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000297-D, she was informed (by a representative of the Office seemingly) that Belinda Rabang filed a complaint (par. 3 and 9 of the letters) against her involving a piece of land which does not belong to

her. In par. 7 of her second letter, she was already aware that her application was overtaken by the moratorium on public land titling (the very answer to par. 8 of her first letter seeking explanation what caused the delay in the processing of her application).

2. In May and December 2020, while the moratorium on public land activities remains in effect in San Vicente, this Office sent Ms. Rabang letters (copy attached as Annexe 3 and 4) giving her space within which to comply with what were required of objections against public land applications.
3. The same information which Ms. Jaranilla already knew were also reminded of her in Office letters of December 2020 and January 2021, each a copy of which are hereto attached as Annexes 5 and 6.
4. In a memorandum of 08 February 2021 (Annex 7) and a letter of 06 August 2021 (Annex 8) the Regional Office and the provincial government were likewise made aware of premises surrounding the matter.

V LAW

Section 95 of the Public Land Act provides that should a tract of land be found occupied by a claimant other than the applicant, land officials are expected to give the occupant prior right to apply when qualified. Section 102 thereof provides that objections may be filed against any public land application grounded on issues sanctioned by the Act.

VI OBSERVATION

While it is not uncommon for inspecting officers advising lot claimants of making sure lot corners are accessible for site validation, one in the right mind especially coming from the DENR would never order clearing prohibited trees especially those belonging to another person. The Office only facilitates interests over lands free from adverse claims and/or conflict. One's inability to maintain physical care of a land claim cannot be faulted upon another, including government employees.

VII RECOMMENDATION

Just as before, to advise Ms. Jaranilla to stay until the prohibition in titling activities in the area is fully lifted and/or leave the matter to the Barangay or Provincial Governments on interests she may have waived in the their favor, if any.

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