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Tourism Infrastructure & Enterprise Zone Authority

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Regional Executive Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Region IV-B

1514 L and S Building, Roxas Boulevard, Manila

Attention: Dr. Vicente B. Tuddao, Jr.

Asst. Regional Director

Dear **RED Ferrer**:

Greetings from the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)!

Relative to the regular San Vicente TEZ Management Committee Meeting held last 20 August 2021 and the concerns raised by Municipal Mayor Amy R. Alvarez regarding the permitting system for the micro and small business enterprises in the Municipality of San Vicente, we respectfully request a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with you and other key DENR officials from the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) and Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) on **25 August 2021 at 1 PM** via **Microsoft Teams (MS Teams)**. Further, we will also be inviting the Executive Director of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) or his representative during this meeting.

The meeting aims to resolve or provide alternatives to the issues and concerns raised by micro and small business enterprises (categorized based on localized definition¹) in the Municipality who intend to operate their businesses legitimately but are restricted by various regulatory requirements e.g., land title or tenurial instrument, and issuance of Environmental Compliance Certificate. These are the requirements that are even impossible to comply for their lack of resources while some require government intervention that is beyond their control. Moreover, these enterprises have been experiencing financial setbacks since the onset of the pandemic and have not been able to recoup their losses since then. Hence, it is our hope that through this meeting, we could come up with a resolution that will be beneficial to them while we remain committed in implementing our mandated functions.

For confirmation, your staff may coordinate with Ms. Ma. Lourdes S. Angel at 0917-821-1061 or via electronic mail at tez.tamd.cmd@tieza.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


HERNANDO A. ENAL

Chairperson, SVT Secretariat/

Manager, TEZ Assistance and Monitoring Department

¹ Micro Enterprises are those with starting capital not exceeding PHP 500,000.00, excluding the value of lot/land while Small Enterprises are those with starting capital not exceeding PHP 15 Million excluding the value of lot/land.