AN ACT GRANTING MARANAW TIMBER INDUSTRIES, INC., A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT; MARINE, MOBILE AND LAND-BASED RADIO STATION...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5736, June 21, 1969

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution as well as Act Numbered Three thousand eight hundred forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," Act Numbered Three thousand nine hundred ninety-seven, known as the Radio Broadcasting Law, Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, and other applicable laws not inconsistent with this Act, there is hereby granted to the Maranaw Timber Industries, Inc., its successors or assigns, a permit to construct, maintain and operate in the Philippines, at such places as the said corporation may select and the Secretary of Public Works and Communications may approve, private fixed point-to-point, marine and mobile and land-based radio stations for the reception and transmission of wireless messages on radiotelegraph and radiotelephone, each station to be provided with a radio transmitting and a radio receiving apparatus.

SEC. 2. This permit shall continue to be in force during the time that the Government has not yet established a similar service at the places selected by the grantee, its successors or assigns, and is granted under the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction or installation of said stations be started within one year from the date of the approval of this Act and be completed within two years from said date.

SEC. 3. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall not engage in domestic business of telecommunications in the Philippines, it being understood that the purpose of this permit is to secure to the grantee, its successors or assigns, the right to construct, install, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, marine, mobile and land-based radio stations in such places within the Philippines as the interest of the grantee may justify, and to enable it to better serve the public in the dissemination of news and events of national interest.

SEC. 4. No fees shall be charged by the grantee, as the radio stations that may be established by virtue of this Act shall engage in sending and receiving communications regarding the grantee's business only.

SEC. 5. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall so construct and operate its radio stations as not to interfere with the operation of other radio stations maintained and operated in the Philippines.

SEC. 6. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall hold the national, provincial, city or municipal governments of the Philippines harmless from all claims, accounts, demands or actions arising out of accidents or injuries whether to property or to persons, caused by the construction or operation of its radio stations.

SEC. 7. The grantee, its successors or assigns, shall be subject to the Corporation Law of the Philippines now existing or hereafter enacted.

SEC. 8. The grantee, its successors or assigns, is authorized to operate its private fixed point-to-point, marine, mobile and land-based radio stations in the medium frequency, high frequency and very high frequency that may be assigned to it by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications.

SEC. 9. The grantee shall not lease, transfer, grant the usufruct of, sell or assign this permit, nor the rights or privileges appertaining thereto to any person, firm, company corporation or other commercial or legal entities, nor merge with any other person, firm, company or corporation organized for the same purpose without first securing" the approval of the Congress of the Philippines. Any corporation to which this permit may be sold, transferred or assigned shall be subject to all conditions, terms, restrictions and limitations of this permit as fully and completely and to the same extent as if this permit has been originally granted to the said corporation, person, firm, company or other commercial or legal entity.

SEC. 10. A special right is hereby reserved to" the President of the Philippines in time of war, insurrection, public peril, emergency, calamity or disaster to cause the closing of the grantee's radio stations or to authorize the temporary use or possession thereof by any department of the Government upon payment of just compensation.

SEC. 11. Wherever in this permit the term "grantee" is used, it shall be held and understood to mean Maranaw Timber Industries, Inc., its authorized representatives, successors or assigns, unless the context indicates otherwise.

SEC. 12. This permit shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when the public interest so requires, and shall not be interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges herein provided for.

SEC. 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted without Executive approval, June 21, 1969.

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