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03 February 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The PENRO and

Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office

Odiongan, Romblon

FROM

The Regional Director

This Office

SUBJECT

Complaint on the Quarrying Operations of Mt. Guiting-

Guiting Construction in Cajidiocan, Romblon

This refers to the attached copy of the Letter dated 12 January 2022 of Mr. Eufemio Regala regarding the above subject.

The said letter was forwarded to our Office by the Undersecretary for Attached Agencies, Mining and Muslim Affairs – Department of Environment and Natural Resources on 25 January 2022, to address the issue raised.

In this regard, this Office is requesting for the conduct of investigation, render appropriate actions to address the allegations stated therein, and furnish us a copy of the report. Our embedded personnel assigned in the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office - Romblon may be assigned in this undertaking.

For the PENRO's action, please.

Enc'l:

As stated

The Undersecretary

Attached Agencies, Mining and Muslim Affairs Supervising Undersecretary for Forest Management Bureau Department of Environment and Natural Resources Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

The Regional Executive Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA Region

The Complainant

Barangay Taquilos, Cajidiocan, Romblon



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MEMORANDUM

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TO

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)

Regional Office No. 4B-MIMAROPA 1515 L&S Building, Roxas Boulevard

Ermita, Metro Manila

FROM

UNDERSECRETARY

Attached Agencies, Mining and Muslim Affairs

Supervising Undersecretary for Forest Management Bureau

SUBJECT

COMPLAINT OF MR. EUFEMIO REGALA AGAINST MT.

Division/Section

MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU - MIMAROPA REGION

GUITING-GUITING CONSTRUCTION ON ITS QUARRY

OPERATION

DATE

January 25, 2022

This refers to the letter dated January 12, 2022 of Mr. Eufemio Regala of Brgy. Taguilos, Cajidiocan, Romblon, addressed to DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, regarding his complaint on the quarry operation being conducted by Mt. Guiting-Guiting Construction on the banks of Lumbang River located at Brgy. Lumbang, Cajidiocan, Romblon.

We are forwarding to you the said complaint affidavit of Mr. Regala with attached photos for information, investigation and further appropriate action in accordance with existing policies, rules and regulations. Please inform the party concern of the action/s taken on the matter, copy furnish this office. Thank you.

Cc: Mr. Eufemio Regala Barangay Taguilos Cajidiocan, Romblon. January 12, 2022

HON. ROY CIMATU

Secretary
Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
Quezon City

Dear Sir:

Greetings

May I respectfully report to you for appropriate action the quarry operation being undertaken by Mt. Guiting-Guiting Construction on the banks of Lumbang River in Barangay Lumbang, Cajidiocan, Romblon, which to my mind, is conducted in violation of Republic Act No. 7942 (The Philippine Mining Act), and its Implementing Rules and Regulation.

Attached herewith is my Complaint Affidavit, for your reference.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

EUFEMIO REGAL Complainant

Attachment: As stated above.

Copy furnished:

The Provincial Governor
Office of the Provincial Governor
Province of Romblon



Republic of the Philippines)
Province of Romblon) S.S.
Municipality of Cajidiocan)

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

I, EUFEMIO REGALA, Filipino, of legal age, married and with residence and postal address at Barangay Taguilos, Cajidiocan, Romblon, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and say that:

- 1. I am a resident of Barangay Taguilos, Municipality of Cajidiocan, Province of Romblon;
- 2. I am filing a complaint against Mt. Guiting-Guiting Construction and its owner, Mr. Martin Gutierrez, a resident of Magdiwang, Romblon, for currently conducting a quarry operation along the Lumbang River in Cajidiocan, Romblon which is affecting residents of the lower barangays in the area, namely: Barangay Lico and Barangay Taguilos, all in Cajidiocan, Romblon;
- Said quarry operations, which is situated in the upper portion of the river, has affected the normal flow of water along the Lumbang River and ultimately threatens the supply of water to the irrigated ricelands in Barangay Taguilos, Cajidiocan, Romblon;
- 4. Upon inquiry, personnel from the Office of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB), Province of Romblon, has inform the undersigned that Mt. Guiting-Guiting Construction is only given a provisionary permit to operate a quarry in the area. However, no document was shown by the said office to prove that indeed the construction company is a holder of a quarry permit;
- 5. Further verification also showed that the original grantee or holder a quarry permit for the said area was Ms. Shirley Festin who incidentally, has not renewed her permit for the purpose;
- 6. Attached herewith, for reference, are pictures of the quarry operations being conducted by the Mt. Guiting-Guiting Construction on the banks of Lumbang River in Cajidiocan, Romblon;
- 7. I am executing this affidavit to report to authorities the said quarry operation which, I believe, is being conducted in violation of the provisions of Republic Act 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Complaint Affidavit this day of January 2022 at Cajidiocan, Romblon.

EUFEMIO REGALA Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of January 2022 at San Fernando, Romblon, affiant exhibiting to me his Senior Citizen ID No. 285834 issued on February 19, 2019 in the City of Manila, as competent proof of identity.

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ATTY ANTONIO B. MAGSANAY, JR.

UNTIL JUNE 30, 202

PURSUANT TO SC RESOLUTION, SEPT. 28, 2021 PTR NO. 1286169, JAN. 3, 2022 ISSUED AT SAN FERNANDO, ROMELON ROLL NO. 35063





























