



MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 22-017-08
Series of 2022.

SUBJECT: RECONSTITUTION OF CEZA ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING/COUNTERING TERRORIST FINANCING COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10927, "An Act Designating Casinos as Covered Persons under Republic Act. No. 9160, otherwise known as the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001, as amended," and Republic Act 11521, "An Act Further Strengthening The Anti-Money Laundering Law, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9160, otherwise known as the Anti-Money Laundering Act Of 2001, as amended", the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA) Anti-Money Laundering/Counteracting Terrorist Financing Committee is hereby created and composed of the following:

Chairperson : **PCSUPT. AGRIMERO A. CRUZ JR., RET., CSEE**
Deputy Administrator for Operations

Vice-Chairperson : **GABRIEL L. LINGAN**
Market Specialist V/ Marketing Division Chief

Member : **NOVELYN T. CRUZ-ACHANZAR**
Enterprise Services Officer VI

MARYJANE C. COMETA
Enterprise Services Officer V
Acting Head Enterprise Assistance Division

MICHELLE S. AGABIN
Sales and Promotion Supervisor IV
OIC – Investment Promotion Division

RODRIGO C. PABLO
Chief Administrative Officer (Budget Officer V)
Acting Department Manager for Finance Department

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

TWG Chairperson : **ATTY. PERCIVAL B. PERALTA**
Attorney V, Legal Division

TWG Vice-Chairperson : **ATTY. JOY CATHERINE P. ALAMEDA**
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Enterprise Services Officer IV

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Business Processing Officer

Secretariat : **MELISSA B. PERLAS**
Market Specialist III

RICARDO C. BURTON JR.
Internal Auditor III

CEZA, being the Appropriate Government Agency (AGA) under R.A. 10927 and its IRR, through the CEZA AML/CTF Committee, shall perform its functions and mandate specified therein and as shown hereunder, among others, to wit:

“Section 8. Functions of the Appropriate Government Agency. – The functions of the AGA are:

- a) To supervise, assess and monitor, compliance of casinos with obligations under the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances;*
- b) To accredit third party auditors to carry out AML audit on the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of the casinos’ measures to prevent criminal behavior in general and to combat money laundering and terrorist financing in particular;*
- c) Except for covered and suspicious transaction reports, to require casinos submit necessary information and documentation on AML compliance and those relevant to any violation of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances;*
- d) To implement the necessary measures for restoring the appropriate legal conditions in the event of violations of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances;*
- e) To order precautionary measures for the duration of any investigation or legal proceedings of violations of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other applicable issuances, such as the suspension of the casinos’ license; and*
- f) To provide the AMLC with the results of its inspection in connection with item a) above.*

Section 9. Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Guidelines and Circulars of Appropriate Government Agency. – The AGA shall issue their respective AMI./CFT guidelines and



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circulares for the guidance and compliance of casinos under their respective jurisdictions, to assist the AMLC in effectively implementing the provisions of the AMLA, this CIRR, and other AMLC issuances.”

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee and the TWG Chairperson shall be designated as the Project Managers with the following responsibilities:

- a. Act as the focal person for the “Project Exit the Greylist”;
- b. Oversee the implementation of the CEZA’s workplan addressing the ICRG Action Plan and national AML/CFT Strategy;
- c. Coordinate with the National AML/CTF Coordinating Committee Secretariat and the Supervision of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions Sub-Committee.

Moreover, the Chairperson of the Committee is hereby authorized to enlist additional personnel as he may deem necessary towards the efficient and faithful implementation of this Memorandum Order and the IRR of R.A. 10927 and RA 11521. Further, everyone’s cooperation is enjoined on this matter.

All previous Memorandum Orders inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed and/or revoked.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect **immediately**.

Issued this 11th day of May 2022.


SEC. RAUL L. LAMBINO
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

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