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MA. LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO III Regional Executive Director DENR MIMAROPA 1515 L & S Building, Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

Dear RED FERRER:

This refers to the two-year project of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) entitled, "Climate-responsive Karst Management for Sustainable Tourism in the Philippines" or **PhilKARST Program**. This project, funded by the Department of Science and Technology – Philippines Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Department (DOST-PCIEERD), aims to serve as a tool for objective decision-making for reliable karst environment management against degradation and disaster risk management planning for sustainable tourism.

We would like to respectfully inform your good Office that the MGB PhilKARST team will be conducting a **reconnaissance fieldwork** in the **Municipality of El Nido**, **Palawan** tentatively scheduled on **13 -19 June 2021**. This undertaking aims to have an initial assessment that will be utilized in achieving the goal of the program. The team will be conducting geomorphic, geologic, and geohazard mapping, along with water sampling at points of interests. They will also bring topographic maps, Global Positioning System (GPS) locators, and other equipment in the field.

The team is composed of the following personnel:

- 1. Marcius Elaeo G. Isip Project Leader, Project II
- 2. Kevin L. Garas Project Staff Level II
- 3. Marie Krystel D. Hugo Project Staff Level II
- 4. Nelgie Ann C. Belesario Science Research Specialist II
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- 6. Aquila Kristian B. Esmeralda Science Research Specialist I
- 7. Nicole Jean L. Mercado Science Research Specialist I

Any assistance that your Office may extend to our personnel will be greatly appreciated. Rest assured that your Office will be informed of the results of the project, along with other related information for your reference.

Should you have further questions, you may coordinate with Ms. Nelgie Ann Belesario, Science Research Specialist II, at nace.philkarst@gmail.com or at mobile number (+63)9959801180.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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