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### JUN 1 6 2022 MEMORANDUM

**FOR** 

#### The Bureau Directors

Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)-Central Office Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)-Central Office Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB)

Forest Management Bureau (FMB)

#### The Regional Executive Directors

DENR-Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)

DENR-National Capital Region (NCR)

DENR-Region 1 DENR-Region 2 DENR-Region 3

**DENR-Region 4-B MIMAROPA** 

DENR-Region 6 DENR-Region 7 DENR-Region 9 DENR-Region 11 DENR-Region 12

DENR-Region 13 CARAGA

#### The Regional Directors

MGB-CAR

MGB-Region 2

MGB-Region 4-B MIMAROPA

MGB-Region 8 MGB-Region 9 MGB-Region 12 MGB-Region 13 EMB-CAR

EMB-Region 1 EMB-Region 2 EMB-Region 3

EMB-Region 4-A CALABARZON EMB-Region 4-B MIMAROPA

EMB-Region 5 EMB-Region 6 EMB-Region 9 EMB-Region 12 EMB-Region 13

FROM

#### The Undersecretary

Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas and Environment

#### The Undersecretary

Field Operations - Mindanao

**SUBJECT** 

FOLLOW-UP ON SUBMISSION OF DATA ON WRIT OF KALIKASAN AND WRIT OF CONTINUING MANDAMUS CASES IN THE DIFFERENT REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND ITS LINE AND STAFF BUREAUS

This has reference to the mandate of the DENR Legal Affairs to conduct a continuing inventory of the Writ of *Kalikasan* and Writ of Continuing Mandamus cases as part of its continued assistance to the Secretary, Bureaus, and Regional Offices of DENR.

In August 2021, the then Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment issued an undated Memorandum<sup>1</sup> directing all Bureau Directors, Regional Executive Directors, Assistant Regional Directors for Technical Services, Regional Directors of Line Bureaus, and Chiefs, DENR and Bureau Regional Legal Divisions to submit updated inventories/data of Writ of Kalikasan and Writ of Continuing Mandamus cases within their offices on or before 30 September 2021.

In compliance with the undated Memorandum, 19 Regional Offices and Bureaus have already submitted their inventory reports as of 30 April 2022, *viz.*:

#### A. DENR Regional Offices;

- 1. Region 4-A CALABARZON;
- 2. Region 5;
- 3. Region 8; and
- 4. Region 10;

#### B. Line Bureaus;

- 1. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Region 1;
- 2. MGB Region 3;
- 3. MGB Region 4-A CALABARZON;
- 4. MGB Region 5;
- 5. MGB Region 6;
- 6. MGB Region 7;
- 7. MGB Region 10;
- 8. MGB Region 11;
- 9. Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Central Office (Oceana Philippines International, et al. vs. the National Solid Waste Management Council (NSWMC), et al.);
- 10. EMB Region 7;
- 11. EMB Region 8;
- 12. EMB Region 10; and
- 13. EMB Region 11;

#### C. Staff Bureaus; and

- 1. Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB); and
- 2. Land Management Bureau (LMB).

On the other hand, your offices were identified to have not submitted the inventory of cases.

In view thereof, kindly submit your Inventory of Writ of Kalikasan and Writ of Continuing Mandamus cases, and with regard to violations of environmental and other related laws, rules and regulations, kindly also submit your Inventory of Under

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Copy attached as APPENDIX "1".

Investigation Cases for Possible Filing of Writ of Kalikasan Cases. Your offices are requested to submit the inventories <u>addressed to these Offices</u>, through the Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs, copy furnished to the Director, Legal Affairs Service, on <u>or before 15 June 2022</u>.

Please refer to **Appendix "2"** and **Appendix "3"** for the templates of Inventory of Writ of *Kalikasan* and Writ of Continuing Mandamus cases, and Inventory of Under Investigation Cases for Possible Filing of Writ of Kalikasan Cases, respectively.

For your compliance.

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### APPENDIX "2"

## WRIT OF KALIKASAN CASES INVENTORY (OFFICE, DATE)

Case Title	Docket Number	Venue	Ground for filing of the Writ of Kalikasan Case	Handling Lawyer/Action Officer (Regional Office/Bureau) & Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) Counterpart	Case Status	Remarks (Whether Pending or Decided; If Decided, whether Granted or Denied)	Current condition of the issue being protested upon	Administrative Case/s against DENR employees filed, with complete details
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## WRIT OF CONTINUING MANDAMUS INVENTORY (OFFICE, DATE)

Case Title	Docket	Venue	Ground/s for	Handling	Case	Remarks	Current	Administrative
(i.e. ABC,	Number		filing of the	Lawyer/Action	Status	(Whether Pending	condition of	Case/s against
Petitioner			Writ of	Officer (Regional		or Decided; If	the issue	DENR employees
vs. XYZ,			Continuing	Office/Bureau) &		Decided, whether	being	filed, with
Respondent)		:	Mandamus	Office of the		Granted or	protested	complete details
			Case	Solicitor General		Denied)	upon	_
				(OSG)			_	
	I			Counterpart				

### APPENDIX "3"

# UNDER INVESTIGATION CASES FOR POSSIBLE FILING OF WRIT OF KALIKASAN CASES (OFFICE, DATE)

Violations of	The Act or Omission	Relevant and material	Possible Ground/s for	Handling	Status/Remarks
Environmental	Complained of, and the	evidence consisting of the	filing of the Writ	Lawyer/Action	
and other Related	Environmental Damage	affidavits of witnesses,	_	Officer	
Laws, Rules and	of Such Magnitude as to	documentary evidence,			
Regulations	Prejudice the Life, Health	scientific or other expert			
	or Property of Inhabitants	studies, and if possible,			
	in two or more Cities or	object evidence			
	Provinces				