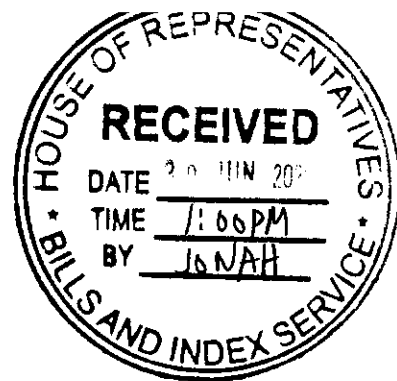




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House Bill No. 269

Introduced by Representative SHIRLYN L. BAÑAS-NOGRALES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to create the General Santos International Airport Authority, a corporate body with full authority to manage and operate the General Santos City Airport complex, situated on 599 hectares of public land under Presidential Proclamation No. 219. Strategically located as a gateway to the BIMP-EAGA, the airport will be positioned as a premier world-class hub for trade, tourism, and logistics. We envision an integrated complex with facilities for aircraft maintenance, cold storage for regional produce, industrial zones, hospitality services, and ultimately, a full-scale aerotropolis.

While we take pride that our airport has the third-longest airstrip in the country after Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Mactan-Cebu International Airport, its endowed capabilities now remain unexploited to the fullest. Authoritative studies suggest more promising trade, commerce, industry, and tourism potentials of General Santos City Airport besides the usual doing of business, as mandated by the law, of regulating passenger and cargo traffic and aviation.

Given the unharnessed potentials of the General Santos City Airport and the complexity of the work left to be done, the creation of an authority specifically tasked to do the job cannot be overemphasized.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY, TRANSFERRING EXISTING ASSETS OF THE GENERAL SANTOS
AIRPORT TO THE AUTHORITY, VESTING THE AUTHORITY WITH POWERS TO
ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

ARTICLE 1
General Provisions

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Charter of the General Santos City International Airport Authority*”.

SEC. 2. *Coverage.* – This Act shall apply to all persons, entities and other political subdivisions as may be referred or connected with this Act and, to the extent herein provided, to officials, offices and other departments, bureaus, instrumentalities and other agencies of the national government and local government unit.

SEC. 3. *Construction and Interpretation.* – This Act shall be construed and interpreted in the light of the State policy to promote integrity, accountability and proper management of public affairs and public property. Any doubt shall be resolved thereupon by taking into account good, effective and established practices and standards for government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs).

ARTICLE II
The Authority

SEC. 4. *Creation of the General Santos City International Airport Authority.* – There is hereby established a body corporate to be known as the General Santos City International Airport

1 Authority, hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”, which shall be attached to the Department
2 of Transportation (DOTr).

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4 The Authority shall hold principal office and conduct official business at a designated
5 area located within the airport complex of the General Santos City International Airport
6 (GSCIA). The Authority may operate such branches, agencies or subsidiaries to be located
7 outside of the airport complex, as it may deem proper and necessary.

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9 **SEC. 5. Objectives.** – The Authority shall principally undertake the economical, efficient
10 and effective control, management, and supervision of the GSCIA in the City of General Santos.
11 In addition, the Authority shall have the following objectives:

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13 (a) Encourage, promote, and develop international and domestic air traffic in the
14 SOCCSKSARGEN Region as a means of making the region a center of international
15 trade and tourism and in accelerating the development of the means of transportation
16 and communications around the country; and
17 (b) Upgrade the services and facilities of GSCIA and formulate internationally acceptable
18 standards of airport accommodation and service.

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20 **SEC. 6. Duties and Functions.** – The Authority shall exercise the following duties and
21 functions:

- 22 (a) Succeed in its corporate name; sue and be sued in such corporate name; adopt, alter
23 and use a corporate seal; and adopt, amend or repeal its own by-laws, rules or
24 regulations;
25 (b) Formulate a comprehensive and integrated development policy and program for
26 GSCIA and implement, review, and update periodically such policy and program;
27 (c) Control, supervise, construct, maintain, operate, and provide such facilities or
28 services as shall be necessary for the efficient functioning of GSCIA and compliant
29 with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards;
30 (d) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the planning, development, maintenance,
31 operation and improvement of GSCIA and control and supervise the construction of
32 any structure or the rendition of any service located or conducted within the GSCIA;
33 (e) Exercise all the powers of a corporation under Batas Pambansa Bldg. 68, otherwise
34 known as “The Corporation Code of the Philippines”, as amended by Republic Act
35 No. 11232, insofar as those powers are not inconsistent with the provisions of this
36 Act;
37 (f) Acquire, purchase, own, administer, lease, mortgage, sell, or otherwise dispose of any
38 land, building, airport facility or property of whatever kind and nature, whether

1 movable or immovable, or any interest therein: *Provided*, That any asset established
2 and located within the premises of GSCIA which is important to national security
3 shall not be subject to alienation, mortgage, or transfer to any entity other than the
4 national government;

5 (g) To enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every class, kind and
6 description which are necessary or incidental to the realization of its purposes with
7 any person, firm, or corporation, private or public, and with foreign government
8 entities;

9 (h) Exercise the power of eminent domain in the pursuit of its purposes and objectives;

10 (i) Levy and collect dues, charges, fees, and assessments for the use of airport premises,
11 works, appliances, facilities, or concessions, or for any service provided by the
12 Authority;

13 (j) Receive donations, grants, bequeaths, and assistance of all kinds from local and
14 foreign governments and private sectors and utilize the same;

15 (k) Retain and appropriate dues, fees, and charges collected by the Authority relative to
16 the use of airport premises for such measures as may be necessary to make the
17 Authority more effective and efficient in the discharge of its assigned tasks;

18 (l) Invest its idle funds, as it may deem proper or necessary, in government securities or
19 other forms of business ventures: *Provided*, That this shall be concurred in by two-
20 thirds (2/3) votes of all the members of the Authority's Board of Directors; and

21 (m) Provide such services, whether on its own or otherwise, within the GSCIA and the
22 approaches thereof as may be necessary or in connection with the maintenance and
23 operation of the airport grounds or facilities.

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25 **SEC. 7. Police Authority.** – The Authority shall exercise police authority as may be
26 necessary within its premises or areas of operation to carry out its functions and attain its
27 purposes and objectives: *Provided*, That the Authority may request the assistance of law
28 enforcement agencies, including request for deputations as may be required. Such police
29 authority shall be exercised in connection with the following, among others:

30 (a) Maintenance of security to passengers, cargoes, aircraft, airport equipment, structures,
31 facilities, personnel, funds and documents;

32 (b) Regulation of the entry to, exit from, and movement within the airport grounds;

33 (c) Maintenance of peace and order within the premises of GSCIA, in coordination with
34 local police authorities and other authorized peace-keeping entities within the airport;

35 (d) Regulation and supervision of private security agencies operating inside GSCIA;

36 (e) Enforcement of rules and regulations promulgated by the Authority pursuant to law;

37 or

1 (f) In case of such emergencies or imminent danger involving national security or public
2 health within the airport premises, the Philippine Air Force Security Command in
3 close coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) or other appropriate
4 departments of agencies of government, shall take charge.

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6 **ARTICLE III**
7 **The Board of Directors**
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9 **SEC. 8. *Board of Directors.*** – The corporate powers of the Authority shall be exercised
10 by and vested in the Board of Directors which shall be composed of a Chairperson, a Vice-
11 Chairperson, and eleven (11) members, as follows:

- 12 (a) Secretary of the DOTr, as *ex officio* Chairperson;
13 (b) General Manager of the Authority, as *ex officio* Vice Chairperson;
14 (c) Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) or the
15 duly appointed representative thereof, as *ex officio* member;
16 (d) Secretaries of the Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Agriculture (DA),
17 and Department of Tourism (DOT) or their designated Undersecretary or Assistant
18 Secretary, as *ex officio* members;
19 (e) Local Chief Executive of the City of General Santos, as *ex officio* member;
20 (f) Four (4) members from the private sector who are residents of the City of General
21 Santos for at least five (5) years, of good moral character, of unquestionable
22 integrity, and of recognized competence in relevant fields, such as agribusiness,
23 tourism, export and logistics, and hospitality.

24 The private sector representatives shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines
25 in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 10149, otherwise known as the
26 “GOCC Governance Act of 2011”. For this purpose, the Local Chief Executive of the City of
27 General Santos shall submit to the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) fifteen (15)
28 candidates for appointment pursuant to the preceding provision. The GCG shall, thereafter,
29 endorse to the President of the Philippines seven (7) qualified candidates.

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31 **SEC. 9. *Internal Rules of Procedure.*** – On the first regular session following its
32 constitution and within thirty (30) days thereafter, the Board shall adopt and promulgate its rules
33 of procedure relative to meetings, quorum requirements and matters relative to compensation and
34 allowances of its members.

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36 **SEC. 10. *Functions of the Board.*** – The Board shall exercise the following functions:
37 (a) Define and approve all programs, plans, policies, procedures, guidelines, rules and
38 regulations to be promulgated by the Authority for the operation, maintenance, and
39 development of GSCIA pursuant to Section 6(d) of this Act;

- 1 (b) Concur on all contracts to be entered into by the Authority in the pursuit of its duties
2 and functions, as provided for under Section 6 of this Act;
- 3 (c) Appoint the General Manager of the Authority who shall be the Chief Executive
4 Officer of the Authority and Vice Chairperson of the Board;
- 5 (d) Approve the Authority's organizational and administrative structure, staffing pattern,
6 operating and capital expenditures, and financial budget upon the recommendation of
7 the General Manager, subject to the final approval of the GCG;
- 8 (e) Upon recommendation of the GCG, approve salary ranges, benefits and other terms
9 and conditions of service for all officials and employees of the Authority which shall,
10 as far as practicable, be competitive with those offered in the private sector
11 corporations or institutions, subject further to the approval of the President of the
12 Philippines;
- 13 (f) Fix the rate of dues, charges, fees or assessments for the use of airport premises,
14 works, appliances, facilities, concessions, services and other fees and charges related
15 to the activities of the airport upon recommendation of the General Manager; and
- 16 (g) Exercise all the functions and powers necessary or incidental to attain the purposes
17 and objectives of this Act.
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19 **ARTICLE IV**
20 **The General Manager**

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22 **SEC. 11. Qualifications and Appointment of the General Manager. –**

- 23 (a) The Authority shall be headed by a career official with the title of General Manager
24 with a corresponding salary equal to that of a regional director of a department of the
25 national government;
- 26 (b) No person shall be appointed General Manager unless one is a natural-born citizen of
27 the Philippines, of good moral character, holds a master's degree in relevant fields
28 including public administration, business management, social or health sciences,
29 economics, national security administration or defense, architecture, engineering,
30 preferably naval or aeronautical, a graduate of a reputable college or university, a
31 Career Service Professional eligible or its equivalent and must have obtained at least
32 ten (10) years of supervisory or managerial work experience in any government or
33 private institution;
- 34 (c) The GCG shall be responsible in posting, accepting, validating, and shortlisting
35 applicants to the position of General Manager, taking into account established civil
36 service rules and procedures on recruitment and selection vis-à-vis the "fit and proper
37 rule";
- 38 (d) Within ninety (90) days after its organization, the Board shall appoint the General
39 Manager from among the five (5) shortlisted applicants provided by the GCG; and

1 (e) The GCG shall forward said Board Resolution to the Civil Service Commission
2 (CSC) for attestation and issuance of corresponding Certificate of Appointment and
3 other necessary documentation processes pursuant to Civil Service rules and
4 regulations.

5 **SEC. 12. *Duties of the General Manager.*** – The General Manager shall be directly
6 responsible to the Board and shall exercise the following duties:

- 7 (a) Direct and supervise the day-to-day management, operation and administration of
8 Authority;
9 (b) Implement and enforce decisions, orders, rules and regulations issued, prescribed or
10 adopted by the Board;
11 (c) Undertake researches, studies, investigations and other activities related to the
12 operations and future improvement of GSCIA and submit comprehensive reports and
13 appropriate recommendations to the Board for proper action;
14 (d) Appoint, transfer, suspend, remove or otherwise discipline any subordinate officer or
15 employee of the Authority, subject to the approval of the Board and in accordance
16 with the existing rules and regulations of the CSC;
17 (e) Within the limits of the authority delegated by the Board, execute contracts, incur
18 obligations, acquire and dispose of assets and deliver documents on behalf of the
19 Authority;
20 (f) Grant permits or concessions to do business within the airport in accordance with
21 such rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Authority for the purpose; and
22 (g) Perform such other duties as the Board may delegate or assign, and such acts as may
23 be necessary or proper to implement this Act.
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25 **ARTICLE V**
26 **Organization and Management**
27

28 **SEC. 13. *Authorized Capital.*** – The Authority shall have an authorized capital stock
29 equal to:

- 30 (a) The value of fixed assets, including airport facilities, runways and equipment and
31 such other properties, movable and immovable, currently administered by or
32 belonging to General Santos Airport, as valued on the date of the effectivity of this
33 Act;
34 (b) The value of such real estate owned or administered by the General Santos Airport;
35 and
36 (c) Government contribution in such amount as may be deemed an appropriate initial
37 balance. Such initial amount, as approved by the President of the Philippines, which
38 shall be more or less equivalent to sixty (60) months working capital requirement of

1 the Authority, is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the annual General
2 Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year following the effectivity of this Act.

3 (d) Government contribution to the Authority as provided for in the annual GAA.
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5 **SEC. 14. *Resident Auditor.*** – The Commission on Audit (COA) shall appoint a
6 representative who shall be the Auditor of the Authority, together with the necessary personnel
7 to assist said representative in the performance of their duties. The number and salaries of the
8 Auditor and COA personnel shall be determined by the Chairperson of the COA, subject to its
9 rules and regulations.

10 The Auditor shall, as soon as practicable but not later than three (3) months after the
11 accounts shall have been submitted for audit, send an annual report to the Board. The Auditor
12 may also submit such periodic or special reports as the Board may deem necessary.
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14 **SEC. 15. *Annual Report.*** – An annual report of the activities and operations of the
15 Authority, together with the audit report shall be submitted by the Board to the President of the
16 Philippines and to both houses of the Congress of the Philippines through the DOTr. The report
17 shall likewise be posted in the Authority's website.
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19 **SEC. 16. *Applicability of Civil Service Laws.*** – The Authority and its officials and
20 employees shall be subject to the existing Civil Service laws and its rules and regulations.
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22 **SEC. 17. *Borrowing Power.*** –

23 (a) The Authority may, in accordance with Section 21, Article XII of the Philippine
24 Constitution and other existing laws, rules and regulations on local or foreign
25 borrowing, raise funds, either from local or international sources, through loans,
26 credit or securities and other financing instruments with the power to create pledges,
27 mortgages and other voluntary liens or encumbrances on any of its assets or
28 properties, subject to the review and approval of the Monetary Board and the DOF;

29 (b) All loans contracted by the Authority under this Section, together with all interests
30 and other sums payable in respect thereof, shall constitute a charge upon all the
31 revenues and assets of the Authority and shall rank equally with one another, but shall
32 have priority over any other claim or charge on the revenue and assets of the
33 Authority: *Provided*, That this provision shall not be construed as a prohibition or
34 restriction on the power of the Authority to create pledges, mortgages, and other
35 voluntary liens or encumbrances on any asset or property of the Authority;

36 (c) The payment of the loans or other indebtedness of the Authority may be guaranteed
37 by the National Government, subject to the approval of the President of the
38 Philippines.

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2 **SEC. 18. *Tax Exemptions.*** – The Authority shall be exempt from realty taxes imposed
3 by the local government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities:
4 *Provided, That no tax exemption herein granted shall extend to any subsidiary which may be*
5 *organized by the Authority.*
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7 **SEC. 19. *Transfer of Existing Facilities and Intangible Assets.*** –

8 (a) All existing public airport facilities, runways, lands, buildings and other properties
9 movable or immovable, belonging to or presently administered by General Santos
10 City International Airport and all assets, powers, rights, interests and privileges
11 relating to airport works or air operations including all equipment which are
12 necessary for the operation of air navigation, aerodrome control towers, crash, fire
13 and rescue facilities are hereby transferred to the Authority: *Provided, however, That*
14 *the operational control of all equipment necessary for the operation of radio aids to*
15 *air navigation, airways communications, the approach control office, and the area*
16 *control center shall be retained and managed by the CAAP;*

17 (b) No equipment, however, shall be removed by the CAAP from the GSCIA without the
18 concurrence of the Authority;

19 (c) The Authority shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all airport assets
20 and equipment transferred to the Authority by virtue of this Act.
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22 **SEC 20. *Projects in Progress.*** – All ongoing projects relating to the construction of
23 facilities of the General Santos City International Airport shall be continued by the agency or
24 agencies involved. Upon their completion thereafter, such projects shall be transferred to the
25 Authority.
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27 **SEC. 21. *Transfer of Liabilities and Debts.*** -- Upon the transfer to and acceptance by the
28 Authority of the existing physical facilities, intangible assets, and completed projects referred to
29 in the proceeding sections, all debts, liabilities and obligations of government agencies or entities
30 concerned in respect of such physical facilities, tangible assets, and completed projects within
31 the premises of GSCIA shall likewise be assumed by the Authority.
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33 **ARTICLE VI**
34 **Standards on Quality Management**
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36 **SEC. 22. *Manual on Corporate Governance.*** – The Authority shall, consistent with the
37 pertinent provisions of R.A No. 10149 and in pursuit of its commitment as partner of the national
38 government towards national development, formulate and implement its Manual on Corporate

1 Governance, thereby adopting and applying some established and effective norms on good
2 corporate governance including the following:

- 3 (a) Measurable quality objectives consistent with its mandates along with strategic
4 directions of its mission and vision;
- 5 (b) Procedures that provide consistency and predictability of output;
- 6 (c) Measures or alternatives that ensure the provision of adequate resources to sustain
7 service excellence, commitment and accountability;
- 8 (d) Principles of continued improvement reinforced by customer satisfaction and quality
9 management standards;
- 10 (e) Steps that promote care, diligence, skills ethics and transparency in the conduct of
11 business;
- 12 (f) Business-related transactions that are consistent with the spirit and intent of Republic
13 Act No. 11032, otherwise known as the “Ease of Doing Business and Efficient
14 Government Service Delivery Act”; and
- 15 (g) Such other necessary or appropriate guidelines that will help boost GSCIA to become
16 a premier world-class airport of the Philippines.

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18 **SEC. 23. Concurrence by the Board.** – Such Manual on Corporate Governance shall not
19 become effective unless concurred by at least two-thirds (2/3) votes of all the members of the
20 Board. Any revision of the subsisting Manual shall be proposed as often as the Authority may
21 deem necessary, subject to approval by the Board.

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23 **ARTICLE VII**
24 **Corporate Social Responsibility**

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26 **SEC. 24. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).** – Consistent with the pertinent
27 provisions of R.A. No. 10149 and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, the Authority
28 shall endeavor to cause the utilization of available resources to help the national government
29 address the concerns of regional growth and development and in the process, undertake CSR
30 programs and measures that may help promote the health and well-being of its employees and
31 their families, contribute towards reinforcing public health awareness and emergency response
32 capabilities and facilities of General Santos City’s local government unit and its neighboring
33 communities, reduce stakeholders’ vulnerability or susceptibility to contract infectious diseases,
34 support community preparedness to other forms of emergencies and natural calamities, and other
35 related programs.

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37 **ARTICLE VIII**
38 **Final Provisions**
39

1 **SEC. 25. *Site of the GSCIA.*** - The ownership to a parcel of land of the public domain
2 under Cotabato Project No. 47-C Block A, Timber Land LC Map No. 1756, reserved as final
3 airport site under Presidential Proclamation No. 219, dated July 30, 1993, containing an area of
4 Five million nine hundred ninety-four thousand five hundred seventy-seven (5,994,577) square
5 meters, is hereby ceded to the Authority. The aforesaid parcel of land shall be devoted
6 exclusively as site of GSCIA and for the Authority’s aviation, aviation related services,
7 hospitality and tourism related enterprises, and aviation related logistics activities. The technical
8 description of the said parcel of land is hereby reiterated and made an integral part of this Act, as
9 follows:

10 “A parcel of land beginning at corner 1 on the attached Plan which is S 79 15’W,
11 6,930.00 m. from BLBM No. 01, GSS 111-D, Makar, General Santos City, thence . . .

S 66 deg. 00' E	65.00 m to corner 2;
Due East,	145.00 m to corner 3;
S 86 deg. 00' E	140.00 m to corner 4;
S 34 deg. 00' E	85.00 m to corner 5;
S 68 deg. 17' E	1196.00 m to corner 6;
S 06 deg. 57' E	1355.00 m to corner 7;
S 20 deg. 00' E	60.00 m to corner 8;
S 16 deg. 00' E	270.00 m to corner 9;
S 16 deg. 00' E	140.00 m to corner 10;
S 09 deg. 00' W	265.00 m to corner 11;
S 17 deg. 00' W	160.00 m to corner 12;
S 13 deg. 00' W	190.00 m to corner 13;
S 11 deg. 00' W	250.00 m to corner 14;
S 03 deg. 00' W	240.00 m to corner 15;
S 03 deg. 00' W	250.00 m to corner 16;
S 03 deg. 00' W	240.00 m to corner 17;
S 06 deg. 00' W	250.00 m to corner 18;
S 06 deg. 00' W	250.00 m to corner 19;
S 05 deg. 00' W	240.00 m to corner 20;
S 05 deg. 00' W	100.00 m to corner 21;
N 63 deg. 00' W	50.00 m to corner 22;
N 85 deg. 00' W	130.00 m to corner 23;
S 68 deg. 00' W	60.00 m to corner 24;
S 08 deg. 00' W	70.00 m to corner 25;
S 66 deg. 00' W	95.00 m to corner 26;
S 75 deg. 00' W	90.00 m to corner 27;

N 69 deg. 00' W	40.00 m to corner 28;
S 60 deg. 00' W	85.00 m to corner 29;
S 71 deg. 00' W	85.00 m to corner 30;
S 71 deg. 00' W	60.00 m to corner 31;
S 70 deg. 00' W	80.00 m to corner 32;
S 79 deg. 00' W	60.00 m to corner 33;
S 50 deg. 00' W	110.00 m to corner 34;
N 28 deg. 43' W	13.64 m to corner 35;
N 06 deg. 57' W	450.00 m to corner 36;
N 06 deg. 57' W	350.00 m to corner 37;
N 06 deg. 57' W	250.00 m to corner 38;
N 06 deg. 57' W	300.00 m to corner 39;
N 06 deg. 57' W	500.00 m to corner 40;
N 06 deg. 57' W	350.00 m to corner 41;
N 06 deg. 57' W	400.00 m to corner 42;
N 06 deg. 57' W	350.00 m to corner 43;
N 06 deg. 57' W	195.00 m to corner 44;
N 06 deg. 57' W	500.00 m to corner 45;
N 06 deg. 57' W	250.00 m to corner 46;
N 06 deg. 57' W	300.00 m to corner 47;
N 06 deg. 57' W	450.00 m to corner 48;
	440.00 m to point of

beginning containing an area of Five million nine hundred ninety-four thousand five hundred seventy-seven (5,994,577) square meters.”

SEC. 26. Share of the National and Local Government to Gross Income. – The provisions of existing laws, rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, no national and local taxes shall be imposed on registered business enterprises within the GSCIA. In lieu of all national and local taxes, except real property tax, a five percent (5%) tax on gross income earned shall be paid by all registered business enterprises which shall be directly remitted as follows: three percent (3%) to the National Government, and two percent (2%) to the City Treasurer’s Office of General Santos City.

SEC. 27. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days after the passage of this Act, The Board shall, in consultation with the DOTr, CAAP, DOT, DOF, DA

1 and General Santos City Mayor’s Office, promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for
2 the effective implementation of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 28. *Transitory Provisions.*** –

5 (a) The designated Manager of the General Santos Airport shall continue to be in office
6 and shall perform all powers and functions of the Authority until such time that a new
7 General Manager of the GSCIA shall have been appointed in accordance with the
8 provisions of this Act; and

9 (b) Officials and employees the General Santos City International Airport whose services
10 are terminated shall, if not eligible for retirement, be paid gratuities equivalent to one
11 (1) month salary for every year of continuous satisfactory service on the basis of the
12 highest salary received in addition to other benefits accorded to them by existing
13 laws.

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15 **SEC. 29. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and
16 regulations or provisions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
17 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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19 **SEC. 30. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or
20 unconstitutional, such parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
21 effect.

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23 **SEC. 31. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the
24 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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26 *Approved,*