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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
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**FROM :** The Supervising Ecosystems Management Specialist  
In-Charge, Office of the Director

**SUBJECT :** **LETTER FROM A CERTAIN MR. HELLY Y. ASOY OF SIBUYAN ISLAND, ROMBLON ON THE ALLEGED CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND BUNK HOUSES AND CLEARING OF VEGETATION AFFECTING MT. GUITING-GUITING NATURAL PARK (MGGNP) AND ITS BUFFER ZONE**

This pertains to the attached letter dated 17 June 2022 of certain Mr. Helly Y. Asoy of Sibuyan Island in Romblon informing us of the alleged road construction leading to the seashore in Sitio Talaba, Barangay Taclobo and Barangay Espana, Municipality of San Fernando, Sibuyan Island, Romblon. Said road construction which also involved construction of bunkhouses and clearing of vegetation allegedly affected Mt. Guiting-Guiting Natural Park (MGGNP) including its buffer zones, as well as the easement in the shorelines and the mangrove areas.

Relative thereto, we kindly request your Office through the concerned Protected Areas Superintendent to conduct field validation or investigation and take appropriate administrative and legal actions immediately, as necessary. We would appreciate receiving status update on the matter.

For consideration please.

  
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**Ms. HELLY Y. ASOY**  
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**Dear Ms. Asoy,**

This is in relation to your letter dated June 17, 2022 sent via email regarding the construction of road, bunkhouses, and clearing of vegetation in Sitio Talaba, Barangay Taclobo and Barangay España, Municipality of San Fernando, Sibuyan Island, Romblon which affected Mt. Guiting-Guiting Natural Park (MGGNP) including its buffer zones, as well as the easement of shorelines and the mangrove areas.

We at the Biodiversity Management Bureau share your concern and apprehension. Thus we have requested the DENR-MIMAROPA thru the Mt. Guiting-Guiting Natural Park Protected Area Management Office, Magdiwang, Sibuyan Island, Romblon to conduct validation or investigation on this matter and take appropriate administrative and legal actions immediately.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

  
**NORMA M. MOLINYAWE**  
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**Mines and Geosciences Bureau**

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Good day!

I am writing this letter to raise awareness to a particular issue in Sibuyan Island. It has come to our attention that there is an ongoing road construction happening in the island that leads to the sea shore for a proposed pier. However, despite its location in a private property, it is evident that there are no permits issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) or even the local level. The construction of bunkhouses, the destruction of vegetation, and even clearing of the site must be investigated immediately.

This site is located in the areas of Sitio Talaba in Barangay Taclobo and Barangay Espana, both of which are in San Fernando Sibuyan. This have affected the protected areas and the buffer zone of Mt. Guiting Guiting National Park and also the easement in shorelines and mangrove areas. We have reason to believe this is in line with the proposed mining site in the same area, which also has been shut off to prying eyes under the guise of "private property".

We are urgently requesting DENR officials, especially from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), and Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), to investigate in the matter. It would also be appreciated if they make policy recommendations to the local government units involved.

We hope to hear from you the soonest.

**Helly Y. Asoy**

*A concerned Sibuyan local*