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MA. LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO III

Regional Executive Director Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA Region 1515 L & S Building, Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

RE: REQUEST FOR REPORT, DOCUMENTS, AND NAMES OF POSSIBLE WITNESSES

Greymar's Incorporated v. Republic, et al. Civil Case No. 6055 (For Quieting of Title)

Dear Executive Director Ferrer:

This is to follow up our attached *Letter-request* dated March 12, 2021 regarding the abovementioned case¹ which was filed before Branch 51, Regional Trial Court (RTC) in Puerto Princesa City.

To recall, the *Complaint* is one for quieting of title. Plaintiff alleges, among others, that there are two existing Original Certificates of Titles (OCTs) pertaining to the same land *i.e.* OCT No. 1895 (or OCT No. E-1895) and OCT No. RP—11. Allegedly, although both OCTs are registered in the name of Gregorio A. Venturanza and pertains to the same parcel of land, OCT No. E-1895 was issued by Francisco San Diego, Register of Deeds of Palawan on February 26, 1955, while OCT No. RP-11 was issued by Jose O. Lardizabal, Register of Deeds Exofficio on July 14, 1948.

¹ Copies of the *Complaint* and its annexes are attached to the *Letter* dated March 12, 2021.

Plaintiff likewise claims that the Supreme Court declared OCT-1895 (and Free Patent No. 134) as void and ordered that said OCT and its derivative titles be cancelled.² On the other hand, per the *Certification* of the LRA dated October 20, 2020, OCT No. RP-11 was renumbered as OCT No. RP-01.

In view of the foregoing, the undersigned State Solicitor respectfully reiterates her request for a *Report* on OCT No. 1895 (or OCT No. E-1895) and OCT No. RP—11, detailing the history and the circumstances surrounding the issuance of said OCTs. She likewise respectfully requests for certified true copies of the documents attached to the *Complaint* as annexes which are in the possession and official custody of the DENR-MIMAROPA REGION as well as for certified true copies of <u>all</u> documents pertaining to OCT No. 1895 (or OCT No. E-1895) and OCT No. RP—11 and all its derivative titles, including all *Certifications* and *Orders* issued in relation to the mentioned lands and titles.

In addition, since the new Rules of Court, as amended by A.M. No. 19-10-20-SC, requires the parties to submit the judicial affidavits of the witnesses, the undersigned State Solicitor respectfully requests for the names of the possible witnesses from DENR-MIMAROPA REGION and their contact numbers so that she could schedule an interview as soon as possible.

It would be very much appreciated if you can send the requested documents and information **on or before April 30, 2021**. The undersigned State Solicitor requested for an additional time to file the *Answer* as well as the *Judicial Affidavit* on May 9, 2021.

Should you have queries, kindly contact the undersigned State Solicitor through 0917 8616861 or <u>kcpatienza@osg.gov.ph</u>.

² The *Complaint* did not state the G.R. No.

Thank you for your usual prompt response.

Sincerely yours,

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