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16 December 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The PENRO and

Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office

Odiongan, Romblon

FROM : The Regional Director

This Office

SUBJECT : Alleged Removal of Sandbar at the Tributary of

Catingas River, Taclobo, San Fernando, Romblon

This refers to the attached copy of the Letter dated 17 November 2021 of Judge Donna B. Pascual, regarding the above subject.

The said letter was forwarded to us by the Regional Executive Director – Department of Environment and Natural Resources – MIMAROPA Region on 09 December 2021, to address the issue raised.

In this regard, this Office is requesting for the conduct of investigation, render appropriate actions to address the allegations stated therein, and furnish us a copy of the report. Our embedded personnel assigned in the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office – Romblon may be assigned in this undertaking.

For the PENRO's action, please.

Endis / Notation

cf:

Ms. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III Regional Executive Director Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA Region

O C. NOBLE

Judge Donna B. Pascual Family Court, Pastoral Building Romblon, Romblon attydonna@yahoo.com





THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR DENR MIMAROPA

Sir:

I am writing in behalf of my father, Alexander Cawaling Pascual a registered owner of a property in Cantingas, Taclobo, San Fernando, Romblon whose land adjoins the shoreline which was entered into by the local government of San Fernando, Romblon pending documentation, purportedly for a farm to market road project.

The Municipal Mayor Salem R. Tansingco claims to own a quarry permit covering the municipality. Though I have information that it is in the name of his son who is based in Canada and whose last visit to the country was in February to March 2020. Claiming that he is the exclusive quarry permit holder in the municipality, the Mayor quarried sand along the shoreline and even removed the sand bar formed at the sea right at the opening of the tributary of Cantingas River which can also be considered a lagoon. In this regard, I would like to be informed if the act of removing truckloads of sand along the shoreline and the removal of a sandbar at the tributary of Cantingas River complied with ECC Law requiring environmental impact assessment, etc.

Lastly, it is respectfully requested that an immediate dispatch of your people to the area for field verification be made and avert further damage to the environment.

Should you need to see pictures of the area before and after the huge removal of sands including the names of people who worked for the quarry, please feel free to reach me through my cellphone, the number of which is provided below my name.

Very truly yours,

JUDGE DONNA B. PASCUAL Family Court, Pastoral Building Romblon, Romblon 0920-904-7763

CC: Mr. Maximo Landrito DENR PENRO Odiongan, Romblon

MEMORANDUM

TO

: The Regional Director

Mines and Geosciences Bureau - MIMAROPA Region

Date

Name/Signature

Division/Section

MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU - MIMAROPA REGION

FROM

The Regional Executive Director

SUBJECT

LETTER QUERY OF JUDGE DONNA B. PASCUAL

Referred herewith is an emailed letter dated 17 November 2021 from Judge Donna B. Pascual of Family Court, Pastoral Building Rombon, Romblon, regarding the exclusive quarry permit claims of the Municipal Mayor and its compliance with the EIS.

May we refer this document to your office considering this concern is within your area of competence to address. Kindly provide necessary assistance on the said request, copy furnished this office on action taken, for information.

All Junes G. Ferrer, CESO III

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