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## MR. ROBERTO L. ALMONTE

Regional Director, Region IV National Commission for Indigenous People 3/F 574 Argo Building EDSA cor. P. Tuazon Ave., Quezon City, Philippines

Dear Director Almonte,

This has reference to our application for a FREE AND PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT (FPIC) in connection to our application for pasture lease with DENR in the area of Barangay San Nicolas, Decalachiao Municipality of Coron and Barangay Sagrada Municipality of Busuanga Palawan.

We have already signed our conformity to the Working Financial Plan (WFP) on the matter of conducting the FPIC for all bar angays. However due to circumstances beyond our control we were not able to proceed in conducting the FPIC process.

One of the primary reasons is the infiltration of illegal occupants known as Pesantes in the community. Some of which have intermarried to the indigenous member of the community, thereby an increased resistance to our application is very prevalent. Also the DENR decided to hold the processing of the Busuanga part of the application due to lack of other requirements, only the Coron portion was entertained by DENR. In this regard we decided to push through with the Coron portion covering Barangay Decalachiao only with approximate area of 200 hectares. The Barangaay San Nicolas part will be next to being process because it is now heavily occupied by pesantes and some indigenous members.

In this regard, may we inquire from your office if it is possible to proceed with the FPIC process under the present pandemic situation.

We earnestly hope to receive favorable reply on this matter.

Very truly yours,