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December 27, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU : The PENR Officer
DENR-PENRO Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The CENR Officer

SUBJECT : **RE: APPLICATION FOR TENURIAL INSTRUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT OF PLDT, INCORPORATED LOCATED IN BRGY. NAPSAN, PROJECT PUERTO PRINCESA CITY.**

Forwarded is the letter dated 27 October 2021 of Mr. Johnrie Grijaldo together with the inspection and assessment report conducted by personnel of this Office pertaining to the area for the proposed domestic submarine cable project of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Inc. (PLDT) situated in Brgy. Napsan, Puerto Princesa City.

According to the report, the proponent (PLDT, Inc.) shall lay down a new submarine fiber optic cable comprising segments with beach manhole (BMH) occupying five (5) square meters connecting between submarine cable and in-land cable after landing. The land cable via BMH to the landing point shall pass through the foreshore area towards the municipal waters and national waters connecting to another landing point in Brgy. New Agutaya, San Vicente, Palawan.

The proposed BMH will be built and buried 2 meters deep under the ground of the road with two (2) meters deep within portion of road and within Alienable and Disposable (A&D) land.

Further, in shallow depths and/or foreshore area wherein the depth of water is below 200 meters, the cable shall be buried about 1.5 to 2 meters below the seabed to ensure its protection from fishing and other maritime activities. While in deep water (depths above 200 m) the cable shall rest on the seabed and shall eventually sink into the seabed in order to avoid or minimize the damage from fishing activities and anchoring vessels;

Considering that there is no private property/s that will be affected by the structure (BMH) except for government managed road, this office respectfully inquiring as to what tenurial instrument can be applied by the PLDT particularly the foreshore area where the submarine cable shall pass through. Could they apply for Forest Land Use Agreement-Other lawful uses (Submarine Fiber Optic Cable) of the said project?

For information, record and guidance.

Copy furnished:

1. PLDT, Inc. c/o Ms. Anafrail S. Roxas
Wuhan Fiberhome International Technologies Phils. Inc.
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DENR MIMAROPA REGION
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Dear CENRO VELASCO:

Greetings!

Fiberhome Phils., Inc. was commissioned by PLDT Inc., to carry out the permitting requirements of the proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Project - Area 2 in Barangay Napsan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

As of this writing, we have already secured a Certificate of Land Status from your good office stating that the location for the Beach Manhole is within the Alienable and Disposable (A&D) area. However, since this is a submarine project, we will be utilizing a foreshore and coastal area for our cable laying and beach manhole construction.

Moreover, the project location is within the applied ancestral domain of the IPs. In the initial inquiry at your office, FLA/MLA are not applicable in that location.

In line with this, may we request from your good office to issue a certificate of recommendation regarding the proper tenurial instrument to be applied for the said area of the project. We understand that this request will lead to the finalization of the right to enter, occupy or develop the area.

Should you have any further inquiries, please feel free to contact the details below:

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Very truly yours,


MR. JOHNRIE GRIJALDO

Project Manager



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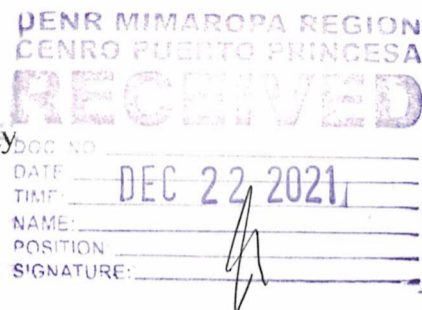
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
DENR-CENR Office, Puerto Princesa City

THRU : The Chief, RPS

FROM : Inspecting Forest Officers

SUBJECT : **INSPECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE AREA FOR THE PROPOSED DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT OF PLDT, INCORPORATED LOCATED IN BRGY. NAPSAN, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY.**



This has reference to the letter of Mr. Johnrie Grijaldo-Project Manager of Fiberhome Philippines dated 27 October 2021 requesting for a certificate of recommendation on what appropriate tenurial instrument to be applied in the area intended for the proposed domestic submarine cable project of Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT), Incorporated situated in Barangay Napsan, Puerto Princesa City.

A. BASIC INFORMATION:

Applicant/Proponent	PLDT, INCORPORATED
Proponent Contact Person	Christian Philip “Jijan” R. Remigio Head, FOC Project Management (FOC-PM) Authorized Representative of PLDT Inc. 14/F PLDT Ramon Cojuangco Building (RCB) Makati Ave, Legazpi Village, Makati, Metro Manila E-mail: crremigio@pldt.com.ph Mobile: 0920-906-6442
Project Name	Domestic Submarine Cable Project Area 2 (Region 4B)
Location	Brgy. Napsan, Puerto Princesa City
Area Applied	
Geographic Coordinates	118°27'8.9"E 9°43'37.9"N
Land Status Classification	Agricultural Land (Alienable and Disposable Area) per approved Land Classification Map No. 1172. Project No. 1-C, Block-I certified on August 29, 1935
Year established/constructed	-
Existing Infrastructure	-
Current Use	Barangay Road
Vegetation Cover	-
Tenurial Instrument	None

Based from the project information submitted by the proponent, the project aims to lay down a new submarine fiber optic cable comprising cable segments with beach manhole (BMH) occupying 4.8 to 5 square meters buried underground and property covered and sealed to avoid hindrance on the existing use of the land from zero to very low impact on the land situated in Sitio San Rafael, Barangay Napsan, Puerto Princesa City.

B. FINDINGS

1. Initially, the team together with the representatives of PLDT/Fiberhome headed by Ms. Anafrael Roxas coordinated with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Barangay Napsan wherein Kagawad Richard Ugalde accompanied the team and took us to the exact location where the manhole shall be laid down;
2. The topography of the area is relatively flat, vegetated with a grass which is passable to all kinds of vehicles. Per Land Classification Map No. 1172 Project No. 1-C, Block-I certified on August 29, 1935 the proposed site is within Alienable and Disposable (A&D) land area. The land property on the left side of the road is owned by Mr. Benito Marcelo based on records of this Office while the right portion is owned by Anastacio Guevarra;
3. Accordingly, the BMH is the end point of the submarine cable after reaching the land. The BMH is stored inside, which is suitable for connection between submarine cable and in-land cable after landing;
4. The proposed BMH itself shall be built and buried 2 meters deep with a dimension of 2.4m x 2.57 at the proposed BMH site before the submarine cable lands on the beach which is located at the center of the barangay road falls within easement/salvage zone;
5. The BMH contains metal cover to be overseen and maintained by the proponent (PLDT) and shall be replaced after twenty five years (25) years regardless its condition;
6. The land cable via BMH, to the landing point shall pass through the foreshore area, thence the municipal water and then connected into another landing point in New Agutaya, San Vicente, Palawan area;
7. Based from the project information provided by the proponent, during construction phase, a specialized Cable Lying Ship will install the cable consistently. In shallow depths and/or foreshore area wherein the depth of water is below 200 meters, the cable shall be buried about 1.5 to 2 meters below the seabed to ensure its protection from fishing and other maritime activities. While in deep water (depths above 200 m) the cable shall rest on the seabed and shall eventually sink into the seabed in order to avoid or minimize the damage from fishing activities and anchoring vessels;
8. The LGU of Brgy. Napsan is highly acceptable for the proposed project since it is beneficial and timely not only for the students and residents of Barangay Napsan but also to other neighboring barangays. It will satisfy the people's needs especially this time of pandemic, classes are being held on-line. With this project, stronger signals can be provided to students so they can easily connect, share information with one another and the flexibility and freedom to perform both their work and obligations and studies wherein communications thru on-line is more practical in order avoid face to face interactions due to the threats of covid-19 virus;

C. EVALUATION:

Since the proposed project particularly the Beach Man Hole (BMH) shall be built under the ground of the road (2 meters deep) a clearance shall be sought from the City Government particularly the City Engineering District if indeed the road is under their jurisdiction and management, otherwise, if not then to the DPWH, respectively. There is no private property/s shall be affected by the structure (BMH) except for government managed road, the team can be said that the foreshore area where the submarine cable shall cross/pass through shall be applied from the DENR.

D. RECOMMENDATION:


In view of the above, the undersigned respectfully recommends that a technical advice/information from the higher office be sought of as to what tenurial instrument is applicable for the area (foreshore) where the submarine cable will pass through.

Attached are geotagged photos, copies of digitized maps and project plan as provided by the proponent for information and ready reference.

For information, record and further instruction.


MARIE KRIS Q. CUTAY
For. I/Inspecting Officer


EPHRAIM A. OCOP
For. II/Inspecting Officer


ZENAIDA T. CALALIN
For. II/Inspecting Officer



Above geotagged photos show the Barangay Road towards the sea to be laid down with submarine fiber optic cable of PLDT Inc. located in Sitio San Rafael, Brgy. Napsan, Puerto Princesa City

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