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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Director**
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The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA
1515, L & S Building, Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Finance, Information Systems, and Climate Change

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE FROM TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) RELATIVE TO THE LIFTING OF SUSPENSION IN THE ISSUANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF SURVEY AUTHORITY, SURVEY PLANS AND PUBLIC LAND APPLICATIONS (PLAs) COVERING LOTS IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN**

DATE : 12 July 2022

Referred herewith for appropriate action is the letter from Atty. Karen Mae G. Sarinas-Baydo, Assistant Chief Operating Officer (ACOO), TEZ Management Sector, TIEZA, dated 27 June 2022, seeking clarification and guidance on how the lifting of the suspension in the issuance, processing, and approval of survey authority, survey plans, and PLAs in the Province of Palawan through the Memorandum from the Acting Secretary, DENR, dated 9 March 2022 would affect their private partners.

According to ACOO Sarinas-Baydo, they observed that some accommodation establishments in San Vicente, Palawan could not operate legally for lack of land title or tenurial instruments. Hence, guidance and information from DENR is necessary regarding land titling relative to the recent lifting of suspension, including the progress of land classification and reclassification for the Province of Palawan.

Please be informed that on 11 July 2022, a meeting was held between the TIEZA and DENR in order to discuss the subject. In the said meeting, TIEZA specifically sought clarifications as follows:

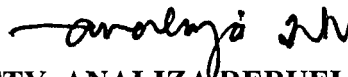
1. What are the implications to the stakeholders of San Vicente, Palawan of the lifting of suspension in the issuance, processing and approval of

survey authority, survey plans and PLAs covering lots in Palawan?

2. Is the application for and issuance of free patent under Republic Act No. 9176 entitled, *“An Act Extending The Period Until December 31, 2020 For The Filing Of Applications For Administrative Legalization (Free Patent) And Judicial Confirmation Of Imperfect And Incomplete Titles To Alienable And Disposable Lands Of The Public Domain Amending For This Purpose Commonwealth Act Numbered 141, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Public Land Act”*, included in the suspension lifted by the Memorandum from the Acting Secretary, DENR, dated 9 March 2022?
3. What actions can be undertaken by the landowners and business operators whose properties may benefit from the lifted suspension?
4. What are the updates from the Sub-Technical Working Group (TWG) created to identify priority areas in Palawan for reclassification into alienable and disposable lands in San Vicente, Palawan, particularly:
 - a. Completion of Protected Area Sustainability Assessment (PASA) for the repeal of Presidential Proclamation No. 219, s. 1967 entitled “Declaring the Entire Province of Palawan as Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuary, and the Small Island of Palawan as National Reserves;
 - b. Assessment for PP2152, s. 1981 entitled “Declaring the Entire Province of Palawan and certain parcels of the Public Domain and/or parts of the Country as Mangrove Swamp Forest Reserves; and
 - c. Assessment and evaluation of the proposed classification of 4,953 hectares of unclassified public land in San Vicente, Palawan.

Copy of the Points of Discussion/Clarification from TIEZA is attached herewith for your reference.

We appreciate to receive your comments, citing document number DENRCO – AS RMD-2022-016759 for monitoring purposes.



ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH
DENR Principal Representative, TIEZA Board

CC: **Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority**
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**TIEZA-DENR Online Consultative Meeting
11 July 2022 at 2 PM
Via Microsoft Teams**

Points of Discussion/Clarification:

1) Lifting of Titling Moratorium in Palawan

- On 28 May 2015, then DENR Usec. Demetrio Ignacio, Jr. directed the suspension on the issuance of survey authority, conduct and approval of survey of untitled lands and acceptance and processing of Public Lands Applications (PLAs) within Palawan due to numerous land issues and cases brought before the attention of the DENR.
- The LGUs of Palawan, the Private Sector, including TIEZA appealed to the DENR for the lifting of the titling moratorium.
- Then, on 09 March 2022, DENR Acting Secretary Jim Sampulna issued a memorandum to the Regional Director of MIMAROPA regarding the lifting of the suspension in the issuance, processing, and approval of survey authority, survey plans, and PLAs covering lots in the whole Province of Palawan.
- Implications to the stakeholders of San Vicente of the lifting of the moratorium on titling activities in Palawan as embodied in the 09 March 2022 memorandum of DENR Acting Secretary Jim Sampulna to the Regional Executive Director of DENR MIMAROPA;
- Clarification if the application for and the corresponding issuance of a free patent is included in the lifted moratorium considering that RA 9176 provided the sunset provision (until 31 December 2020 only) for the filing of applications for administrative legalization (free patent) and judicial confirmation of imperfect and incomplete titles to alienable and disposable (A&D) lands of the public domain.
- What actions can be undertaken by the landowners and business operators whose properties may benefit from the lifted moratorium on land titling?
- Next steps for the DENR and TIEZA

2) Land Reclassification and Classification in San Vicente, Palawan

- Most accommodation establishments in San Vicente, particularly in Brgy. Port Barton, could not operate their businesses legally because they are occupying areas classified as timberland. Hence, the reclassification of areas is necessary to resolve the issue. The SVT Secretariat during its meeting last 16 June 2021 agreed to create a Sub-TWG who shall assist the DENR, especially the PENRO, in the identification of priority areas for reclassification.
- The Sub-TWG held its initial meeting on 09 November 2021. Then PENRO Eriberto Saños who led the Sub-TWG, discussed that two (2) Presidential Proclamations (PP) could be obstacle in the proposed reclassification of certain areas into A&D:
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- PENRO Saños reported that the Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) for the repeal of PP No. 219 has been completed, while there is an ongoing assessment for PP No. 2152.
- Further, he mentioned that the PENRO proposed the classification of 4,593 hectares of Unclassified Public Forest (UPF) in San Vicente. The proposal is subject for further assessment and evaluation of the DENR Regional Office.
- What are the updates on the aforementioned efforts of the DENR for land reclassification and reclassification in San Vicente, Palawan?
- Next steps for the DENR and TIEZA

Re: Consultative Meeting to Discuss Clarifications and Implications on the Lifting of Moratorium on Titling Activities at San Vicente, Palawan

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Dear **Undersecretary Teh**,

Relative to our consultative meeting yesterday, we are transmitting our PowerPoint Presentation on our clarifications and implications on the lifting of moratorium on titling activities in San Vicente, Palawan.

For your reference. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Samuel John B. Narido

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On 2022-07-07 05:01 PM, TIEZA - TEZ Compliance Monitoring Division wrote:

Dear **Undersecretary Teh**,

In relation to our letter dated 27 June 2022 requesting for a consultative meeting with you and RED Lormelyn E. Claudio on 11 July 2022 at 2:00PM to discuss clarifications and implications on the lifting of moratorium on titling activities in San Vicente, Palawan, here is the MS Teams' access link for our online meeting:

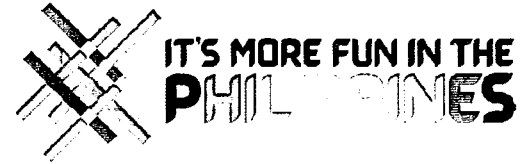
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