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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **JUSTIFICATION ON THE SLOW AND LOW ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FOR 2021 TARGETS**

I. For Public Land Surveys both for Residential and Agricultural lots

1. Late issuance of Survey Orders and Survey Authorities – documentation starts from approved WFP involving:
 - Identification of big lots from survey record and initial LC verification as A/D land
 - Field inspection to ensure potential for titling and number of resultant lots
 - Preparation/submission of report compliant to DMC 2019-10
 - Review of LC verification by PENRO and SMD
 - Issuance of Survey Order or Clearance to issue Survey Authority
2. Lack of survey equipment and personnel – designated GEs resort to hiring of laborers and equipment to create a survey team and be operational without mentioning the hassles of accounting requirements.
3. A. Survey Order issued in Calitang, Busuanga, Palawan
B. Survey Order issued in Magbabadil, Aborlan, Palawan

Recommendation:

- Approved WFP be considered as “Authority” for field offices to conduct survey.
- Issuance of Survey Orders and Survey Authorities be treated separate set of activities with own MOV and funding.
- Annual target setting should be based on documented potential areas/lots already covered by Survey Orders or Authorities.
- Increase unit costing for Palawan due to additional documentary and processing requirements per DMC 2019-10.

II. For Processing and Issuance of Residential and Agricultural Patents

Originally, 2020 target is limited to residential free patents pending extension of agricultural free patent law. Since last year we have already registered our incapacity to accomplish the target per memorandum dated January 8, 2021 requesting to consider agricultural patents as accomplishment to complement the limited potential for residential patents.



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Reverse to the request however, a separate target for agricultural patents was added without prior clarification and consultation. Failure to accomplish the target we opted to return the corresponding fund but advised to submit a catch-up plan to be a continuing project for 2021.

Thus, this year we have three (3) sets of targets, first the 2020 backlog (subject of catch-up plan), second under DMC 2019-10 (pending PLAs due to moratorium) and third the 2021 WFP (lots generated from surveys).

Low performance is also contributed by the following:

- Added documentary requirements and procedures per DMC 2019-10 without corresponding fund.
- Lack of necessary equipment such motorcycle and laptop for Inspectors.
- Lack of Land Record personnel – since they are under MSD they serve as general Record Officer without assistants. They also lack training on land record management.

PLAs from CENROs are subject to further record verification, indexing and final examination at PENRO, mostly are found short of compliance to standing requirements hence it fail to ripen into final MOV and thus the return for review-action.

III. For Draft Proclamations and Special Patents issued

Potentials are unoccupied government sites documented and processed under Sections 7.1 to 7.2 and 8.1 to 8.2 of DAO 2016-21. Special patent is signed by the Secretary or the President.

After IEC and coordination, parties opted to suspend their intent, prefer to occupy and use the area to avail special patent under the provision of Section 4 of RA 10023, signed by PENRO.

IV. Appraisal, Reappraisal and Issuance of Permit and Lease Contract over Foreshore Land

Under the old policies, Sketch plans can be subject of appraisal, reappraisal and permits. Approved foreshore plans are required only for contracts of 25 years.

Sourced from SMD are 191 old approved foreshore plans subject of record and field validation to identify the workable potentials for, appraisal and permit or contract issuance.

CENRO	NO. OF PLANS	RESULTS OF VALIDATION
Coron	6	No identified potential (transferred right, UPF, NTV, deceased applicant, conflict)
Taytay	20	No identified potential (dominantly within PA, partly TL, deserve cancellation)
Roxas	13	No potential (2 fronting TL, others transferred



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Puerto Princesa	136	or no longer interested due to requirements or high rental) Limited potential due to very high rental (transferred, new claimant, fronting TL and mangrove, under conflict, no answer to call-up letters
Quezon	9	No potential, absentee applicant, transferred rights & no more interested due to increased rental
Brooke's Point	7	Limited potential, only RTN applicant, others transferred, absentee, no longer interested

Similar to land surveys leading to patent issuance foreshore survey should be treated as set of activity with MOV and funding. There is no substantial potential from the approved plans. Considering the documentary requirements, the very high annual rental and the halt of tourism industry due to Covid-19 pandemic, business developers have lost interest to continue their intent to lease foreshore areas.

Today, without approved survey, NO appraisal, re-appraisal, permit and contract.


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