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July 14, 2022

Lormelyn E. Claudio

Regional Executive Director

Department of Environmental and Natural Resources - MIMAROPA

DENR by the Bay Bldg., 1515 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

Re: Construction of Causeway affecting Barangays Maasin
and Mambalot in Brooke's Point, Palawan

Dear Regional Director Claudio:

Greetings!

We write on behalf of the members of the Palaw'an indigenous community of Brgy Maasin, Brooke's Point, Palawan, who requested assistance from our office through a letter¹ in relation to their complaint about a port being constructed within their ancestral waters.

To confirm this report, our ELAC staff² met with the indigenous community members and leaders who conveyed the following adverse impacts caused by the construction of the causeway:

- Noise and dust pollution caused by heavy equipment operating 24 hours;
- Fishing areas covered by silt making the water murky and silted where baby lobsters, bivalves, shellfish and other crustaceans were traditionally harvested, depriving the fishermen of lobster gathering which used to be their main source of income; and
- Roughly 300 families losing their main source of income.

¹ Annex 1 - letter of Palaw'an IPMR and Community members in Maasin requesting for assistance

² Annex 2 - picture of ELAC staff and Palaw'an community meeting



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We would like to request for a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that covers the development of this project and the mitigating measures in the construction of the causeway. Likewise, we request that your office conduct immediately an investigation on the aforementioned community concerns and take steps to alleviate the adverse impact of the causeway construction.

We would like to remind your good office that under the Anti-Red Tape Act, you have **five to ten days to act upon our request**³

We look forward to your prompt and favorable action to this request.

Sincerely,


Atty. Grizelda Mayo-Anda

Executive Director
Environmental Legal Assistance Center


Atty. Asia Wy
Legal Staff

Environmental Legal Assistance Center

³ Section 8(b) of RA 9485 (Anti-Red Tape Act)

Action of Offices - (1) All applications and/or requests submitted shall be acted upon by the assigned officer or employee during the period stated in the Citizens Charter which shall not be longer than **five working days in the case of simple transactions and ten (10) working days in the case of complex transactions** from the date the request or application was received.

Section 5 of RA 6713 (Code of Conduct for Public Officials)

Duties of Public Officials and Employees. — In the performance of their duties, all public officials and employees are under obligation to:

(a) Act promptly on letters and requests. — All public officials and employees **shall, within fifteen (15) working days from receipt thereof, respond to letters, telegrams or other means of communications sent by the public.** The reply must contain the action taken on the request.



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ANNEX 1

Letter of Palaw'an IPMR and Community members in Brgy. Maasin requesting for assistance

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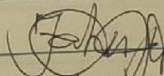
ATTY. GRIZELDA MAYO-ANDA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (ELAC)
BRGY, STA MONICA PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PALAWAN

MAHAL NAMING ATTY. ANDA,

ISANG MAKAKALIKASANG ARAW!

KAMING MGA KATUTUBONG PALAW'AN SA BARANGAY MAASIN,
BROOKES POINT, PALAWAN AY SUMUSULAT SA INYONG
TANGGAPAN URANG HUMINGI NGA TULONG PATUNGKOL
SA MGA BATAS NA NILALABAG NG MINAHAN SA
AMING LUPAIN AT KARAGATAN NG NINUNO.

KAMI PO AY NAAPEKTOHAN ANG AMING KABUHAYAN
PANGISA DAHIL SA PAGGAWA NA WALANG KONSULTASYON
NG PANTALAN. SA KASALUKUYAN MARAMI NA ANG
NAAPEKTOHAN AT NAWALAN NG KABUHAYAN.

GUMAGALANG,

MOHAREN TAMBILING
IPMR / PANLIMA
BARANGAY MAASIN

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		NO. _____
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MGA MANGINGISDA AT MGA KATUTUBO		
NG BARANGAY MAASIN		
JULYO 03, 2022		
SITYO PUKOD UNO		
1) Estalga Tamlangan		A
2) Rudy ADISER		R-A
3) aldrin alberto		A-A
4) Nancy alberto		N. ALBERTO
5) JOMEN ALIBASE		
6) ROEL USOP		Roel S. Usop
7) AMJEN USOP		A.U
8) JUL SANOL USOP		J. U
9) VINCENT PRASAD		V. Prasad
10) EVANGELINE PRASAD		
11) JIM-JON TAMLANGAN		
12) Adsarin kulanc		A'K
13) Rohaima Dulanding		R'D
14) Sahada Masod		S'M
15) Morfec Asmad		M. Asmad
16) Rosana Adiser		R'A
17) Lezel kulanc		LEZEL
18) ESNARIN Adiser		Ad
19) Joan Rose Adiser		J-R
20) ISMAIL Adiser		I-A
21) Jhumil Sambuangan		
22) Jebracer Sambuangan		J.P.S
23) Almer Alberto		Alberto
24) Samma Tamlangan		
25) JANRIE OMAR		
26) Elmer Samma		Samma
27)		



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29-KILAY	TAMLANGAN	K-T
30-LAMASYA	TAMLANGAN	L-T
31-JOMAYDA	TAMLANGAN	S-T
32-Edwin S. Ronas		E.S. Ronas
33-Evelyn B. Ronas		E. Ronas
34-Jonathan B. Ronas		J. Ronas
35-Mar	Samma	M-Samma
36-Elad	MADIL	Elad
37-Alcibi	alberto	alberto
38-ENRIQUE	MARANG	Enrique
39-JUTHAINA	MARANG	
40-Jayson	SOGAT	J-S
41-Ramil	Barrameda	R-B
42-Johari	OMAR	J-Omar
43-ARIEL	SAMMA	A.S.
44-Jomraina	Coroso	Jomir
45-Asing	Madil	Asing
46-Zoren	Madil	Zoren
47-Lenlyn A. Langsod		Lenlyn
48-Merama	Burggon	Merama
49-Karlynn	Adiser	Nastup
44-Tobel	Samma	T-S
45-LEO MARK A. GRANDE		Leo Mark
46-GAAD GILBERT C.		Gil.
47-Jecanin	T Madil	Jecanin
48-Jimral	Catalon	Jim
49-Norhama	Catalon	Norhama
50-Medjin	Catalon	M-C
51-Salhata	Catalon	S-C
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59	Jaynal Dumalan	J. D.
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61	Jaydaven Sapalo	J. Sapalo
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80	Juan L. yaye	J. yaye
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92	Anamary Bracuel		
93	Rogelio Flores		
94	Roli Conde		
95	Paulino Runces Jr		
96	medun mablen		
97	Polog Mandalao		
98	Leodines burawis		
99	Medelyn B. Guisan		
100	michelle A. burawis		
101	Soling angas		
102	Genelyn adiger		
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108	Navisa A Akbar		
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113	ROWENA SAMPA		
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ANNEX 2

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