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Attention: Atty. Gandhi G. Flores

Chief, Legal Division

Subject: Republic of the Philippines, represented by

the Regional Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) -MIMAROPA Region v. Marcopper Mining Corporation and The Register of Deeds of Marinduque, for Cancellation of Title and Reversion. Civil Case No. 18-11, Regional Trial Court Branch 38, Boac,

Marinduque.

Dear RED Ferrer:

We trust that you are healthy and well!

This is to apprise your good office of the recent developments in the aforecited case.

In the 18 November 2021 hearing, we intimated to the court that we are filing a Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint on the case upon which it deferred the presentation of NAMRIA Engr. Enrico Villanueva on that day. But while the court is waiting for the filing of said Motion with an attached

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Amended Complaint and a comment from defendant Marcopper Mining, it still set a hearing for the presentation of Engr. Villarico on 15 December 2021 at 8:30 a.m through the attached court's Order dated 18 November 2021.

As to the Amended Complaint, we deem imperative to include your Engr. Anita L. Aringan as one of our witnesses to identify/clarify the 13 September 2021 DENR MIMAROPA Memorandum on the revalidation survey of the subject lot.

In this regard, may we respectfully request for a meeting with Engr. Anita L. Aringan, preferably on 26 November 2021 at 10 a.m. at your office, to secure her judicial affidavit as a required attachment in our intended Amended Complaint.

We also express appreciation on the efforts of your OIC PENR Officer Imelda M. Diaz who completed her testimony on the 18 November 2021 hearing.

For particulars, you may contact State Solicitor Philander L. Turqueza or $\tilde{\mathbb{F}}$ Ms. Sherlyn Vee De Vera, this office, with the following numbers: Landline 8988-1674 loc.738, Mobile 0917-7133389.

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Very truly yours,

JOSE C. CALIDA Solicitor General

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Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 38 BOAC, MARINDUQUE

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REPRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DENR-MIMAROPA.

CIVIL CASE NO. 18-11

Plaintiff,

-versus-

-for-

MARCOPPER and THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF MARINDUQUE,

CANCELLATION OF TITLE AND REVERSION

Defendants.

ORDER

When this case was called for continuation of presentation of plaintiff's evidence, Attorney Philander L. Turqueza and Attorney Rigel C. Bajande from the Office of the Solicitor General appeared for the plaintiff. Likewise, Attorney Clifford E. Chua appeared for the defendants through video conference.

Atty. Turqueza presented to the witness stand his second witness, Imelda Diaz, 54 years old, married, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Marinduque, and a resident of Boac, Marinduque, whose direct, cross and redirect examinations were concluded.

In view of the manifestation of the plaintiff's counsel that they are intending to file a Motion for leave to Amend Complaint, the Court opts to defer the presentation of the next witness. In the event that plaintiff chooses to make changes to the judicial affidavit of its next witness, counsel for plaintiff is directed to see to it that the counsel for defendant is duly furnished with a copy thereof, the same must be compliant with the period provided under the judicial affidavit rule. Defendant's counsel is hereby given 10 days from receipt of the motion to file his comment. Afterwhich the incident shall be submitted for resolution. In the meantime, set the continuation of presentation of plaintiff's evidence tentatively on December 15, 2021 at 8:30 in the morning.

SO ORDERED.

Boac, Marinduque

November 18, 2021.

EMMANUEL R RECALDE
Presiding Judge

ERR/adp