

July 21, 2022

MR. EDGAR CASTILLO

Operations Manager Chevron Philippines, Incorporated 6th Floor, 670 Ayala Avenue, Makati City

Dear Mr. Castillo:

This is in relation to the Other Lawful Purposes Lease Agreement No. 002 which was entered into by and between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and Marcopper Mining Corporation (MMC) covering an area of 17.655 hectares of public forest for Bodega and Port Facilities located in Brgy. Balogo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque.

We would like to inform you that the said OLPLA No. 002 of Marcopper Mining Corporation had expired on June 30, 1994 and no renewal was ever made. As a result, a Final Notice to Vacate dated June 01, 2022 issued by DENR Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna, CESO I, was served to the company (Marcopper) giving them fifteen (15) days to vacate the area. However, the prescribed period had lapsed but no compliance was observed on the part of the company. Hence, on June 24, 2022, the DENR took over and secured the area covered by the said expired OLPLA NO. 002, except the area occupied by Caltex Depot.

Based on our records, the area being occupied by Caltex Depot located beside the said Bodega and Port Facilities of Marcopper, now being managed by Chevron Philippines, Inc., is within the area covered by the said expired lease. In this regard, the premises should have been vacated in compliance to the aforesaid Final Notice to Vacate.

There being no existing tenurial instrument over the area, your occupation of the subject property of the government has been rendered illegal. As such, the DENR demands with finality that you vacate the premises occupied by Caltex Depot now owned by Chevron Philippines, Incorporated being part of the expired OLPLA No. 002 within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this Notice. Otherwise, the DENR will take over the property pursuant to the provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-09, "Guidelines on the Management of Cancelled or Terminated, Expiring, and Expired Tenurial Instruments".

The Department strongly suggests that you give this matter preferential attention to avoid going through any inconvenience or costly litigation.

Very truly yours,

IMELDA M. DIAZ OIC-PENR Officer

cc: RED, DENR-MIMAROPA Region USEC for Field Operations