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OIC - Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
DENR by the Bay Bldg., 1515 Roxas Boulevard,
Ermita, Manila

Dear Sir/Madam:

Greetings from the People of Occidental Mindoro!

The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, through the undersigned, sent a letter to Antonio G. Gerundio, Regional Executive Director of DA-RFO MIMAROPA Region, regarding its view that it remains and continues to be the direct implementer, through the Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP), of the RPAB-approved sub-project "Upgrading of Brgy. Manoot Farm to Market Road and Construction of Manoot II Bridge" with initial total project cost of Php224,994,585.79. A copy of the said letter is attached herewith.

However, it also appears, based on the records, that the Municipality of Rizal is also interested in implementing the sub-project and has, in fact, applied with the DENR for the issuance of a Gratuitous Special Land Use Permit (GSLUP) for the same sub-project. Worse, your good office, through Regional Director Maria Lourdes G. Ferrer, has apparently issued a Memorandum for the Secretary dated November 2, 2021 recommending favorable consideration and issuance of clearance on the application for GSLUP of the Municipal Government of Rizal notwithstanding the earlier application for GSLUP by the Provincial Government.

This development of events somehow dampens the spirit and confidence of our people who exerted time and effort in order for the said sub-project to finally gain ground. It is in this light that we are informing your good office that we are very much willing and ready to directly implement the said sub-project until its final completion. We have already submitted the I-BUILD required documents such as Program of Works (POW) and Detailed Engineering Design (DED) through my letter dated February 2, 2022. On the other hand, our application for the issuance of Gratuitous Special Land Use Permit (GSLUP) with the DENR was done as early as February 2021.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that a Gratuitous Special Land Use Permit (GSLUP) be issued in favor of the Provincial Government so that the realization of the sub-project can finally take off.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

EDUARDO B. GADIANO Provincial Governor Law