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March 7, 2022

**MARIGLO LARIRIT**

Sustainability Director  
Ten Knots Philippines, Inc  
El Nido, Palawan

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

This is to inform your office that Ten Knots Philippines, Inc. (TKPI) has not submitted itself to Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) process/es despite the series of communications and notices from NCIP. Please be informed further that TKPI's request to obtain necessary documents with respect to the Ancestral Domain (AD) claim of the Tagbanua Tandulanen in El Nido, Palawan is not an excuse to delay compliance with the provisions of IPRA on FPIC. As we have stated in our previous letters, such documents will be provided during the Field-Based Investigation (FBI), which is part of the FPIC process/es.

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to NCIP Commission En Banc Resolution No. 08-017-2021, you are hereby directed to Cease and Desist, immediately upon receipt of this Order, from operating with respect to the projects located at Villa Libertad and Pasadena, all in El Nido, Palawan.

Otherwise, we will be constrained to undertake and/or to file the necessary legal action/s for violation of the provisions of IPRA with the corresponding penalty mentioned below:

***"SECTION 10. Unauthorized and unlawful Intrusion. ---*** Unauthorized and unlawful intrusion upon, or use of any portion of the ancestral domain, or any violation of the rights hereinbefore enumerated, shall be punishable under this law. XXX."

***SECTION 72. Punishable Acts and Applicable Penalties. ---*** Any person who commits violation of any of the provisions of this Act, such as, but not limited to, unauthorized and/or unlawful intrusion upon any ancestral lands and domains as stated in Sec. 10, Chapter III, or shall commit any of the prohibited acts mentioned in Sections 21 and 24, Chapter V, Section 33, Chapter VI hereof, shall be punished in accordance with the customary laws of the ICCs/IPs concerned: Provided, That no such penalty shall be cruel, degrading or inhuman punishment: Provided, further, That neither shall the death penalty or excessive fines be imposed. This provision shall be without prejudice to the right of any ICCs/IPs to avail of the protection or existing laws. In which case, any person who violates any provision of this Act shall, **upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment of not less than nine (9) months but not more that twelve (12) years or a fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100, 000) nor more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500, 000) or both such fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court.** In addition, he shall be obliged

to pay to the ICCs/IPs concerned whatever damage may have been suffered by the latter as a consequence of the unlawful act.”

The Provincial Officer (PO) is hereby directed to implement this order with the assistance of lawful authorities or other government agencies, if necessary.

Signed:



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NCIP MIMAROPA

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