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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region
1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Blvd.
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

THRU : The OIC Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : MARINE ECOLOGY ASSESSMENT REPORT AT THE PROPOSED LPG TERMINAL AND REFILLING PLANT WITH LPG RECEIVING FACILITIES (JETTY) PROJECT OF PRYCE GASES, INC. (PGI)

This pertains to the marine ecology assessment report as prerequisite to the approval of above-mentioned proposed establishment of PRYCE Gases, Inc. in Bgy. Calategas, Narra, Palawan thru application for Miscellaneous Lease Agreement (MLA).

In line with this, the Regulation and Permitting Section (RPS) of this office requested the Conservation and Development Section (CDS) to conduct site validation based on the submitted report of the proponent which was done last October 2, 2023 and have confirmed that there was no significant seagrass coverage in the area.

Attached is the letter of this office to the proponent composing the result from site validation including comments/recommendations.

Further, the proponent has complied and met the recommendations such as:

- Provide underwater photos from spot dives showing substrates with corresponding coordinates, depth and time (if any) within the impact area – *shown in page 25*
- Add map with markings to where the coastal habitats were observed within the impact area (if any) – *shown in page 21*
- Provide both hard and soft copy (pdf file) of this report with clear images and graphs – *hard and soft copy sent to this office*

For information and further instruction.



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THRU: MR. EMERSON M. BAISA
Authorized Representative

Sir,

This pertains to the submitted report on the assessment of coastal habitat within the premise of PRYCE Gases, Inc. at Bgy. Calategas, Narra, Palawan as prerequisite to the approval of proposed establishment mentioned above.

As per review, concerning that the said area has seagrass cover based on the Coastal Resource Mapping 2020 of NAMRIA, the result from the report submitted did not reveal any seagrass community in the coastal shelf through manta tow survey, therefore, seagrass assessment was deemed no longer necessary.

To validate the submitted ecological assessment report of the proponent, PENRO-CDS personnel were requested to assess the said area along with staffs from Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Narra, Palawan last October 2, 2023. The team had ocular observation at the beachfront and snorkeled within shallow inshore area where it was confirmed that there were no dense of seagrass community covering the said area with only few species hardly observed growing individually and found washed ashore such as: *Cymodocea rotundata*, *Syringodium isoetifolium* and *Enhalus acoroides* (see attached photo documentation).

This could be attributed with its reef characterization, since its location is exposed to the open sea (Sulu Sea), the seagrass community and other live benthic community can unlikely thrive and settle due to seasonal conditions such as waves and current disturbances and constant sand invasion. In addition, based on the report, the seabed in the vicinity of the proposed jetty site is comprised of 83% sand, 5% live hard corals, 2% soft corals and 10% dead corals with algae.

Hence, this office recommends the following:

- a. Provide underwater photos (if any) of spot dives showing substrates with corresponding GPS coordinates, time and depth within the impact area; *P25*
- b. Add a map with markings to where the coastal habitats were observed within the impact area and; *P21*
- c. Provide both hard copy and soft copy (pdf file) of this report with clear images and graphs.

For information and consideration.



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Very truly yours,

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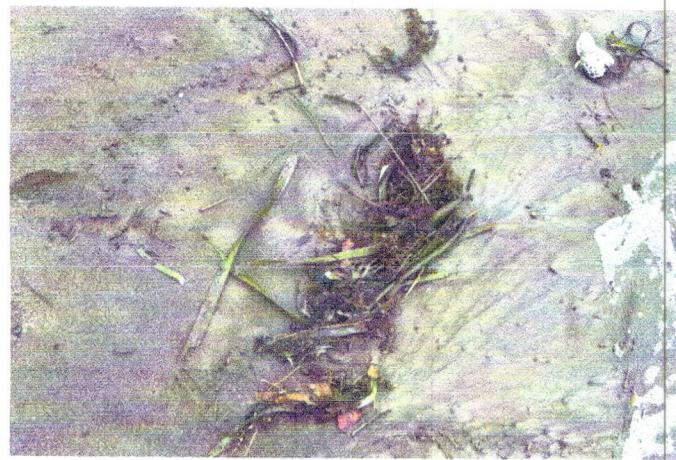
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Cymodocea rotundata



Syringodium isoetifolium



Enhalus acoroides



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Thru : **The Chief of Conservation and
Development Section**

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

We wish to submit the **Report on Result of Marine Ecology assessment** of Pryce Gases, Inc. in Barangay Calategas, Narra, Palawan.

Attached one (1) folder of the result for your review & reference.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,

EMERSON M. BAISA
Authorized Representative