MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 01-02-2013

SUBJECT: PROHIBITION OF PORTABLE CELLULAR MOBILE REPEATER AND PORTABLE CELL SITE EQUIPMENT

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7925 (Public Telecommunications Policy Act), Executive Order No. 546 series of 1979, Act No. 3846, as amended (Radio Control Law), and Memorandum Circular No. 9-8-91 entitled “Guidelines in the Sale, Purchase and Importation of Various Radio Communications Equipment Intended for Use in Private and Government Owned Radio Communications Network, and in order to minimize if not prevent harmful interference to the Cellular Mobile Networks and maximize and promote the efficient use of radio frequency spectrum, the National Telecommunications Commission (the Commission, for brevity) hereby issues the following rules:

1. The sale, purchase, importation, possession or use of Cellular Mobile Repeaters and portable cell sites, operating on 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2100 MHz frequency bands shall be prohibited.

2. Portable cell sites and/or portable radio equipment/devices shall refer to radio equipment capable of sending messages to all subscribers within three to five (3-5) kilometer radius which provide an instant network in a "box solution". Cellular Mobile Repeaters shall refer to devices that receive signal and regenerates the signal to extend the said signals from one receiver to another.

3. Any person, natural or juridical, selling, purchasing, importing, possessing or using GSM repeaters and portable cell sites, portable radio equipment/devices shall be dealt with in accordance with law.

4. Only duly licensed Cellular Mobile Telephone System (CMTS) Operators, the National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Council (NDRRMC) and such other government agency/instrumentality performing functions vital to national security or safety, hereinafter authorized by the Commission, are authorized to purchase, import, possess and use such devices.

5. Any circular, order, memoranda, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and three (3) certified true copies are furnished the UP Law Center.

Quezon City, Philippines 26 February 2013

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