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Dear Mr. Yao,

This pertains to your letter dated 05 August 2021, containing your request for an extension on the time of submission of the Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP) of Ormin Power, Inc. (OPI) for its 10MW Inabasan hydroelectric power plant (HEPP) project in Barangays Caagutayan and Calangatan, Municipality of San Teodoro and Barangay Balatero, Municipality of Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.

It is well to note that Item VI of the Forest Landuse Agreement (FLAg No. 01-2021 dated 22 April 2021) among and between the DENR Central Office and OPI, provides that the latter shall submit within six (6) months from the issuance of the FLAg, a CDMP that clearly specifies the appropriate schemes, arrangements or activities compatible with the HEPP project for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources in the area for the benefit of host communities, and the date of OPI's submission of the said CDMP should be on or before 22 October 2021, to be consistent with the pertinent provisions of DAO No. 2004-59 and the FLAg No. 01-2021.

However, OPI manifested that due to the effect/restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 global pandemic which requires every individual to strictly observe human movements and adhere to the relevant essential health management protocols, the CDMP formulation cannot be submitted within the prescribed period.

In view thereof, and recognizing the stringent health regulations being imposed by the government to minimize the effect of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the DENR hereby grants the OPI's request for an extension of the period of the time of submission of the OPI's CDMP for its HEPP, for a period of another six (6) months from 22 October 2021, which is until 22 April 2022, subject however to the compliance of the same with the other terms and conditions of the FLAg No. 01-2021. Should you have concerns on the matter, kindly coordinate with the Regional Executive Director of DENR MIMAROPA Region.

Be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours

ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

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05 August 2021

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Dear Atty. Cuna:

At the outset, we would like to extend our warm gratitude for the issuance of the Forest Landuse Agreement (FLAg) dated 22 April 2021 in favor of **ORMIN POWER, INC.'s (OPI)** 10MW Inabasan Mini-Hydro Power Plant located in the Municipality of San Teodoro, Province of Oriental Mindoro.

Under the FLAg, OPI shall submit, within six (6) months from the issuance thereof, a Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP) for the FLAg area which will provide, among others, appropriate schemes, arrangements or activities compatible with the hydroelectric power plant project for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources in the area and for the benefit of host communities.

Currently, OPI has commenced and undertaken the following preliminary steps:

- Sought the assistance of the CENRO personnel for the gathering of primary data on forest resources (plants and animals) within the project area thru actual inventory on the ground; and
- b. Assigned a dedicated team for gathering of secondary data from the host communities and pertinent government agencies including but not limited to area description, location, history of area, topography, drainage, climate, geology of soil, vegetation and forest cover, demographics and community descriptions, infrastructure and utilities, environmental information, security, and other relevant information.

However, considering the extensiveness of CDMP as well as the unprecedented delays, disruptions, adherence to safety protocols and uncertainty brought about by the global spread of COVID-19, we humbly seek your kind indulgence and permission to extend the submission of the CDMP.

Rest assured that OPI is earnestly exerting its best efforts to comply with the terms and condition of FLAg dated 22 April 2021 and will continue to update your good office as to the activities taken anent the FLAg compliance.

We sincerely appreciate your kind consideration, and look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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