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President

Taytay Upland Partners Association (TUPA) Inc.

Bgy. Bilog-bilog, Tanauan City, Batangas

Madam,

Environmental greetings!



This pertains to the Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) No. R-IVB-002-2011 awarded to Taytay Upland Partners Association (TUPA) Inc. on May 25, 2011 located at Sitio Orol, Pularaquen, Taytay, Palawan.

On August 11-12, 2022, personnel of this Office conducted annual monitoring and evaluation on the issued Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) to Taytay Upland Partners Association (TUPA) Inc. located at Sitio Orol, Pularaquen, Taytay, Palawan. The inspection report of the team reveals the following, to wit;

1. The approved SIFMA area is now under the management of Guevent Investment Development Corporation, however, the transfer did not conform to the process in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the SIFMA agreement. Based on the documents presented, a Special Power of Attorney dated March 9, 2012 was executed by Ms. Elma S. Tapia and Cecilio B. Lorenzo, Guevent Investment Development Corporation representative duly notarized by Atty. Alberto F. Gaviola, Jr. stated that Mr. Cecilio B. Lorenzo is the Forty Percent (40%) co-owner of Socialized Industrial Forestry Management Agreements and represents all the activities of SIFMA operation in accordance with the existing laws and regulations, however, the said Special Power of Attorney was revoked duly notarized by Atty. Ayla V. Alim dated March 10, 2016. Moreover, the corporation is the one who is paying the annual fee from 2017 up to the present.


Section 16 of DENR Administrative Order No. 24 dated August 23, 1996, also known as Rules and Regulations Governing the Socialized Industrial Forest Management Program stated that SIFMA may be canceled or revoked on any of the following grounds:

1. Transferring the rights over the area to another person without the knowledge and concurrence of the DENR; and
2. Abandonment of the area.

In the observance of due process, you are hereby enjoined to submit within thirty (30) days from the receipt hereof your written explanation (comment/counter-affidavit/explanation) relative to the transfer, conveyed or sold the SIFMA area to any person, cooperative or association without the approval of the Regional Director. Failure to submit the said document/s shall be considered a waiver thereof compelling this Office to cancel or revoke the said Agreement.

Thank you.

Yours,



ALAN L. VALLE
Community of Environment
and Natural Resources Officer

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