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Office of the Governor

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Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office

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Subject: Follow-up on my letter with EMB Tracking number CO-2021-008301 and CO-2020-030829 re: Geological Assessment Report as compliance to EMB MC 2020-27 for small scale sand, gravel and other quarry Projects located within the Province of Romblon

Dear Director Cunado:

Good day!

We do hope and pray that you are in good health together with your colleagues while working in your good Office. We would like to follow up our request letter with tracking number CO-2021-008301 and CO-2020-030829.

Please be informed that we tried to coordinate with the Office of Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region to consider the field verification report of PMRB together with their MGB embedded technical personnel assign to this Province, in which in the said verification report it includes extraction rate of an area subject for an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) application. However, the Office of MGB MIMAROPA Region refuse to accept the same. Copy of letter attached as Annex A.

May we reiterate that hiring of a professional geologist or registered mining engineer to conduct the geological assessment for a small-scale sand, gravel and other quarry projects which cost more or less 200,000 pesos is additional cost/burden to the permittee/applicant knowing that their operations are small scale only.

Many ECC applicants for small-scale sand, gravel and other quarry projects come to my office seeking help and request that the MGB embedded technical personnel assigned to our province be allowed to conduct the said geological assessment to each ECC application to minimize additional cost and this will also prevent the shortage of supply of sand, gravel and other quarry materials and illegal operation in the province. Hence, may I respectfully request that the field verification report from MGB embedded technical personnel together with the technical personnel from PMRB be accepted in the processing of the ECC applications for sand and gravel projects here in the province of Romblon.

Looking forward for your favorable action consistent with the ARTA Law.

Truly yours,


JOSE R. RIANO

Governor

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Dear Engr. R. A. M. De Juan:

This refers to your Letter dated 22 September 2020, requesting for the assistance of Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) - Embedded Personnel in the conduct of geological assessment for sand and gravel projects in compliance with EMB Memorandum Circular (EMC) No. 2020-27 re: **"PROJECT THRESHOLD FOR EXTRACTION OF NON-METALLIC RESOURCES APPLYING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)."**

Please be advised that pursuant to the attached copy of EMC No. 2020-27, the approving authority for the technical report on geological assessment of river resources is this Office. Thus, it would constitute a conflict of interest if the MGB Geologist assigned in PENRO-Romblon will conduct the said geological assessment.

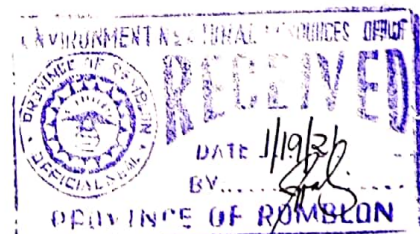
Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Regional Director

Enc'l: As stated

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
DENR-MIMAROPA Region
The PENRO-Romblon



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