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Dear Dir. Estoya:

Greetings from the Forest Management Bureau.

This has reference to your acknowledgement letter dated 16 November 2021 of our letter to the General Manager of National Housing Authority (NHA) Mr. Marcelino P. Escalada Jr. (copy furnished your Office) relative to the construction of Yolanda Permanent Housing Project (YPHP) in So. Pinagkulangan, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan.

It is understood that your Office has not received any ECAN Zoning Certification and/or SEP Clearance application for the said housing project. In this regard, we would like to express our gratitude on your update and commitment to act accordingly on the matter once the application reaches your Office.

We will likewise provide your Office information on the investigation being conducted by the DENR MIMAROPA pertaining to the issuance of Original Certificate Title (OCT) No. G-6688 (now Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-8335). In the meantime, please be apprised that the area covered by the subject housing project within BPR requires reclassification of land through Act of Congress considering that the land classification status of BPR is forestland by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1387, s. 1975.

In the absence of any reclassification of land for the subject housing project, this Office will remain steadfast in its duty of enforcing laws, rules and regulations related to the administration of Busuanga Pasture Reserve.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MARCIAL C. AMARO, JR., CESO III

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DENR Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs

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Dear Asec. Amaro:

Greetings from the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff!

This is to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your letter to Mr. Marcelino P. Escalada, Jr., General Manager, National Housing Authority (NHA), dated November 11, 2021 requesting the said agency to immediately hold in abeyance the construction of the Yolanda Permanent Housing Project (YPHP) in So. Pinagkulungan, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan since it is within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) and unclassified public forest.

Please be informed that as of now, we have not received any ECAN Zoning Certification and/or SEP Clearance application for the said project. Rest assured that we will act accordingly on the matter when their application is submitted to our office.

Thank you very much and best regards!

Very truly yours,

ATTY. TEODORO JOSE S. MATTA

Executive Director

For the Executive Director:

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NIÑO REY C. ESTOYA, MNSA Director-Designate for Operations NOV 2 2 2021

Vision: Palawan, an innovative and dynamic global center of sustainable development Mission: PCSDS as the driver of environmental conservation and inclusive development in Palawan. a biosphere reserve and science-for-sustainability site, guided by the Strategic Environmental Plan