 67 DEG. 05' E.           37.40 M. TO POINT 95;  
 13          THENCE N. 67 DEG. 04' E.           11.14 M. TO POINT 96;  
 14          THENCE N. 67 DEG. 05' E.           269.00 M. TO POINT 97;  
 15          THENCE N. 67 DEG. 05' E.           171.12 M. TO POINT 98;  
 16          THENCE N. 67 DEG. 05' E.           759.62 M. TO POINT 99;  
 17          THENCE N. 79 DEG. 47' W.           313.87 M. TO POINT 100;  
 18          THENCE N. 79 DEG. 49' W.           410.44 M. TO POINT 101;  
 19          THENCE N. 79 DEG. 53' W.           242.02 M. TO POINT 102;  
 20          THENCE N. 07 DEG. 35' W.           284.86 M. TO POINT 103;  
 21          THENCE N. 11 DEG. 05' W.           443.20 M. TO POINT 104;  
 22          THENCE N. 25 DEG. 36' E.           364.07 M. TO POINT 105;  
 23          THENCE S. 71 DEG. 23' E.           103.75 M. TO POINT 106;  
 24          THENCE N. 63 DEG. 52' E.           180.33 M. TO POINT 107;  
 25          THENCE N. 65 DEG. 52' E.           201.89 M. TO THE POINT OF

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 27           BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE THOUSAND  
 28           HECTARES (1,000 HECTARES), MORE OR LESS.

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 30           PARCEL 2 IS A CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 3916, 3922, 3988,  
 31           3997 TO 3999, 4000, 4002, 4004, 4022 TO 4029, 4030 TO 4034, 4037 TO  
 32           4047, 4050 TO 4058, 4157 (PORTION) AND 4158, ALL OF CAD. 358-D,  
 33           CASIGURAN CADASTRE SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF LUAL &  
 34           CULAT, MUNICIPALITY OF CASIGURAN, PROVINCE OF AURORA,  
 35           ISLAND OF LUZON.

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 37           BOUNDED AND ON THE NW., ALONG LINES 1-6, BY LOT 3995,  
 38           6-8, BY LOT 3996, 8-10, BY LOT 3956, 10-12, BY PORTION OF LOT 4157,

1 12-13, BY LOT 3923, ALL OF CAD. 358-D, 13-23, BY CASAPSAPAN  
2 CREEK, 23-44, BY CASAPSAPAN BAY, ON THE NE. & SE. ALONG  
3 LINES 44-197, BY PACIFIC OCEAN, ON THE NW. ALONG LINES 197-  
4 332-1, BY CASIGURAN SOUND,

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6 BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 05  
7 DEG. 53' E., 5296.85 M. FROM BLLM # 1, CAD. 358-D, CASIGURAN  
8 CADASTRE.

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10 THENCE S. 77 DEG. 38' E. 150.10 M. TO POINT 2;  
11 THENCE S. 86 DEG. 01' E. 173.75 M. TO POINT 3;  
12 THENCE S. 57 DEG. 29' E. 197.35 M. TO POINT 4;  
13 THENCE N. 43 DEG. 34' E. 110.56 M. TO POINT 5;  
14 THENCE N. 53 DEG. 26' E. 418.36 M. TO POINT 6;  
15 THENCE N. 51 DEG. 10' E. 244.98 M. TO POINT 7;  
16 THENCE N. 12 DEG. 14' E. 347.91 M. TO POINT 8;  
17 THENCE N. 07 DEG. 23' E. 392.08 M. TO POINT 9;  
18 THENCE N. 06 DEG. 42' E. 1174.33 M. TO POINT 10;  
19 THENCE N. 60 DEG. 57' E. 504.53 M. TO POINT 11;  
20 THENCE N. 48 DEG. 41' E. 5318.93 M. TO POINT 12;  
21 THENCE N. 36 DEG. 27' E. 275.30 M. TO POINT 13;  
22 THENCE S. 72 DEG. 57' E. 209.88 M. TO POINT 14;  
23 THENCE N. 62 DEG. 47' E. 43.35 M. TO POINT 15;  
24 THENCE N. 38 DEG. 51' E. 83.54 M. TO POINT 16;  
25 THENCE N. 58 DEG. 45' E. 86.55 M. TO POINT 17;  
26 THENCE N. 39 DEG. 38' E. 279.85 M. TO POINT 18;  
27 THENCE N. 81 DEG. 35' E. 61.11 M. TO POINT 19;  
28 THENCE N. 73 DEG. 58' E. 73.25 M. TO POINT 20;  
29 THENCE N. 57 DEG. 46' E. 65.05 M. TO POINT 21;  
30 THENCE S. 87 DEG. 59' E. 59.04 M. TO POINT 22;  
31 THENCE N. 51 DEG. 12' E. 154.44 M. TO POINT 23;  
32 THENCE N. 65 DEG. 48' E. 139.92 M. TO POINT 24;  
33 THENCE N. 80 DEG. 31' E. 197.45 M. TO POINT 25;  
34 THENCE N. 70 DEG. 15' E. 372.90 M. TO POINT 26;  
35 THENCE N. 48 DEG. 12' E. 379.01 M. TO POINT 27;  
36 THENCE N. 51 DEG. 41' E. 209.05 M. TO POINT 28;  
37 THENCE N. 75 DEG. 15' E. 121.98 M. TO POINT 29;  
38 THENCE N. 43 DEG. 48' E. 272.99 M. TO POINT 30;

1	THENCE S. 86 DEG. 34' E.	197.75 M. TO POINT 31;
2	THENCE S. 42 DEG. 15' E.	293.04 M. TO POINT 32;
3	THENCE S. 54 DEG. 08' E.	221.25 M. TO POINT 33;
4	THENCE S. 66 DEG. 16' E.	237.03 M. TO POINT 34;
5	THENCE N. 67 DEG. 21' E.	227.68 M. TO POINT 35;
6	THENCE N. 13 DEG. 14' E.	235.81 M. TO POINT 36;
7	THENCE N. 45 DEG. 59' E.	411.63 M. TO POINT 37;
8	THENCE N. 50 DEG. 21' E.	343.74 M. TO POINT 38;
9	THENCE N. 11 DEG. 44' E.	101.58 M. TO POINT 39;
10	THENCE N. 47 DEG. 29' E.	219.29 M. TO POINT 40;
11	THENCE N. 81 DEG. 23' E.	78.25 M. TO POINT 41;
12	THENCE N. 42 DEG. 09' E.	348.84 M. TO POINT 42;
13	THENCE N. 58 DEG. 33' E.	289.97 M. TO POINT 43;
14	THENCE N. 58 DEG. 35' E.	775.31 M. TO POINT 44;
15	THENCE S. 00 DEG. 02' E.	230.70 M. TO POINT 45;
16	THENCE S. 37 DEG. 58' W.	582.14 M. TO POINT 46;
17	THENCE S. 35 DEG. 00' W.	726.89 M. TO POINT 47;
18	THENCE S. 08 DEG. 38' W.	574.36 M. TO POINT 48;
19	THENCE S. 32 DEG. 18' W.	396.62 M. TO POINT 49;
20	THENCE S. 30 DEG. 59' W.	120.01 M. TO POINT 50;
21	THENCE S. 23 DEG. 09' W.	124.62 M. TO POINT 51;
22	THENCE S. 22 DEG. 21' W.	833.26 M. TO POINT 52;
23	THENCE S. 07 DEG. 18' W.	111.67 M. TO POINT 53;
24	THENCE S. 78 DEG. 05' W.	94.63 M. TO POINT 54;
25	THENCE S. 09 DEG. 35' W.	372.83 M. TO POINT 55;
26	THENCE N. 88 DEG. 39' W.	281.86 M. TO POINT 56;
27	THENCE S. 62 DEG. 57' W.	128.86 M. TO POINT 57;
28	THENCE S. 25 DEG. 17' W.	242.44 M. TO POINT 58;
29	THENCE S. 38 DEG. 39' W.	407.85 M. TO POINT 59;
30	THENCE S. 40 DEG. 27' E.	361.34 M. TO POINT 60;
31	THENCE S. 86 DEG. 30' W.	323.60 M. TO POINT 61;
32	THENCE N. 81 DEG. 08' W.	114.41 M. TO POINT 62;
33	THENCE S. 87 DEG. 27' W.	138.83 M. TO POINT 63;
34	THENCE S. 28 DEG. 30' W.	136.90 M. TO POINT 64;
35	THENCE S. 18 DEG. 23' W.	574.74 M. TO POINT 65;
36	THENCE S. 22 DEG. 33' E.	44.21 M. TO POINT 66;
37	THENCE N. 34 DEG. 29' E.	263.99 M. TO POINT 67;
38	THENCE S. 88 DEG. 40' E.	25.02 M. TO POINT 68;

1	THENCE S. 28 DEG. 35' W.	404.11 M. TO POINT 69;
2	THENCE S. 27 DEG. 38' W.	799.85 M. TO POINT 70;
3	THENCE S. 11 DEG. 23' W.	395.10 M. TO POINT 71;
4	THENCE S. 12 DEG. 47' E.	594.96 M. TO POINT 72;
5	THENCE S. 40 DEG. 22' E.	168.45 M. TO POINT 73;
6	THENCE S. 11 DEG. 12' E.	245.27 M. TO POINT 74;
7	THENCE S. 43 DEG. 13' E.	58.38 M. TO POINT 75;
8	THENCE S. 17 DEG. 41' W.	233.06 M. TO POINT 76;
9	THENCE S. 09 DEG. 40' E.	79.42 M. TO POINT 77;
10	THENCE S. 20 DEG. 58' W.	333.46 M. TO POINT 78;
11	THENCE S. 55 DEG. 46' W.	290.92 M. TO POINT 79;
12	THENCE S. 02 DEG. 17' E.	125.59 M. TO POINT 80;
13	THENCE S. 29 DEG. 46' W.	140.43 M. TO POINT 81;
14	THENCE S. 65 DEG. 36' W.	59.34 M. TO POINT 82;
15	THENCE S. 08 DEG. 34' W.	96.55 M. TO POINT 83;
16	THENCE S. 63 DEG. 51' W.	409.98 M. TO POINT 84;
17	THENCE S. 42 DEG. 43' W.	462.94 M. TO POINT 85;
18	THENCE S. 52 DEG. 43' W.	458.58 M. TO POINT 86;
19	THENCE S. 41 DEG. 22' W.	159.13 M. TO POINT 87;
20	THENCE S. 87 DEG. 35' W.	148.54 M. TO POINT 88;
21	THENCE S. 00 DEG. 12' W.	65.60 M. TO POINT 89;
22	THENCE S. 70 DEG. 16' W.	380.23 M. TO POINT 90;
23	THENCE S. 83 DEG. 18' W.	513.83 M. TO POINT 91;
24	THENCE S. 45 DEG. 20' W.	415.22 M. TO POINT 92;
25	THENCE S. 49 DEG. 22' W.	410.47 M. TO POINT 93;
26	THENCE S. 18 DEG. 09' W.	489.81 M. TO POINT 94;
27	THENCE S. 44 DEG. 19' W.	682.42 M. TO POINT 95;
28	THENCE S. 41 DEG. 36' W.	303.30 M. TO POINT 96;
29	THENCE S. 54 DEG. 46' W.	307.78 M. TO POINT 97;
30	THENCE S. 33 DEG. 38' W.	304.85 M. TO POINT 98;
31	THENCE S. 55 DEG. 51' W.	224.41 M. TO POINT 99;
32	THENCE S. 45 DEG. 54' W.	303.13 M. TO POINT 100;
33	THENCE S. 78 DEG. 56' W.	161.81 M. TO POINT 101;
34	THENCE S. 89 DEG. 10' W.	283.62 M. TO POINT 102;
35	THENCE S. 75 DEG. 39' W.	252.24 M. TO POINT 103;
36	THENCE S. 51 DEG. 28' W.	1299.70 M. TO POINT 104;
37	THENCE S. 57 DEG. 49' W.	411.11 M. TO POINT 105;
38	THENCE S. 19 DEG. 00' W.	599.53 M. TO POINT 106;

1	THENCE S. 74 DEG. 30' W.	745.02 M. TO POINT 107;
2	THENCE S. 11 DEG. 00' W.	810.97 M. TO POINT 108;
3	THENCE S. 20 DEG. 50' W.	592.18 M. TO POINT 109;
4	THENCE S. 45 DEG. 39' W.	852.20 M. TO POINT 110;
5	THENCE S. 39 DEG. 03' W.	955.53 M. TO POINT 111;
6	THENCE S. 26 DEG. 29' W.	1189.93 M. TO POINT 112;
7	THENCE S. 69 DEG. 29' W.	1057.75 M. TO POINT 113;
8	THENCE S. 81 DEG. 25' W.	463.03 M. TO POINT 114;
9	THENCE S. 41 DEG. 31' W.	592.18 M. TO POINT 115;
10	THENCE S. 52 DEG. 51' W.	897.00 M. TO POINT 116;
11	THENCE S. 64 DEG. 04' W.	301.62 M. TO POINT 117;
12	THENCE S. 26 DEG. 06' W.	643.70 M. TO POINT 118;
13	THENCE S. 06 DEG. 44' E.	125.06 M. TO POINT 119;
14	THENCE S. 72 DEG. 24' W.	109.08 M. TO POINT 120;
15	THENCE S. 88 DEG. 24' W.	173.00 M. TO POINT 121;
16	THENCE S. 45 DEG. 27' W.	204.20 M. TO POINT 122;
17	THENCE S. 11 DEG. 11' W.	157.06 M. TO POINT 123;
18	THENCE S. 64 DEG. 36' W.	39.58 M. TO POINT 124;
19	THENCE N. 65 DEG. 25' W.	199.79 M. TO POINT 125;
20	THENCE S. 55 DEG. 30' W.	284.18 M. TO POINT 126;
21	THENCE S. 54 DEG. 52' W.	307.08 M. TO POINT 127;
22	THENCE S. 44 DEG. 24' W.	204.71 M. TO POINT 128;
23	THENCE S. 35 DEG. 51' W.	383.89 M. TO POINT 129;
24	THENCE S. 27 DEG. 41' W.	774.51 M. TO POINT 130;
25	THENCE S. 10 DEG. 03' E.	155.72 M. TO POINT 131;
26	THENCE S. 16 DEG. 41' E.	880.37 M. TO POINT 132;
27	THENCE S. 27 DEG. 00' E.	374.65 M. TO POINT 133;
28	THENCE S. 23 DEG. 09' W.	95.34 M. TO POINT 134;
29	THENCE S. 17 DEG. 25' E.	278.54 M. TO POINT 135;
30	THENCE S. 01 DEG. 33' E.	202.94 M. TO POINT 136;
31	THENCE S. 24 DEG. 01' E.	128.06 M. TO POINT 137;
32	THENCE S. 42 DEG. 00' E.	135.28 M. TO POINT 138;
33	THENCE S. 62 DEG. 51' E.	115.88 M. TO POINT 139;
34	THENCE S. 46 DEG. 01' W.	65.69 M. TO POINT 140;
35	THENCE N. 45 DEG. 32' W.	69.27 M. TO POINT 141;
36	THENCE N. 89 DEG. 01' W.	98.89 M. TO POINT 142;
37	THENCE S. 51 DEG. 34' W.	639.38 M. TO POINT 143;
38	THENCE S. 05 DEG. 01' W.	71.82 M. TO POINT 144;

1	THENCE S. 46 DEG. 43' W.	21.73 M. TO POINT 145;
2	THENCE N. 79 DEG. 55' W.	25.67 M. TO POINT 146;
3	THENCE S. 38 DEG. 23' W.	957.48 M. TO POINT 147;
4	THENCE S. 15 DEG. 02' E.	45.77 M. TO POINT 148;
5	THENCE S. 28 DEG. 08' W.	54.86 M. TO POINT 149;
6	THENCE N. 75 DEG. 12' W.	71.04 M. TO POINT 150;
7	THENCE S. 31 DEG. 39' W.	432.88 M. TO POINT 151;
8	THENCE S. 54 DEG. 17' W.	55.07 M. TO POINT 152;
9	THENCE S. 23 DEG. 13' W.	482.39 M. TO POINT 153;
10	THENCE S. 58 DEG. 16' W.	651.18 M. TO POINT 154;
11	THENCE S. 37 DEG. 24' E.	83.19 M. TO POINT 155;
12	THENCE S. 12 DEG. 26' E.	112.29 M. TO POINT 156;
13	THENCE N. 46 DEG. 23' W.	114.27 M. TO POINT 157;
14	THENCE S. 70 DEG. 05' W.	305.06 M. TO POINT 158;
15	THENCE S. 42 DEG. 14' W.	605.70 M. TO POINT 159;
16	THENCE S. 37 DEG. 07' W.	638.35 M. TO POINT 160;
17	THENCE S. 62 DEG. 20' W.	636.49 M. TO POINT 161;
18	THENCE S. 75 DEG. 04' W.	121.81 M. TO POINT 162;
19	THENCE S. 31 DEG. 23' W.	267.64 M. TO POINT 163;
20	THENCE S. 14 DEG. 13' E.	77.26 M. TO POINT 164;
21	THENCE S. 59 DEG. 23' E.	54.64 M. TO POINT 165;
22	THENCE S. 14 DEG. 17' E.	125.20 M. TO POINT 166;
23	THENCE S. 43 DEG. 13' W.	250.83 M. TO POINT 167;
24	THENCE N. 22 DEG. 26' W.	171.89 M. TO POINT 168;
25	THENCE S. 55 DEG. 45' W.	235.42 M. TO POINT 169;
26	THENCE S. 33 DEG. 07' W.	107.02 M. TO POINT 170;
27	THENCE S. 14 DEG. 24' E.	62.85 M. TO POINT 171;
28	THENCE S. 17 DEG. 55' W.	39.02 M. TO POINT 172;
29	THENCE N. 30 DEG. 42' W.	285.42 M. TO POINT 173;
30	THENCE N. 88 DEG. 58' W.	939.73 M. TO POINT 174;
31	THENCE S. 42 DEG. 17' W.	71.44 M. TO POINT 175;
32	THENCE S. 26 DEG. 28' W.	222.86 M. TO POINT 176;
33	THENCE S. 48 DEG. 20' W.	95.35 M. TO POINT 177;
34	THENCE S. 06 DEG. 52' E.	51.06 M. TO POINT 178;
35	THENCE S. 55 DEG. 54' W.	480.49 M. TO POINT 179;
36	THENCE S. 16 DEG. 34' E.	325.73 M. TO POINT 180;
37	THENCE S. 31 DEG. 39' W.	605.23 M. TO POINT 181;
38	THENCE S. 57 DEG. 28' W.	583.23 M. TO POINT 182;

1	THENCE S. 03 DEG. 08' W.	403.17 M. TO POINT 183;
2	THENCE S. 39 DEG. 37' E.	59.88 M. TO POINT 184;
3	THENCE S. 54 DEG. 16' W.	11.86 M. TO POINT 185;
4	THENCE N. 63 DEG. 16' W.	154.98 M. TO POINT 186;
5	THENCE S. 70 DEG. 46' W.	319.08 M. TO POINT 187;
6	THENCE S. 35 DEG. 47' W.	182.63 M. TO POINT 188;
7	THENCE S. 81 DEG. 29' W.	48.47 M. TO POINT 189;
8	THENCE N. 51 DEG. 52' W.	25.75 M. TO POINT 190;
9	THENCE N. 83 DEG. 59' W.	463.73 M. TO POINT 191;
10	THENCE N. 44 DEG. 22' W.	20.46 M. TO POINT 192;
11	THENCE S. 57 DEG. 49' W.	166.93 M. TO POINT 193;
12	THENCE N. 78 DEG. 27' W.	36.20 M. TO POINT 194;
13	THENCE N. 17 DEG. 13' W.	69.42 M. TO POINT 195;
14	THENCE N. 70 DEG. 05' W.	37.57 M. TO POINT 196;
15	THENCE S. 41 DEG. 00' W.	196.82 M. TO POINT 197;
16	THENCE N. 13 DEG. 00' W.	191.08 M. TO POINT 198;
17	THENCE N. 22 DEG. 24' W.	79.13 M. TO POINT 199;
18	THENCE N. 25 DEG. 34' E.	264.73 M. TO POINT 200;
19	THENCE N. 45 DEG. 50' E.	274.11 M. TO POINT 201;
20	THENCE N. 12 DEG. 27' E.	293.62 M. TO POINT 202;
21	THENCE N. 01 DEG. 32' E.	366.91 M. TO POINT 203;
22	THENCE N. 27 DEG. 32' E.	220.19 M. TO POINT 204;
23	THENCE N. 10 DEG. 10' E.	258.75 M. TO POINT 205;
24	THENCE N. 39 DEG. 58' E.	300.62 M. TO POINT 206;
25	THENCE N. 21 DEG. 57' E.	333.58 M. TO POINT 207;
26	THENCE N. 42 DEG. 38' E.	150.79 M. TO POINT 208;
27	THENCE N. 17 DEG. 34' E.	303.99 M. TO POINT 209;
28	THENCE N. 38 DEG. 09' E.	193.19 M. TO POINT 210;
29	THENCE N. 21 DEG. 00' E.	157.47 M. TO POINT 211;
30	THENCE N. 22 DEG. 15' E.	288.94 M. TO POINT 212;
31	THENCE N. 27 DEG. 12' E.	835.42 M. TO POINT 213;
32	THENCE N. 24 DEG. 24' E.	751.80 M. TO POINT 214;
33	THENCE N. 21 DEG. 07' E.	746.42 M. TO POINT 215;
34	THENCE N. 30 DEG. 32' E.	102.40 M. TO POINT 216;
35	THENCE N. 69 DEG. 42' E.	40.78 M. TO POINT 217;
36	THENCE N. 18 DEG. 17' E.	281.20 M. TO POINT 218;
37	THENCE N. 25 DEG. 50' E.	496.00 M. TO POINT 219;
38	THENCE N. 21 DEG. 52' E.	283.02 M. TO POINT 220;

1	THENCE N. 32 DEG. 36' E.	820.49 M. TO POINT 221;
2	THENCE N. 45 DEG. 20' E.	147.46 M. TO POINT 222;
3	THENCE N. 37 DEG. 08' E.	373.91 M. TO POINT 223;
4	THENCE N. 30 DEG. 15' E.	652.87 M. TO POINT 224;
5	THENCE N. 30 DEG. 34' E.	229.96 M. TO POINT 225;
6	THENCE N. 30 DEG. 01' E.	129.37 M. TO POINT 226;
7	THENCE N. 42 DEG. 43' E.	342.63 M. TO POINT 227;
8	THENCE N. 44 DEG. 38' E.	94.15 M. TO POINT 228;
9	THENCE N. 43 DEG. 58' E.	101.22 M. TO POINT 229;
10	THENCE N. 42 DEG. 42' E.	101.50 M. TO POINT 230;
11	THENCE N. 41 DEG. 17' E.	301.98 M. TO POINT 231;
12	THENCE S. 86 DEG. 31' E.	139.71 M. TO POINT 232;
13	THENCE S. 78 DEG. 54' E.	206.73 M. TO POINT 233;
14	THENCE N. 39 DEG. 00' E.	206.03 M. TO POINT 234;
15	THENCE N. 47 DEG. 39' E.	19.77 M. TO POINT 235;
16	THENCE N. 18 DEG. 28' E.	68.38 M. TO POINT 236;
17	THENCE N. 71 DEG. 18' E.	194.97 M. TO POINT 237;
18	THENCE N. 54 DEG. 40' E.	213.15 M. TO POINT 238;
19	THENCE N. 64 DEG. 49' E.	111.39 M. TO POINT 239;
20	THENCE N. 59 DEG. 46' E.	107.28 M. TO POINT 240;
21	THENCE N. 40 DEG. 42' E.	119.95 M. TO POINT 241;
22	THENCE N. 23 DEG. 12' E.	23.78 M. TO POINT 242;
23	THENCE N. 13 DEG. 18' E.	311.71 M. TO POINT 243;
24	THENCE N. 21 DEG. 51' E.	262.92 M. TO POINT 244;
25	THENCE N. 10 DEG. 57' E.	161.40 M. TO POINT 245;
26	THENCE N. 49 DEG. 28' E.	512.05 M. TO POINT 246;
27	THENCE N. 52 DEG. 06' E.	138.39 M. TO POINT 247;
28	THENCE N. 83 DEG. 17' E.	204.19 M. TO POINT 248;
29	THENCE N. 46 DEG. 38' E.	290.75 M. TO POINT 249;
30	THENCE N. 74 DEG. 05' E.	119.75 M. TO POINT 250;
31	THENCE S. 82 DEG. 25' E.	319.45 M. TO POINT 251;
32	THENCE N. 87 DEG. 52' E.	218.56 M. TO POINT 252;
33	THENCE N. 24 DEG. 54' E.	626.24 M. TO POINT 253;
34	THENCE S. 58 DEG. 17' E.	47.26 M. TO POINT 254;
35	THENCE N. 38 DEG. 22' E.	882.44 M. TO POINT 255;
36	THENCE N. 27 DEG. 34' E.	17.27 M. TO POINT 256;
37	THENCE N. 42 DEG. 38' E.	829.54 M. TO POINT 257;
38	THENCE N. 65 DEG. 14' E.	37.52 M. TO POINT 258;

1	THENCE N. 07 DEG. 03' W.	17.84 M. TO POINT 259;
2	THENCE N. 40 DEG. 20' E.	535.47 M. TO POINT 260;
3	THENCE N. 63 DEG. 05' E.	266.49 M. TO POINT 261;
4	THENCE N. 45 DEG. 53' E.	554.11 M. TO POINT 262;
5	THENCE N. 31 DEG. 33' E.	15.44 M. TO POINT 263;
6	THENCE N. 27 DEG. 27' E.	354.81 M. TO POINT 264;
7	THENCE N. 22 DEG. 43' E.	365.83 M. TO POINT 265;
8	THENCE N. 25 DEG. 30' E.	198.11 M. TO POINT 266;
9	THENCE N. 69 DEG. 03' E.	30.76 M. TO POINT 267;
10	THENCE N. 25 DEG. 45' E.	33.86 M. TO POINT 268;
11	THENCE N. 28 DEG. 28' E.	229.50 M. TO POINT 269;
12	THENCE N. 39 DEG. 59' E.	170.47 M. TO POINT 270;
13	THENCE N. 49 DEG. 36' E.	188.04 M. TO POINT 271;
14	THENCE N. 34 DEG. 01' E.	70.53 M. TO POINT 272;
15	THENCE N. 42 DEG. 08' E.	185.05 M. TO POINT 273;
16	THENCE N. 18 DEG. 11' E.	399.55 M. TO POINT 274;
17	THENCE N. 18 DEG. 11' E.	125.20 M. TO POINT 275;
18	THENCE N. 05 DEG. 26' W.	83.54 M. TO POINT 276;
19	THENCE N. 34 DEG. 28' W.	26.83 M. TO POINT 277;
20	THENCE N. 72 DEG. 25' W.	33.24 M. TO POINT 278;
21	THENCE N. 24 DEG. 10' W.	140.36 M. TO POINT 279;
22	THENCE N. 26 DEG. 45' W.	70.04 M. TO POINT 280;
23	THENCE N. 06 DEG. 17' E.	144.77 M. TO POINT 281;
24	THENCE N. 01 DEG. 11' W.	175.99 M. TO POINT 282;
25	THENCE N. 19 DEG. 42' W.	124.10 M. TO POINT 283;
26	THENCE N. 11 DEG. 22' W.	118.77 M. TO POINT 284;
27	THENCE N. 20 DEG. 08' E.	47.99 M. TO POINT 285;
28	THENCE N. 25 DEG. 53' W.	64.01 M. TO POINT 286;
29	THENCE N. 08 DEG. 07' W.	228.26 M. TO POINT 287;
30	THENCE N. 20 DEG. 20' W.	211.64 M. TO POINT 288;
31	THENCE N. 07 DEG. 27' W.	390.38 M. TO POINT 289;
32	THENCE N. 10 DEG. 53' W.	109.75 M. TO POINT 290;
33	THENCE N. 19 DEG. 37' E.	61.65 M. TO POINT 291;
34	THENCE N. 02 DEG. 56' E.	234.08 M. TO POINT 292;
35	THENCE N. 14 DEG. 56' E.	486.68 M. TO POINT 293;
36	THENCE N. 08 DEG. 10' E.	250.06 M. TO POINT 294;
37	THENCE N. 32 DEG. 55' E.	255.91 M. TO POINT 295;
38	THENCE N. 23 DEG. 43' E.	91.45 M. TO POINT 296;

1	THENCE N. 05 DEG. 27' E.	14.30 M. TO POINT 297;
2	THENCE N. 29 DEG. 37' E.	174.81 M. TO POINT 298;
3	THENCE N. 11 DEG. 06' E.	99.17 M. TO POINT 299;
4	THENCE N. 35 DEG. 04' E.	121.98 M. TO POINT 300;
5	THENCE N. 26 DEG. 45' E.	198.34 M. TO POINT 301;
6	THENCE N. 67 DEG. 53' E.	74.59 M. TO POINT 302;
7	THENCE S. 65 DEG. 19' E.	132.25 M. TO POINT 303;
8	THENCE S. 41 DEG. 07' E.	69.20 M. TO POINT 304;
9	THENCE N. 81 DEG. 07' E.	223.67 M. TO POINT 305;
10	THENCE N. 61 DEG. 31' E.	94.54 M. TO POINT 306;
11	THENCE N. 51 DEG. 34' E.	162.69 M. TO POINT 307;
12	THENCE N. 62 DEG. 46' E.	293.76 M. TO POINT 308;
13	THENCE N. 62 DEG. 21' E.	60.41 M. TO POINT 309;
14	THENCE N. 76 DEG. 22' E.	158.10 M. TO POINT 310;
15	THENCE N. 58 DEG. 52' E.	244.46 M. TO POINT 311;
16	THENCE N. 23 DEG. 48' E.	95.77 M. TO POINT 312;
17	THENCE N. 39 DEG. 08' E.	88.16 M. TO POINT 313;
18	THENCE N. 73 DEG. 46' E.	271.39 M. TO POINT 314;
19	THENCE N. 55 DEG. 12' E.	24.64 M. TO POINT 315;
20	THENCE S. 80 DEG. 38' E.	136.87 M. TO POINT 316;
21	THENCE N. 69 DEG. 30' E.	260.00 M. TO POINT 317;
22	THENCE N. 34 DEG. 22' E.	103.81 M. TO POINT 318;
23	THENCE N. 42 DEG. 48' E.	219.68 M. TO POINT 319;
24	THENCE N. 33 DEG. 35' E.	55.86 M. TO POINT 320;
25	THENCE N. 16 DEG. 27' E.	278.99 M. TO POINT 321;
26	THENCE N. 47 DEG. 26' E.	240.45 M. TO POINT 322;
27	THENCE N. 14 DEG. 31' W.	52.70 M. TO POINT 323;
28	THENCE N. 72 DEG. 53' E.	164.66 M. TO POINT 324;
29	THENCE N. 40 DEG. 31' E.	215.91 M. TO POINT 325;
30	THENCE N. 64 DEG. 13' E.	326.10 M. TO POINT 326;
31	THENCE N. 55 DEG. 00' E.	199.19 M. TO POINT 327;
32	THENCE N. 55 DEG. 30' E.	144.75 M. TO POINT 328;
33	THENCE N. 13 DEG. 56' E.	182.16 M. TO POINT 329;
34	THENCE N. 30 DEG. 10' W.	171.50 M. TO POINT 330;
35	THENCE N. 00 DEG. 27' W.	21.63 M. TO POINT 331;
36	THENCE N. 26 DEG. 18' E.	30.07 M. TO POINT 332;
37	THENCE N. 41 DEG. 48' W.	121.30 M. TO THE POINT OF
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1 **BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWELVE THOUSAND**  
2 **EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY TWO HECTARES (12,852 HECTARES),**  
3 **MORE OR LESS.**

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5 **SEC. 3.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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7 "SEC. 4. *Governing Principles.* - The Aurora [Special] **PACIFIC**  
8 Economic Zone **AND FREEPORT** shall be managed and operated by the Aurora  
9 [Special] **PACIFIC** Economic Zone **AND FREEPORT** Authority, hereinafter  
10 referred to as the [ASEZA] **APECO**, created under Section 10 of this Act, under  
11 the following principles:

- 12  
13 (a) Within the framework and limitations of the Constitution and applicable  
14 provisions of the Local Government Code, the Aurora Ecozone shall be  
15 developed into and operated as a decentralized, self reliant and self-  
16 sustaining industrial, commercial trading, agro-industrial, tourist, banking,  
17 financial and investment center with suitable residential areas.
- 18  
19 (b) The Aurora Ecozone shall be provided with transportation,  
20 telecommunications and other facilities needed to attract legitimate and  
21 productive investments, generate linkage industries and employment  
22 opportunities for the people of the Province of Aurora and its neighboring  
23 towns and cities.
- 24  
25 (c) The Aurora Ecozone may establish mutually beneficial economic relations  
26 with other entities or enterprises within the country or, subject to the  
27 administrative guidance of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the  
28 Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and/or the Department of  
29 Trade and Industry (DTI), with foreign entities or enterprises.
- 30  
31 (d) Foreign citizens and companies owned by non-Filipinos in whatever  
32 proportion may set up enterprises in the Aurora Ecozone, either by  
33 themselves or in joint venture with Filipinos in any sector of industry,  
34 international trade and commerce within the Aurora Ecozone.

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36 **(E) THE AURORA ECOZONE SHALL BE MANAGED AND**  
37 **OPERATED AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS AND TAXATION**  
38 **TERRITORY ENSURING FREE FLOW OR MOVEMENT OF**

1           **GOODS AND CAPITAL WITHIN, INTO AND OUT OF ITS**  
2           **TERRITORY.**

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4           **(F) THE AURORA ECOZONE MAY PROVIDE INCENTIVES SUCH**  
5           **AS TAX AND DUTY-FREE IMPORTATIONS OF RAW**  
6           **MATERIALS, CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT TO REGISTERED**  
7           **ENTERPRISES LOCATED THEREIN. HOWEVER,**  
8           **EXPORTATION OR REMOVAL OF GOOD FROM THE**  
9           **TERRITORY OF THE AURORA ECOZONE TO THE OTHER**  
10           **PARTS OF THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY SHALL BE SUBJECT**  
11           **TO CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES UNDER THE TARIFF AND**  
12           **CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND**  
13           **THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (NIRC) OF 1997,**  
14           **AS AMENDED;**

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16           **[(e)] (G)** The areas comprising the Aurora Ecozone may be expanded or  
17           reduced when necessary. For this purpose, the [ASEZA] APECO, in  
18           consultation with the LGUs, shall have the power to acquire either by  
19           purchase, negotiation or condemnation proceedings, any private land  
20           within or adjacent to the Aurora Ecozone for the following purposes: (1)  
21           consolidation of lands for Aurora Ecozone development; (2) acquisition of  
22           right of way to the Aurora Ecozone; and (3) the protection of watershed  
23           areas and natural assets valuable to the prosperity of the Aurora Ecozone.

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25           **[(f)] (H)** Goods manufactured by an Aurora Ecozone enterprise shall be  
26           made available for immediate retail sale in the domestic market, subject to  
27           the payment of corresponding taxes on raw materials and other regulations  
28           that may be formulated by the [ASEZA] APECO, together with the  
29           PEZA, **THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF)**, the Bureau of  
30           Customs and the **DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**  
31           **(DTI)**. However, in order to protect domestic industries, a negative list of  
32           industries shall be drawn up and regularly updated by the PEZA.  
33           Enterprises engaged in industries included in such negative list shall not  
34           be allowed to sell their products locally.

35  
36           **(I) THE DEFENSE OF THE AURORA ECOZONE AND THE**  
37           **SECURITY OF ITS PERIMETER FENCE SHALL BE THE**

1                   **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN**  
2                   **COORDINATION WITH THE APECO AND THE LGUS.**

3  
4                   [(g)] **(J)** The national government shall maintain its ability to coordinate  
5                   with the Aurora Ecozone and the local government units.”  
6

7                   **SEC. 4.** Section 5 (C) & (K) of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows:

9  
10                   “**SEC. 5. Incentives to Registered Enterprises.** - The Aurora [Special]  
11 **PACIFIC Economic Zone AND FREEPORT Authority [(ASEZA)] (APECO)**  
12 may administer the following incentives to the registered enterprises located  
13 therein to the extent of the activity/project:

14                   x x x

15                   (C) *Imposition of a tax rate of five percent (5%) on Gross Income Earned*  
16 *(GIE)* - Except for real property tax on land, no local and national taxes as  
17 prescribed under Republic Act No. 8424, also known as “The National Internal  
18 Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended” such as income tax, excise tax and  
19 franchise taxes, shall be imposed on registered enterprises operating within the  
20 Aurora Ecozone. In lieu thereof, five percent (5%) of the gross income earned  
21 shall be paid as follows:

22                   (a) [Three] **TWO** percent [(3%)] **(2%)** to the national government; [and]

23                   (b) [Two] **ONE AND ONE-HALF** percent [(2%)] **(1½%)** shall be  
24                   remitted by the business establishments to the treasurer's office of the  
25                   municipality or city where the enterprise is located [.]; **AND**

26                   **(C) ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1½%) SHALL BE**  
27                   **REMITTED BY THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISES TO THE**  
28                   **APECO.**

29                   All persons and service establishments in the Aurora Ecozone shall be  
30 subject to national and local taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code of  
31 1997, as amended, and the Local Government Code.

32  
33                   x x x

34  
35                   **(K) (1) Tax Treatment of Merchandise in the Aurora Ecozone. –**

36  
37                   **(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ACT,**  
38 **FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, RAW MATERIALS,**

1 SUPPLIES, ARTICLES, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERIES, SPARE PARTS  
2 AND WARES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, EXCEPT THOSE  
3 PROHIBITED BY LAW, BROUGHT INTO THE AURORA ECOZONE  
4 TO BE SOLD, STORED, BROKEN UP, REPACKED, ASSEMBLED,  
5 INSTALLED, SORTED, CLEANED, GRADED, OR OTHERWISE  
6 PROCESSED, MANUFACTURED, MIXED WITH FOREIGN OR  
7 DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE WHETHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY  
8 RELATED IN SUCH ACTIVITY, SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO  
9 CUSTOMS AND INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
10 NOR TO LOCAL TAX ORDINANCES, ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO  
11 THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING;

12  
13 (B) MERCHANDISE PURCHASED BY A REGISTERED  
14 ENTERPRISE, FROM THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY AND  
15 SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT INTO THE EXPORT PROCESSING  
16 ZONE, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EXPORT SALES AND  
17 EXPORTATION THEREOF SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS  
18 ALLOWED BY LAW FOR SUCH TRANSACTION;

19  
20 [(a)] (C) Domestic merchandise sent from the Aurora Ecozone to [areas  
21 outside the said ecozone] **THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY** shall, whether or not  
22 combined with or made part of other articles likewise of local origin or  
23 manufactured in the Philippines while in the export processing zone, be subject to  
24 internal revenue laws of the Philippines as domestic goods sold, transferred or  
25 disposed off or local consumption.

26  
27 [(b)] (D) Merchandise sent from the Aurora Ecozone to [areas outside the  
28 said ecozone] **THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY** shall, whether or not combined  
29 with or made part of other articles while in the zone, be subject to rules and  
30 regulations governing imported merchandise. The duties and taxes shall be based  
31 on the value of said imported materials (except when the final product is exempt).

32  
33 (E) DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE ON WHICH ALL INTERNAL  
34 REVENUE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, IF SUBJECT THERETO, AND  
35 FOREIGN MERCHANDISE PREVIOUSLY IMPORTED ON WHICH  
36 HAS BEEN PAID, OR WHICH HAVE BEEN ADMITTED FREE OF  
37 DUTY AND TAX, MAY BE TAKEN INTO THE AURORA ECOZONE

1 FROM THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND BE  
2 BROUGHT BACK THERETO FREE OF QUOTAS, DUTY OR TAX;

3  
4 (F) SUBJECT TO SUCH REGULATIONS RESPECTING  
5 IDENTITY AND SAFEGUARDING OF THE REVENUE AS THE  
6 AURORA ECOZONE MAY DEEM NECESSARY WHEN THE IDENTITY  
7 OF AN ARTICLE ENTERED INTO THE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE  
8 UNDER THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN  
9 LOST, SUCH ARTICLE WHEN REMOVED FROM THE ZONE AND  
10 TAKEN TO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY SHALL BE TREATED AS  
11 FOREIGN MERCHANDISE ENTERING THE COUNTRY FOR THE  
12 FIRST TIME, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TARIFF AND  
13 CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED;

14  
15 [(c)] (G) Articles produced or manufactured in the Aurora Ecozone and  
16 exported therefrom shall, on subsequent importation into the customs territory, be  
17 subject to the import laws applicable to like articles manufactured in a foreign  
18 country.

19  
20 [(d)] (H) Unless the contrary is shown, merchandise taken out of the  
21 Aurora Ecozone shall be considered for tax purposes to have been sent to customs  
22 territory.

23  
24 (2) TAX TREATMENT OF MERCHANDISE IN FREE  
25 TRADE/FREE PORT ZONE. THE AURORA ECOZONE SHALL BE  
26 OPERATED AND MANAGED AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS  
27 TERRITORY ENSURING FREE FLOW OR MOVEMENT OF GOODS  
28 WITHIN, INTO AND EXPORTED OUT OF THE FREE TRADE/FREE  
29 PORT ZONE. IMPORTATIONS OF RAW MATERIALS AND CAPITAL  
30 EQUIPMENT ARE TAX AND DUTY FREE. HOWEVER,  
31 EXPORTATIONS OR REMOVAL OF GOODS FROM THE FREE  
32 TRADE/FREE PORT ZONES TO THE OTHER PARTS OF THE  
33 PHILIPPINES TERRITORY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS AND  
34 INTERNAL REVENUE REGULATIONS.

35  
36 (3) TAX TREATMENT OF SERVICES IN THE APECO -  
37

1 (A) SALE OF SERVICE BY AN ENTITY FROM THE CUSTOMS  
2 TERRITORY TO A REGISTERED ECOZONE OR FREE TRADE  
3 ENTERPRISE, OR BY A REGISTERED ECOZONE OR FREEPORT  
4 ENTERPRISE TO ANOTHER ECOZONE OR FREEPORT ENTERPRISE  
5 SHALL BE TREATED AS INDIRECT EXPORT, AND HENCE,  
6 ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS ALLOWED BY LAW FOR SUCH  
7 TRANSACTION.

8  
9 (B) SALE OR SERVICE BY A REGISTERED ECOZONE OR  
10 FREEPORT ENTERPRISE TO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY SHALL BE  
11 SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS AND  
12 REGULATIONS.

13  
14 x x x”

15  
16 SEC. 5. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17  
18 SEC. 12. *Powers and Functions of the Aurora [Special] PACIFIC*  
19 *Economic Zone AND FREEPORT Authority [(ASEZA)] (APECO).* - The  
20 Aurora [Special] PACIFIC Economic AND FREEPORT Zone Authority  
21 shall have the following powers and functions:

- 22  
23 (a) To operate, administer, manage [and] develop AND RECLAIM the  
24 Aurora Ecozone according to the principles and provisions set forth in  
25 this Act;
- 26  
27 (b) To register, regulate and supervise the enterprises in the Aurora  
28 Ecozone in an efficient and decentralized manner, subject to existing  
29 laws;
- 30  
31 (c) To coordinate with local government units and exercise general  
32 supervision over the development plans, activities and operations of the  
33 Aurora Ecozone;
- 34  
35 (d) To regulate and undertake the establishment, operation and maintenance  
36 of utilities, other services and infrastructure in the Aurora Ecozone such  
37 as but not limited to heat, light and power, water supply,  
38 telecommunications, MOBILE, INTERNET AND OTHER DATA

1           **FACILITIES**, transport, toll roads and bridges, port services, etc. and  
2           to fix just, reasonable and competitive rates, fares, charges and prices  
3           thereof;

4  
5           (e) To construct, acquire, own, lease, operate and maintain on its own or  
6           through contracts, franchise, licenses, bulk purchase from the private  
7           sector or permits under any of the schemes allowed in Republic Act No.  
8           6957 (the Build-Operate-Transfer Law, as amended by R.A. No. 7718),  
9           or joint venture, adequate facilities and infrastructures required or  
10          needed for the operation and development of the Aurora Ecozone, in  
11          coordination with appropriate national and local government authorities  
12          and in conformity with applicable laws thereon;

13  
14          (f) To operate on its own, either directly or through a **SUBSIDIARY**  
15          **ENTITY, OR CONCESSION OR** license to otherS, tourism-related  
16          activities, including games, amusements **AND NATURE PARKS**,  
17          recreational and sports facilities;

18  
19          (g) [Subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines and the  
20          Monetary Board of the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* and upon the  
21          recommendation of the Department of Finance,] [t]To raise or borrow  
22          adequate and necessary funds from local or foreign sources to finance  
23          its projects and programs under this Act, and for that purpose to issue  
24          bonds, promissory notes, and other forms of securities, and to secure the  
25          same by a guarantee, pledge, mortgage, deed of trust, or an assignment  
26          of all or part of its property or assets;

27  
28          (h) To protect, preserve, maintain and develop the virgin forests, beaches,  
29          coral and coral reefs and maintain ecological balance within the Aurora  
30          Ecozone **THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE,**  
31          **FOREST, WILDLIFE AND BOTANICAL RESEVATIONS, IN**  
32          **COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
33          **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR);**

34  
35          (i) To [create] **ESTABLISH**, operate and/or contract to operate **SKILLS**  
36          **TRAINING CENTERS, PLANT AND FLOWER NURSERIES,**  
37          **FOREST AND SEA RANGER SERVICES AND** such **OTHER**

1           **NECESSARY AND** functional units of offices of the [ASEZA]  
2           **APECO** as it may deem necessary;

3  
4           (j) To adopt, alter and use a corporate seal; make contracts, leases, own, or  
5           otherwise dispose of personal or real property; sue and be sued; and  
6           otherwise carry out its functions and duties as provided for in this Act;

7  
8           **(K) TO SUE AND BE SUED IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT ITS**  
9           **DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, PRIVILEGES, POWERS AND**  
10           **FUNCTIONS AS GRANTED AND PROVIDED FOR IN THIS**  
11           **ACT AND TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT**  
12           **DOMAIN FOR PUBLIC USE AND PUBLIC PURPOSE;**

13  
14           **(L) TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THE ISSUANCE OF A**  
15           **PROCLAMATION TO FIX AND DELIMIT THE SITE OF THE**  
16           **AURORA ECOZONE;**

17  
18           **(M) TO AUTHORIZE OR UNDERTAKE, ON ITS OWN OR**  
19           **THROUGH OTHERS, AND TO REGULATE THE**  
20           **ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF**  
21           **PUBLIC UTILITIES, SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN**  
22           **THE AURORA ECOZONE SUCH AS SHIPPING, BARGING,**  
23           **STEVEDORING, CARGO, HANDLING, WAREHOUSING,**  
24           **STORAGE OF CARGO, PORT SERVICES OR CONCESSIONS,**  
25           **PIERS, WHARVES, BULKHEADS, BULK TERMINALS,**  
26           **MOORING AREAS, STORAGE AREAS, ROADS, BRIDGES**  
27           **TERMINALS, CONVEYORS, WATER SUPPLY AND**  
28           **STORAGE, SEWERAGE, DRAINAGE, AIRPORT OPERATIONS**  
29           **IN COORDINATION WITH THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS**  
30           **BOARD, AND SUCH OTHER SERVICES OR CONCESSIONS**  
31           **OR INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO**  
32           **THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS**  
33           **ACT: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRIVATE**  
34           **INVESTORS IN THE AURORA ECOZONE SHALL BE GIVEN**  
35           **PRIORITY IN THE AWARDED OF CONTRACTS,**  
36           **FRANCHISES, LICENSES, OR PERMITS FOR THE**  
37           **ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF**

1                   **UTILITIES, SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURES IN THE**  
2                   **AURORA ECOZONE.**

3  
4           [(k)] (N) To issue certificates of origin for products manufactured or  
5           processed in the Aurora Ecozone in accordance with prevailing rules of  
6           origin, and the pertinent regulations of the PEZA, the **DEPARTMENT**  
7           **OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI)** and/or the Department of Finance  
8           (DOF);

9  
10          [(l)] (O) To issue working visas renewable every [two (2)] **THREE (3)**  
11          years to foreign executives and foreign technicians with highly  
12          specialized skills which no Filipinos possesses, as certified by the  
13          Department of Labor and Employment;

14  
15          [(m)] (P) To report to the Bureau of Immigration the names of the  
16          foreigners who have been granted permanent resident status and  
17          working visas within thirty (30) days after issuance of such grant;

18  
19          **(Q) TO BE VESTED WITH OTHER POWERS ENJOYED OR**  
20          **EXERCISED BY OTHER SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND**  
21          **FREEPORT AUTHORITY;**

22  
23          [(n)] (R) To exercise such powers as may be essential, necessary or  
24          incidental to the powers granted to it hereunder as well as those that  
25          shall enable it to carry out, implement and accomplish the purposes,  
26          objectives and policies of this Act; and

27  
28          [(o)] (S) To issue rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of  
29          this Act as may be necessary to accomplish and implement the  
30          purposes, objectives and policies provided herein.”

31  
32          **SEC. 6.** Two (2) new sections, Section 12-A and 12-B, shall be inserted and read as  
33 follows:

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35                   **“SEC. 12-A. NON-PROFIT CHARACTER OF THE APECO. —**  
36                   **THE APEZA SHALL BE NON-PROFIT AND SHALL USE ITS ONE**  
37                   **AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1½%) SHARE AS PROVIDED IN**  
38                   **SECTION 5(C) OF THIS ACT FOR ITS OPERATIONS,**

1 DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER  
2 RELATED EXPENDITURES IN FURTHERANCE AND EFFECTIVE  
3 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY PROVIDED IN THIS ACT. IN  
4 CONSONANCE WITH THIS, THE APECO IS HEREBY DECLARED  
5 EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF ALL TAXES, DUTIES, FEES,  
6 IMPOSTS, CHARGES, COSTS AND SERVICE FEES IN ANY COURT  
7 OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH IT MAY BE A  
8 PARTY. FURTHERMORE, ALL DONATIONS MADE BY ANY  
9 PERSON OR ENTITY IN FAVOR OF THE APECO SHALL BE  
10 EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE DONOR'S TAX AND THE  
11 SAME SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE  
12 GROSS INCOME OF THE DONOR, PURSUANT TO THE NIRC OF  
13 1997, AS AMENDED.”

14  
15 **SEC. 12-B. ENJOYMENT OF BENEFITS OF OTHER ECOZONES**  
16 **AND FREEPORT.** — THE APECO SHALL ENJOY, RECEIVE AND  
17 BENEFIT FROM THE SAME PRIVILEGES, LICENSES OR  
18 CONCESSION GRANTED OR TO BE GRANTED TO OTHER  
19 ECOZONES AND FREE TRADE ZONES, SUCH AS THE SUBIC  
20 SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND FREEPORT ZONE, CLARK SPECIAL  
21 ECONOMIC AND FREEPORT ZONE, ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL  
22 ECONOMIC AND FREEPORT ZONE AND CAGAYAN SPECIAL  
23 ECONOMIC AND FREEPORT ZONE.

24  
25 **SEC. 7.** Section 15 of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26  
27 “**SEC. 15. COMPOSITION/Board of Directors/TENURE of the**  
28 **Aurora [Special] PACIFIC Economic Zone AND FREEPORT Authority.** -  
29 The powers of the Aurora [Special] PACIFIC Economic Zone AND  
30 FREEPORT Authority shall be vested in and exercised by [a Board of  
31 Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board,] **ITS DULY CONSTITUTED**  
32 **SET OF OFFICERS** which shall be composed of the following;

- 33  
34 (a) The Chairman who shall [, at the same time be the administrator of the  
35 ASEZA] **BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE**  
36 **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES;**  
37

1 (b) [A Vice Chairman who shall come from among the members of the  
2 Board] **THE PRESIDENT AND CEO WHO SHALL BE**  
3 **APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WHO**  
4 **SHALL BE THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD;**

5  
6 (c) [Members consisting of] **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
7 **COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING:**

8  
9 (1) The Governor of the Province of Aurora;

10 (2) The Congressional Representative of the district covering the  
11 site of the Aurora Ecozone;

12 **(3) THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE APECO;**

13 [(3)](4)The mayor of the Municipality of Casiguran, Province of  
14 Aurora;

15 [(4)](5)One representative from the domestic investors;

16 [(5)](6)One representative from the foreign investors; and

17 [(6)](7)Two representatives from the workers working in the Aurora  
18 Ecozone.

19  
20 The Governor, the Congressional Representative and the mayor of the  
21 Municipality of Casiguran, Province of Aurora shall serve as *ex officio*  
22 members of the Board, whose term in the Board corresponds to their terms as  
23 elected officials.

24  
25 The Chairman and the members of the Board, except the *ex officio*  
26 members, shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines to serve for a  
27 term of six (6) years, unless sooner separated from service due to death,  
28 voluntary resignation or removal for cause. In case of death, resignation or  
29 removal for cause, the replacement shall serve only the unexpired portion of the  
30 term. **THE PRESIDENT AND CEO SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF**  
31 **THREE (3) YEARS SUBJECT TO RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE**  
32 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

33  
34 Except for the representatives of the business and labor sectors, no  
35 person shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines as a member of  
36 the Board unless he is a Filipino citizen, of good moral character, of proven  
37 probity and integrity, and a degree-holder in any of the following fields:  
38 economics, business, public administration, law, management or their

1 equivalent, and with at least ten (10) years relevant working experience  
2 preferably in the field of management or public administration.

3  
4 The members of the Board shall each receive *per diem* at a rate to be  
5 determined by the Department of Budget and Management in accordance with  
6 existing rules and regulations: *Provided, however,* That the total *per diem*  
7 collected each month shall not exceed the equivalent per diem for four (4)  
8 meetings. Unless and until the President of the Philippines has fixed a higher  
9 *per diem* for the members of the Board, such *per diem* shall not be more than  
10 Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for every Board meeting.

11  
12 **SEC. 8.** Section 16 of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13  
14 “SEC. 16. *Powers and Duties of the Chairman [-Administrator] AND*  
15 ***THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE APECO.*** – The Chairman [-  
16 Administrator] shall have the following powers and duties:

- 17  
18 (a) To [direct and manage the affairs of the ASEZA in accordance with  
19 the policies of the Board] **EXERCISE SUPERVISION OVER**  
20 **THE AFFAIRS OF THE APECO BOARD;**
- 21  
22 (B) **TO PRESIDE OVER ALL THE MEETINGS OF THE**  
23 **BOARD;**
- 24  
25 (C) **TO SPEARHEAD THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES AND**  
26 **PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD AND THE APECO WITH**  
27 **THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ITS**  
28 **MEMBERS;**
- 29  
30 (D) **TO DIRECT THE AFFAIRS OF THE APECO IN**  
31 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE BOARD**  
32 **THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT AND CEO;**
- 33  
34 (E) **TO ENSURE THAT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET**  
35 **FORTH BY THE BOARD ARE ACHIEVED AND ITS**  
36 **POLICIES IMPLEMENTED; AND**
- 37

1 (F) TO LEAD THE BOARD IN CARRYING OUT THE POWERS  
2 AND FUNCTIONS OF APECO AS ENUMERATED IN  
3 SECTION 12 (A) TO (S) OF THIS ACT.  
4

5 THE PRESIDENT AND CEO SHALL, AMONG OTHER  
6 POWERS AND DUTIES, EXECUTE, CARRY OUT AND ADMINISTER  
7 THE POLICIES, MEASURES, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS  
8 APPROVED BY THE BOARD; DIRECT AND SUPERVISE THE DAY  
9 TO DAY OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AURORA  
10 ECOZONE; AND EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND  
11 PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS OR DUTIES AS MAY BE  
12 DIRECTIONED TO OR ASSIGNED TO HIM BY LAW OR BY THE BOARD  
13 FROM TIME TO TIME. PARTICULARLY, HE SHALL HAVE THE  
14 FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:  
15

16 (A) TO BE THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND  
17 SHALL ASSIST THE CHAIRMAN AND ACT IN HIS STEAD  
18 IN CASE OF ABSENCE OR INCAPACITY PROVIDED  
19 HOWEVER THAT IN CASE BOTH ARE ABSENT, THE  
20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DESIGNATE A  
21 TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS  
22 MEMBERS;  
23

24 (B) TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS CONCLUDED  
25 BY APECO AND ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY  
26 OBLIGATIONS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED BY THE  
27 CHARTER UPON PROPER AUTHORIZATION BY THE  
28 BOARD; AND SIGN ALL MAJOR DOCUMENTS, NOTES,  
29 CHECKS FOR THE AURORA ECOZONE;  
30

31 (C) TO EXERCISE FULL DISCRETION IN THE  
32 MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE APECO IN  
33 ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
34 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND BE ACCOUNTABLE  
35 FOR ALL HIS ACTS;  
36

37 ([b]D) To establish the internal organization of the [ASEZA] APECO  
38 under such conditions that the Board may prescribe;

1  
2 ((c)E) To submit an annual budget and necessary supplemental budget to  
3 the Board for its approval;  
4

5 ((d)F) To submit within thirty (30) days after the close of each fiscal year  
6 an annual report to the Board and such other reports as may be  
7 required;  
8

9 ((e)G) To submit to the Board for its approval policies, systems,  
10 procedures, rules and regulations that are essential to the operation  
11 of the Aurora Ecozone;  
12

13 ((f)H) To create a mechanism in coordination with relevant agencies for  
14 the promotion of industrial peace, the protection of the environment,  
15 and the advancement of the quality of life in the Aurora Ecozone;  
16 and  
17

18 ((g)I) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the  
19 Board or which are necessary or incidental to his office.  
20

21 **SEC. 9.** Section 17 of Republic Act No. 9490 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
22

23 “SEC. 17. *Organization and Personnel.* The board of directors of the  
24 [ASEZA] **APECO SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ORGANIZE ITS OWN**  
25 **PERSONNEL WHO WILL ASSIST THE BOARD IN THE EXERCISE OF**  
26 **ITS FUNCTION AND** shall **LIKEWISE** provide for an organization **OF**  
27 **APECO** [and staff of its] officers and employees. Upon recommendation of the  
28 [Chairman-Administrator] **PRESIDENT AND CEO**, the Board shall appoint and  
29 fix the remunerations and other emoluments of its officers and employees in  
30 accordance with existing laws on compensation and position classification:  
31 *Provided*, that the Board shall have exclusive and final authority to promote,  
32 transfer, assign or reassign officers of the [ASEZA] **APECO**, any provision of  
33 existing law to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided further*, That the  
34 [Chairman-Administrator] **PRESIDENT AND CEO** may carry out removal of  
35 such officers and employees.  
36

37 **ALL POSITIONS IN THE APECO SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A**  
38 **COMPENSATION, POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND**

1 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
2 WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BASED  
3 ON A COMPREHENSIVE JOB ANALYSIS AND AUDIT OF ACTUAL  
4 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. THE COMPENSATION PLAN  
5 SHALL BE COMPARABLE WITH THE PREVAILING  
6 COMPENSATION PLANS IN THE SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN  
7 AUTHORITY (SBMA), CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
8 (CDC), BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
9 (BCDA) AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO  
10 THE PERIODIC REVIEW BY THE BOARD NO MORE THAN ONCE  
11 EVERY TWO (2) YEARS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO YEARLY MERIT  
12 REVIEWS OR INCREASES BASED ON PRODUCTIVITY AND  
13 PROFITABILITY. THE APECO SHALL THEREFORE BE EXEMPT  
14 FROM EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON  
15 COMPENSATION, POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND  
16 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS. IT SHALL HOWEVER ENDEAVOR  
17 TO MAKE ITS SYSTEMS CONFORM AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE  
18 WITH THE PRINCIPLES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758.”

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20 The officers and employees of the [ASEZA] APECO, including [all] ITS  
21 APPOINTIVE members of the Board, shall not engage directly or indirectly in  
22 partisan activities nor take part in any election, except to vote.

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24 No officer or employee of the [ASEZA] APECO, subject to civil service  
25 laws and regulations, shall be removed or suspended except for cause, as provided  
26 by law.”

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28 **SEC. 10.** After Section 24 of Republic Act No. 9490, the following provisions shall be  
29 inserted:

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31 **“SEC. 25. CREATION OF THE AURORA DEVELOPMENT**  
32 **CORPORATION. - A CORPORATE BODY TO BE KNOWN AS THE**  
33 **AURORA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (ADC) IS HEREBY**  
34 **AUTHORIZED TO BE FORMED AS THE OPERATING AND**  
35 **IMPLEMENTING ARM OF THE AURORA PACIFIC ECONOMIC ZONE**  
36 **AUTHORITY (APECO) TO MANAGE THE AURORA ECOZONE.**  
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1 THE ADC SHALL BE FORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
2 PHILIPPINE CORPORATION LAW AND EXISTING RULES AND  
3 REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE SECURITIES AND  
4 EXCHANGE COMMISSION *PROVIDED THAT*, FIFTY ONE PERCENT  
5 (51%) OF THE STOCKS OF ADC SHALL BE OWNED BY PERSONS  
6 FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHILE FORTY NINE PERCENT (49%)  
7 SHALL BE OWNED BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR.  
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9 **SEC. 26. *PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE***  
10 ***ADC.*** - THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHALL  
11 BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
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13 **SEC. 27. *CAPITALIZATION OF ADC.*** - THE CAPITALIZATION  
14 OF ADC SHALL BE DETERMINED BY ITS INCORPORATORS AND  
15 THE APECO, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:  
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17 CASH EQUITY BY THE APECO AND OTHER AGENCIES AND  
18 INSTRUMENTALITIES OF GOVERNMENT;  
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20 A PART OF THE LANDS EMBRACED AND COVERED BY THE  
21 APECO.  
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23 ALL OTHER ASSETS WHICH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
24 APECO SET ASIDE FOR THE PURPOSE AND TRANSFER TO THE  
25 ADC AS PART OF THE EQUITY CONTRIBUTION OF THE  
26 GOVERNMENT.  
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28 **SEC. 28. *ROLE OF DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES,***  
29 ***AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES.*** - ALL HEADS OF  
30 DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES, AGENCIES AND  
31 INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE HEREBY  
32 DIRECTED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT AND COORDINATE WITH THE  
33 APEZA AND ADC TO FACILITATE THE NECESSARY APPROVALS  
34 TO EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS  
35 PROJECTS FOR THE APECO.”  
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37 **SEC. 11.** Sections 25, 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 9490 shall be re-numbered as  
38 Section 29, 30 and 31, respectively.

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2           **SEC. 12.** All provisions in Republic Act No. 9490 pertaining to the Aurora Special  
3 Economic Zone shall be amended to refer to the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport.  
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5           In addition, all provisions in Republic Act No. 9490 pertaining to the Aurora Special  
6 Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) shall be amended to refer to the Aurora Pacific Economic  
7 Zone and Freeport Authority (APECO).  
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9           **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** Any provision of existing laws, rules, decrees and executive  
10 orders inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.  
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12           **SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.*** Any portion or provision of this Act that may be declared  
13 unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as such  
14 remaining provisions can still subsist and be given effect.  
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16           **SEC. 15. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
17 and full publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
18 circulation, whichever comes first.  
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20           *Approved,*