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Dear: Gen. Manager Escalada,

Greetings from the Office of the Community Environment and Natural Resources – Calamianes Island, Coron Palawan.

This letter pertains to the memorandum dated March 7, 2022 with instruction from the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services - MIMAROPA regarding the identification of other areas within public lands outside BPR for Yolanda Permanent Housing Project (YPHP).

As we can recall, that based from the letter address to Mr. Marcelino P. Escalada Jr., General Manager, National Housing Authority dated November 11, 2021 from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects and Director, in concurrent capacity, Marcial C. Amaro, Jr. *CESO III*, requested that the NHA and the contractor to immediately hold in abeyance the construction of the aforesaid housing project within the BPR until such time the authenticity and legality of the title have been proven, and the impending issues and concerns on the matter were already resolved.

On the matter, based on the Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting dated March 4, 2022 regarding Unified Stand on the Yolanda Permanent Housing Project (YPHP) within the BPR, the meeting led to the agreement that the decision to be communicated to the TWG meeting with IATF-Yolanda is: **Based on the result of the investigation of the DENR MIMAROPA, it is not possible for the DENR to lift the hold in abeyance order therefore the project cannot proceed. With that, the DENR recommends for the NHA to identify other areas that are within public lands but not within the BPR anymore, which the DENR may be of assistance.**

On April 1, 2020 during meeting with the Local Interagency Committee (LIA) on relocation and settlement for the Yolanda Housing Project and members of the beneficiary selection Sub Committee at the EOC Conference Hall, Coron Palawan it was also brought out by one of attendees from this Office regarding the identification of possible site outside the BPR. It was discuss that a meeting with the NHA, LGU and the DENR must be schedule for the said purpose.

In connection with the above issues and concern, we are request from your Office representatives for a meeting to discuss and plan for the identification of other possible areas for the Yolanda Permanent Housing Project (YPHP) outside the coverage of BPR.

We are looking forward to your cooperation and consideration regarding this matter. Thanks you.

Very truly yours,


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CBNR Officer



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