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PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region
1515 L & S Building, Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila

FROM : The OIC PENR Officer

SUBJECT : **REPLY ON SHOW CAUSE MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL 13, 2022 BY ECOMS II PEDRO A. MARMOL**

Respectfully forwarded herewith is the reply on Show Cause Memorandum dated April 13, 2022 of Ecoms II Pedro A. Marmol, personnel of CENRO Sablayan regarding the irregularities found on the issued documents to Matias Cortuna relative to the apprehension of 14,047.75 board feet at So. Pakil, Barangay Cabacao, Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro.

For your information and record.


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April 21, 2022

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OIC, PENR Officer

Purok Pa-asa, Brgy. Payompon,
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

Cc: **MR. ANASTACIO A. SANTOS**


CENR Officer

Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

Reply on Show Cause Memorandum dated April 13, 2022

Dear PENRO Tañada:

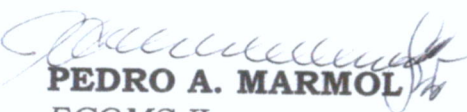
This is in response to a show cause memorandum issued by your good office dated April 18, 2022 giving me seventy-two (72) hours within which to submit my notarized written explanation about the apprehended 14,047.75 board feet of Gmelina species at So. Pakil, Brgy. Cabacao, Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro. Hence, the following explanations:

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1. Allegedly, there were irregularities found on the issued documents to Matias Cortuna, such that the actual location of the first and last tree shown in the GIS Map of the Inventory Report used for the issuance of Clearance to Cut did not conform to the GIS Map prepared by the CENRO Investigation Team.
 2. I humbly submit that I exercised due diligence in issuing the Memorandum dated August 19, 2021 to the CENR Officer as Chief of the Permitting Unit. The said Memorandum contained our recommendation for the issuance of a clearance that was intended for the cutting of Gmelina planted trees of one Matias P. Cortuna in his registered tree plantation covered by TCT No. CLOA-T-7562.
 3. All the necessary supporting documents have been collated by the office to facilitate and act on the application of Mr. Cortuna. In fact, he submitted a personal letter addressed to then CENR Officer and represented that he owned a parcel of land covered by a title and that he planted Gmelina trees therein. In support thereof, Mr. Cortuna submitted an authenticated copy of his title, a Pagpapatunay from the Office of Barangay Cabacao, and a certification from DAR MAPSA Cluster Team Leader. Upon Mr. Cortuna's request for inventory and inspection, I in-charged Joseph A. Panganiban, *Forest Ranger* and Dante N. Gordovez, *Forest Ranger*, to perform such inspection and inventory preparation. Thereafter, necessary reports were submitted before me for the necessary attestation.

4. Considering the presumption of regularity of the performance of duty of the above-named government officers, from the issuance of the barangay's Pagpapatunay upto the reports prepared by Mr. Panganiban, I made such recommendation for the issuance of clearance for cutting of trees. On the face of the documents I reviewed and endorsed to the CENR Officer Sablayan per Memorandum dated August 19, 2021, no irregularity can be attributed therein. I did not personally cause for any misrepresentation considering that actual inspection and photographing of the subject trees have been performed by the one assigned. The actual location of the trees was ascertained by the coordinates shown in the photos. The plotting of the coordinates was performed by the office's authorized ArcGIS Operator.
5. I had no hand in the preparation of the map showing the plantation site owned by Matias Cortuna vis-à-vis the plotted, inventoried and photographed trees, except that I attested that it was performed by the assigned employees: Mr. Allan L. Calanao, *Forest Extension Officer, ArcGIS Operator* who prepared the Map, and Mr. Joseph A. Panganiban, *Forest Ranger*, who surveyed and inventoried the trees. Any discrepancy or irregularity could be best explained by and addressed to the one who actually prepared the plotting of the coordinates of the trees in relation to the technical description of the title.
6. For these reasons, the undersigned respectfully prays that a finding of lack of prima facie case be appreciated in my favor.


Thank you very much and I hope that you find the foregoing explanation sufficient and meritorious for your purposes.

Very truly yours,


PEDRO A. MARMOL
ECOMS II
CENRO Sablayan

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day of APR 22 2022, in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro. I further certify that I have personally examined the affiant herein and that I am convinced that he voluntarily executed this affidavit and that he understood the contents thereof.

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