



Republic of the Philippines  
**Tourism Infrastructure & Enterprise Zone Authority**

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Dear **RED Ferrer**:

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

Please be informed that we received from a certain Luzviminda S. Acosta, a copy of the Notice to Vacate issued by your Office to Ms. Emelie L. Besaga of barangay Port Barton in the Municipality of San Vicente, Palawan. On 03 March 2021, CENRO Emer D. Garrez confirmed the authenticity of the said document in reply to our request dated 22 February 2021.

The Notice to Vacate states that the Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism (FLAgT) was amended to cover only Lot No. 4513, Cad. 860-D. When we map it out using the tax map of the Municipality of San Vicente and the Global Positioning System (GPS), the structures containing the accommodation cottages and restaurants are outside of Lot 4513 or the coverage of the amended FLAgT. Thus, we informed Ms. Besaga that we will elevate this matter to our higher authority for proper guidance, since our authority to issue permit covers only the application with complete mandatory and essential requirements – this include the land document or FLAgT in the case of Ms. Besaga.

However, on 14 April 2021, we received a letter from Ms. Besaga's lawyer, Atty. Romeo O. Artazo, Jr. informing us that they have filed Motion to Quash praying for the quashal of the Notice to Vacate and the Writ of Execution before the DENR-MIMAROPA. Atty. Artazo stated that our denial to issue the permit would be premature since they are still pursuing legal remedy, and that we are depriving her client with the right to enterprise.

For this reason, we wrote a letter to CENRO Roxas on 27 May 2021 to request for the copy of the amended FLAgT as reference of our Legal Department in coming up with the final resolution of Ms. Besaga's concern but because we have not received any feedback, we would like to request for the following from your office:

1. Certified True Copy of the amended FLAgT issued to Ms. Besaga; and
2. Confirmation if the area formerly awarded to Ms. Besaga had been awarded to other individual.

Rest assured that the said document will only be used as reference by our Legal Department in helping us resolve the issue of Ms. Besaga against TIEZA.



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Thank you and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you in working for the country's sustainable tourism.

Very truly yours,

**Engr. BERNARDO C. ALARILLA**

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