

MALACAÑANG  
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 859

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) NO. 232 DATED 19 AUGUST 2003 AND  
MAKING THE NORTH LUZON RAILWAYS CORPORATION (NORTHRAIL)  
AN AGENCY ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC)**

**WHEREAS**, under Executive Order (EO) No. 232, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) was directed to exercise primary oversight functions over the North Rail Project, transferring North Luzon Railways Corporation from the Office of the President to DOTC and designating the Secretary of DOTC as *Ex Officio* Co-Chairman of the governing board of NORTHRAIL;

**WHEREAS**, the DOTC as the primary policy, planning, programming, coordinating, implementing, regulating and administrative entity in the Executive Branch for the promotion, development and regulation of dependable and coordinated networks of transportation and communications system and in order for the DOTC to effectively administer the implementation of the NORTHRAIL Project, there is a need to amend EO No. 232 dated 19 August 2003 making it an agency attached to the DOTC.

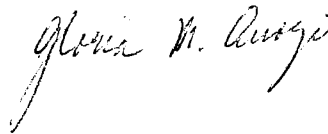
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of EO No. 232 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"SECTION 1.** Attachment – The North Luzon Railways Corporation (NORTHRAIL) is hereby made an agency attached to the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC)."

**Sec. 2.** Effectivity – This Executive Order (EO) shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



By the President:



**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary



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