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MEMORANDUM

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

THRU : The OIC, PENR Officer
DENR-Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

FROM : The OIC, CENR Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER COMPLAINT FROM MS. NERISSA E. SABIJON
RE: CUTTING OF TREES WITHOUT PERMIT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
(DPWH) AT SO. WAWA, BARANGAY IRIRON, CALINTAAN,
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND OTHER CONCERNS WITH
PCC CODE NO. GL-JCA-07-16-2021-058**

Anent above subject, respectfully forwarded copy of the investigation report together with the letter to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and Ms. Nerissa Sabijon dated October 29, 2021 and November 5, 2021, respectively sent thru the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC) as a proof of final action by this this office to resolve the above-cited complaint.

For information and record.

EFREN L. DELOS REYES



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Ms. NERISSA E. SABIJON

Brgy. Sta. Lucia, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

Bb. Sabijon,

Isang maka-**KALIKASANG** araw po sa inyo!

Ang liham po na ito ay kaugnay sa aming naunang liham na naipadala sa pamamagitan ng isang Registered Mail noong ika-isa (1) ng Oktubre 2021 na may kinalaman sa inyong reklamo sa Presidential Complaint Center (PCC) na aming natanggap noong ika-11 ng Agosto, 2021 tungkol sa pagpuputol ng mga punong kahoy ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) na matatagpuan sa So. Wawa, Brgy. Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro ng walang kaukulang dokumento o cutting permit mula sa aming tanggapan.

Kaugnay nito ang magalang po naming pinapabatid sa inyo na noong Ika- lima (5) at ika-walo (8) ng Oktubre, ang mga kawani ng aming opisina ay nagsagawa ng patuloy na imbestigasyon at pagsusuri sa nasabing lugar kasama ng ilang kawani ng Barangay Iriron, Calintaan, Kanlurang Mindoro, kung saan ay kanilang naberipika mula sa mga saksi na ang mga puno na natumba ay dulot ng mga malalakas na bagyo na dumaan sa ating lalawigan nong buwan ng Nobyembre taong 2020, na itinabi sa ginagawang kalsada ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Ganoon pa man noong ika-21 ng Oktubre 2021, alinsunod sa naging paguusap at kasunduan ninyo ni Forester III Hector S. Aragon Jr. ay nagpalagay po kami ng mga tarpaulin posters na nagsisilbing babala at paalala na lubusang pinagbabawal ang pagpuputol ng mga punong kahoy ng walang kaukulang dokumento mula sa aming tanggapan. At bilang pagtitiyak na ang mga babalang ito ay masusunod, amin din pong sinulatan ang Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Mamburao, at naka addressed sa District Engineer hingil sa kanilang PHASE III PROJECT sa nasabing lugar na muling pinapaalala ng aming Opisina na bawal ang pagputol ng mga puno ng walang kaukulang dokumento o cutting permit na magmumula sa aming opisina.

Muli maraming salamat po sa patuloy ninyong pakikiisa sa pangangalaga sa ating kapaligiran at likas yaman at umaasa po kami sa inyong pang-unawa.

Lubos na Gumagalang,

EFREN L. DELOS REYES
OIC, CENR Officer

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NAPOLEON S. FAMADICO

District Engineer

Department of Public Works and Highways

Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

Sir,

Isang maka-KALIKASANG pagbati!!!

This has reference with the letter complaint received by this Office through the Presidential Complaint Center from concerned citizen alleging the cutting of trees being perpetrated by your office without the necessary permit at So. Wawa, Brgy. Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro.

Please be informed that based on the ground verification/inventory conducted by competent personnel staff of this Office in coordination with the concerned Barangay Officials and occupant of the lot, it was ascertained that indeed four (4) Acacia trees were affected by your road construction project, (PHASE 1 and 2 DPWH 20EB0063-CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO WAWA FISH SANCTUARY AND BEACHES) located in the above -mentioned barangay.

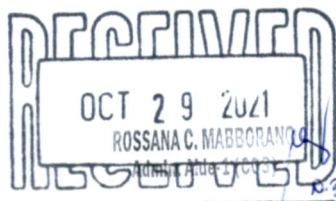
That records also showed that your Office has a pending Tree Cutting Permit (TCP) application and the inventory were already conducted also by competent staff of this Office covering three (3) Acacia trees. However, the issuance of the necessary TCP is being withheld pending your submission of necessary requirements particularly the land title and waiver of rights by the land owners.

Though, the trees are already damaged/blown down by typhoon when the road construction were undertaken or being uprooted, securing the TCP is still necessary and upon compliance of the requirements. As it is also worthy to note the condition of the Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) that was issued also by DENR MIMAROPA Region on November 17, 2020, that commencing the implementation of the project should only be upon securing all the necessary and relevant permits from other agencies that includes the TCP.

In this regard and in order to avoid said unnecessary complaint that may arise in the future that might hamper the implementation of such noble and worthy project of the government particularly the construction of PHASE 3 of this access road, may we respectfully request your good office to ensure full compliance in securing the necessary clearance/permits from concerned agencies/offices. Rest assured that this office will always support and provide timely assistance to your office.

Thank you very much and looking for your kind support and cooperation for the protection and conservation of our environment and natural resources.

Very Truly Yours,





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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC CENR OFFICER

THRU : The Chief, EMS

FROM : THE INVESTIGATING TEAM

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MINDORO AND OTHER CONCERNS WITH PCC CODE NO. GL-
JCA-07-16-2021-058**

In response to the forwarded complaint submitted by Nerissa Sabijon with ticket Reference No. P- GL-PCA-07-16-2021-058 received by this office on August 11, 2021.

ANTECEDENTS FACTS:

That on October 30, 2020. This Office received a letter from Engr. Reinald Kelvin S. Superiano dated October 8, 2020 and addressed to the CENR Officer Efren Delos Reyes requesting a joint validation/ inventory and subsequent issuance of Permit to Cut in order not to delay its implementation. In this regards the following certifications are issued. (*please see Exhibits A-F*).

That on November 5, 2020. The inspection team coming from DENR CENRO San Jose conducted tree inventory (*please see attached letter mark as Exhibit G 1-5*).

That on November 6, 2020. Typhoon Rolly hits the country, as well as super Typhoon Ulysses, on the same month. Due to the massive damages that this two (2) typhoons has caused the Island of Mindoro close to state of calamity many trees are fallen especially in the areas of Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro, this damages are witnessed by those people that are residing in the area that is the subject of the foregoing complaint. We attached the following affidavits of the witnesses whom are resident/ actual occupants of the area to testify of what they have witnessed during those typhoons. (*Please see attached affidavit of witnesses*)

That on August 11, 2021. This Office received an electronic mail from Ms. Nerissa E. Sabijon dated July 16, 2021, through 888 portal with PCC Code No. GL-JCA-07-16-2021-058, regarding the "Cutting of trees without cutting permit of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) at So. Wawa, Barangay Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro.

The following are the chain of events of the action that this office took:

That on August 13, 2021, pursuant to the Complaint Letter, a team of DENR CENRO San Jose went to the said area to conduct an investigation. From there, they found out that there are four (4) Rain Tree (Acacia) that were uprooted which are located at the sidewalk, however the investigation didn't

That on October 1, 2021. A registered mail was sent to the complainant Ms. Nerissa Sabijon informing her of the investigation that the office did in pursuant to her complaint. *(Please see attached registered mail)*

That on October 4, 2021. A memorandum was sent to DENR-MIMAROPA region to update and inform them regarding the status of the investigation that the DENR CENRO San Jose, Occidental Mindoro did. *(Please see attached memorandum)*

That on October 5 and 8, 2021. Following on the investigation that was held last August 13, 2021 in pursuant to the complaint letter from Ms. Nerissa E. Sabijon, OIC- CENR Officer Efren L. Delos Reyes commanded the CENRO Enforcement Monitoring Section (EMS) staff to conduct coordinated investigations. The team coordinated to the BLGU of Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro to verify the veracity of the said complaint and we proceeded to the said area of concerned. The team conducted geo-tagged photos and ocular inspection.

That on October 12, 2021. The investigation team went back to SO. Wawa, Barangay Iriron, Calintaan Occidental Mindoro to get the Joint Affidavit of the witness regarding the super typhoon event that was held last November 6, 2020. Which causes most of the trees to fell and got uprooted (*supra*). *(Please see attached affidavits of witnesses)*

That on October 21, 2021. Tarpaulin Reminders was installed by the Enforcement and Monitoring Team by the DENR CENRO San Jose Occidental Mindoro, which serves a notice to the public that cutting is not allowed without clearance to cut from this Office as requested by the complainant, Ms. Nerissa Sabijon. *(Please see attached geo-tag photos)*.

That on October 29, 2021. A communication letter was sent to DPWH Office, addressed to the District Engineer, which contains a friendly reminder that corresponding permits such as Tree Cutting Permit to be issued by this office is needed before they will be able to cut trees in pursuant to the PHASE 3 of the DPWH Construction of Concrete Access Road leading to Wawa Fish Sanctuary and Beaches at So. Wawa, Brgy Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro. *(please see attached letter)*

Hence, these recommendations:

Based on the foregoing aforecited facts, in pursuant to the Complaint Letter that was sent by Ms. Nerissa Sabijon, Enforcement Team Chief Hector S Aragon Jr. scheduled a meeting with the complainant which is held at Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro, from there, Chief Aragon explained all the facts that has happened, and it was overwhelmingly accepted by the complainant Ms. Sabijon. They agreed that the DENR CENRO San Jose, Occidental Mindoro will put signage by means of Tarpaulin Posters which states that cutting of trees is Prohibited unless a valid permit will be acquired by DPWH regarding their road widening project. *(Please see attached photos)*

All told, it is recommended that since all the agreed terms between the DENR CENRO San Jose, represented by Enforcement and Monitoring Section (EMS) Chief Hector S. Aragon and the Complainant, Ms. Nerissa Sabijon, where all the signage and tarpaulin posters was already established in area of concerned. And, since the complainant accepted the report and explanation made by this office. This issue regarding ticket Reference No. P- GL-PCA-07-16-2021-058 received by this office on August 11, 2021 shall be close and considered solved.

For information and perusal.



HECTOR S. ARAGONES JR.

Forester III/ Chief, Enforcement and Monitoring Section (EMS)

Inspection/investigation of the allege cutting on the road construction at So. Wawa,
Brgy. Iiron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro



Inspection of trees inventoried by DENR-CENRO San Jose personnel during the 1st phase of road construction at So. Wawa, Brgy. Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro



Meeting with the DPWH Engineer about the cutting of trees in the road construction at So. Wawa, Brgy. Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro



Meeting with the residence of So. Wawa, Brgy. Iriron, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro as part of the investigation on the allege illegal cutting of trees in road construcion



Installation of Notice that cutting is not allowed with clearance to cut from the office of DENR as per requested by complainant, Ms. Nerissa Sabijon

