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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA Region

L&S Building, Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Foreign Assisted and

Special Projects, and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT

APPEAL OF THE FOREST LANDUSE AGREEMENT FOR

TOURISM (FLAgT) HOLDERS WITHIN PALAWAN

DATE

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Referred herewith is the letter dated 16 November 2021 addressed to the DENR Secretary of some forestry tenure holders in Palawan and Memorandum dated 07 December 2021 relative to the appeal of the FLAgT holders in Palawan. The same were referred to this Office for appropriate action.

The above-mentioned letter is signed by the following FLAgT holders - Starfish Island Resort, Dos Palmas Arreceffi Island Resort, Roland Rodriguez, Esperanza Butikofer, Cauit Bay Development Corp, and Ten Knots Development Corporation. The said holders in Palawan are requesting for the deferment of the imposition of the increase in Annual Government Share (AGS) due to Covid 19 Pandemic.

Be informed that the DENR Central Office thru the Policy and Planning Service, Legal Affairs Service, FMB, BMB and LMB are jointly crafting policy/guidelines on the "Collection of Fees and Charges from Tenure Instruments Holders during the Covid 19 Pandemic". This guidelines is being prepared as DENR support to businesses like tourism industry that are being affected by Covid 19.

In this regard, kindly coordinate with the above-cited FLAgT Holders and inform them of this initiative of the DENR.

FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.

MARCIAL C. AMARO, JR., CESO III

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Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

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Address

Starfish Island, Puerto Princesa

SUBJECT

Ltr dtd 11-16-2021 Request for Deferment of increase in Annual Government Share under

DAO NO. 2004-28 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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Subject

LETTER DTD 11/16/2021 REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF INCREASE IN ANNUAL GOVERNMENT SHARE

UNDER DAO NO. 2004-28 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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16 November 2021

Hon. Secretary Roy A. Cimatu
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman
1100 Quezon City

Attention:

Hon. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III

Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA

Re:

Request for Deferment of Increase in Annual Government Share Under DAO No.

2004-28 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Sir/Madam:

We represent a broad coalition of holders of Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism Purposes ("FLAGT") in Palawan and we are writing your good office to request for a deferment of the imposition of the increases in Annual Government Share (AGS) under our FLAGTs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 16 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2004-28, as amended by the relevant provisions of DAO No. 2021-02, provides that the AGS for FLAGTs shall be five percent (5%) of the most recent zonal value of the commercial zone within the barangay, or the nearest and adjacent barangay within the municipality, and a revaluation shall be undertaken every five (5) years thereafter.

Recently, all of the undersigned have received from the Office of the Regional Executive Director, MIMAROPA Region, letters of revaluation of the AGS based on the 2017 BIR zonal valuations of the respective barangays where the areas subject of our FLAGTs are located. We note that with the recent revaluation, an increase of varying and staggering percentages from the previous AGS shall be implemented.

As you are well aware, the World Health Organization has officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19, and has brought about national and local governmental rules and regulations imposing strict community quarantine and restrictions on movement and conduct of business within the Philippines and in Palawan. The undersigned FLAGT holders were not spared from its deleterious effects, especially since the tourism industry is one of the industries hardest hit by the pandemic.

Given also Presidential Proclamation 1218 dated 10 September 2021, attached hereto as Annex A, where the President of the Philippines officially "declared State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of one (1) year, effective 13 September 2020 to 12 September 2021 due to COVID-19" and the accompanying continued and continuing dearth or absence of tourism activities in Palawan, we respectfully request that the DENR defer the imposition of the increases of AGS for all affected FLAGT holders until the lifting of such state of calamity, or the lifting of any applicable community quarantine in Palawan due to the COVID-19 pandemic, whichever comes later.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support.

Very truly yours,

Starfish Island Resort	FLAgT No. 02-2008	Starfish Island, Sta.	,
(represented by		Lourdes, Puerto	
Salvacion Atellano)		Princesa City, Palawan	J.B. afrlow
Dos Palmas Arreceffi	FLAgT No. 10-2010	Arreceffi Island,	
Island Resort		Barangay Manalo,	
(represented by Vincent		Puerto Princesa City,	
B. Migallos)		Palawan	
Roland F. Rodriguez	FLAgT No. 08-2010	Arena Island, Barangay	1111
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Ten Knots Philippines, Inc./ Ten Knots Devt. Corp. (represented by Mariglo I. Laririt)	FLAgT No. DENR 4B 11302030-0005	Miniloc Island, Brgy. Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan	Selist
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	FLAgT No. DENR 4B 11302030-0009	Pangulasian Island, Brgy. Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan	
	FLAgT No. DENR 4B 11302030-0010	Cadlao Island, Brgy. Buena Suerte, El Nido, Palawan	

cc: Mr. Eriberto B. Saños

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Puerto Princesa, Palawan