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Dear RED Claudio:

This refers to your letter dated 08 August 2022, received by this Office on 11 August 2022, referring to this Office to evaluate the compliance of the following reclamation in Coron, Palawan which the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) found to be non-compliant to government established rules and regulations:

Reclamation Project	Location	Proponent
Coron Bay Development Project	Poblacion II, III & V	Provincial Government of Palawan
Fernvale Subdivision	Sitio Dipulao, Poblacion V	Fernvale Businesses and Homeowners Association, Inc.
Coron Public Market	Sitio Deguiboy, Poblacion 6	LGU Coron

To facilitate our evaluation of the above reclamation, particularly Fernvale Subdivision and Coron Public Market, may we request copies of available data/information/documents gathered by DENR-MIMAROPA in the course of their investigation, including copies of the cancellations of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and Notices of Violation (NOVs) issued to the responsible entities of these non-compliant reclamation projects. These documents will be included in our complete staff work as basis in recommending appropriate action to be undertaken on these reclaimed lands.

Moreover, may we request the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Coron (CENRO-Coron) to follow-up the commitment of the contractor and Department of Public Works and Highways – Coron (DPWH-Coron) to submit to PRA the agreed design and work methodology for the establishment of the access water channel on the Coron Bay Development Project.

Based on our inter-agency technical conference conducted on 22 July 2022, the DENR shall be the lead agency responsible in ensuring compliance of the project proponents/contractors to implement mitigating measures to prevent further environmental degradation particularly the Coron Bay Reclamation. One of the recommendations was to install silt barriers along the new coastline facing Coron Bay.

Way forward, PRA is scheduling on September 2022 a one week activity for the conduct of a final Joint Verification Survey (JVS) for titling purposes together with representatives



of the CENRO-Coron and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources - Palawan (PENRO-Palawan) to determine the metes and bounds and elevations of the Coron Bay Reclamation. Simultaneous with the JVS, a preliminary survey of the Coron Market and Fernvale Subdivision shall also be conducted to be led by DENR-MIMAROPA survey team to determine the extent of the area reclaimed, before submitting a recommendation to our Board.

Finally, we are planning to roll out our Interim Inter-agency Technical Working Group (IIA-TWG) next month so we can have a coordinated rehabilitation framework and action plan for 2022-2023 for the Coron Bay Reclamation to be initiated by PRA.

We look forward to our collaboration and partnership on this endeavor.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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