

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 250**

### **Temporary Operations and Maintenance of the Odesangel Dil Ferry Vessel**

**WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the National Government is responsible for the acquisition and allocation of grant monies received from foreign governments; and**

**WHEREAS, on 13 June 2003, and as modified on 14 September 2004, the Republic of China, Taiwan, graciously extended to the Republic of Palau a grant in the total sum of \$191,000.00 for the purchase of a ferry vessel for inter-island transportation; and**

**WHEREAS, on 14 November 2003, the Republic of Palau issued a Public Notice for a Request for Proposals for the construction and delivery of a aluminum cargo/passenger water transportation vessel for the use by the Republic of Palau in general and specifically for transportation of goods, vehicles and persons to and from the various outlying states of the Republic of Palau, and**

**WHEREAS, on 12 December 2003, as amended on 20 April 2004, the Republic of Palau entered into an agreement with Kanto Kogyo Co. Ltd. for the construction and delivery of a aluminum ferry vessel for the total purchase price of \$927,678. The vessel was delivered to the Republic of Palau in 2004 and christened Odesangel Dil and was made available to the State of Peleliu for ferry services for the citizens of Palau between the State of Peleliu and the other States of the Republic of Palau; and**

**WHEREAS, the Odesangel Dil is the major source of public transportation ferry services between the State of Peleliu and the State of Koror and other destinations in the Republic and provided regular ferry services between Peleliu and Koror four (4) times a week, at a distance of 27 miles and was in operation until July 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, the Odesangel Dil fell into disrepair due to operational errors and a failure of proper maintenance, and completely ceased providing ferry services between Koror and Peleliu in July 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, as a result of the inoperable status of the Odesangel Dil, a substitute ferry has been in use since July 2008 to transport supplies and people between Peleliu and Koror. This substitute ferry proved to be unreliable and unsafe. Local efforts to repair the Odesangel Dil proved futile; and**

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**WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution, it is the role of the National Government to assist all States of the Republic and its citizens, including Peleliu State. Accordingly, in January 2008, the vessel was towed by the Marine Division of the Ministry of Resources and Development to the Belau Shipyard for repairs; and**

**WHEREAS, on 14 April 2008, the Republic of Palau entered into a contrast, as amended on 4 June 2008 and 17 July 2008, with the Sensho Co Ltd for the repairs to the Odesangel Dil at total cost of \$232,561.65. The repairs began on 9 July 2008 and were completed on 18 July 2008; and**

**WHEREAS, on 18 July 2008, the Odesangel Dil was reintroduced to the waters of Palau, and is now ready to resume ferry operations between Peleliu and Koror and other destinations within the Republic as determined by the National Government; and**

**WHEREAS, it is the intention of the National Government, according to the dictates stated hereinbelow, to operate the Odesangel Dil in order to resume full ferry services between Koror and Peleliu and other destinations in the Republic for a sufficient period of time or until such time that the State of Peleliu can satisfactorily demonstrate an ability to operate the vessel in a safe and responsible manner.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau under the Constitution and. laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that the following shall be the directive of the Executive Branch regarding the operation and maintenance of the Odesangel Dil:**

- 1 The Executive Branch of the Republic of Palau is responsible for the allocation and use of the grant funds received from foreign governments and is responsible to ensure that grant money is used in a conscientious manner, and also that the various public improvement projects and assets purchased with grant funds are maintained in a dependable manner. To that end, the temporary operation of the Odesangel Dil shall be administered by the Minister of State in accordance with the dictates set forth herein;**
- 2 In order to ensure that the Odesangel Dil is operated and maintained in a responsible manner, the Minister of State, Minister of Finance, Minister of Resources & Development, and the Director of Public Safety are hereby directed to work together to make certain that the Odesangel Dil is brought back into full operation as quickly as possible and that it is operated and maintained in a responsible and safe manner;**
- 3 The Minister of State is directed to work with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Resources & Development, and the Director of Public Safety as follows:**

