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MR. JOEBEN TAI

General Manager

National Housing Authority

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Dear **General Manager Tai:**

This has reference to the letter dated June 8, 2022 from the National Housing Authority reiterating the agency's previous position to develop a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-8335 located in Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan. It is undisputed that the said parcel of land is within the *Busuanga* Pasture Reserve, and as much as this Office would like to support the laudable project proposed by the Authority, it cannot grant the clearance for the construction of the resettlement area.

Upon the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 1387 in 1975, *Busuanga* Pasture Reserve is withdrawn from "***sale, settlement, or any other form of disposition, xxx***" (Emphasis supplied). This Bureau reaffirms its position against the construction of the resettlement area and reiterate that the National Housing Authority should cease and desist from any actions leading to such establishment.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

TIRSO P. PARIAN, JR., CESO IV

Director

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NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

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June 08, 2022

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ATTN: **MR. ARNOLD A. BLAZA, JR.**
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Dear Sir/s:

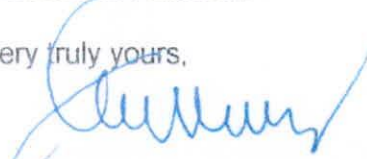
This has reference to your letter dated June 02, 2022 (Annex "A") reiterating your query to the National Housing Authority (NHA) and its existing contractor (Front Nine Konstruct and One Dynamic Three Realty & Development Corp-JV) to hold in abeyance and to immediately Stop the on-going development of the NHA acquired property covered by TCT No. T-8335 and located in Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan. Said property being developed by NHA under the Yolanda Permanent Housing Project (YPHP) is intended as the permanent resettlement site for those families/victims affected by Typhoon Yolanda in Coron, Palawan in 2013.

We wish to reiterate our position and actions that this Office maintain its position to develop the acquired property in compliance with Administrative Order (AO) No. 44 dated October 28, 2014 (Annex "B"), Memorandum Circular No. 56 dated November 11, 2013 (Annex "C") and DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2014-05 dated May 29, 2014 (Annex "D"). Based on said issuances, the NHA under the Resettlement Cluster was tasked as the lead agency to facilitate and endorse application for land conversion/utilization and processing of necessary permits and clearances for the property to be developed by NHA as housing and permanent resettlement site/s of families/victims whose houses were damaged by Typhoon Yolanda.

Given the urgency to implement this government project vis-à-vis the need to comply with the basic provisions of Batas Pambansa 220, hence, may we respectfully request for your considerations for NHA to proceed with the implementation of the said NHA project/property under the YPHP in Coron, Palawan. Please take note that the subject property was acquired by NHA in good faith in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations and the same is intended exclusively for the families affected by Typhoon Yolanda in 2013. Attached are other documents relative thereto for your ready reference.

We look forward to your immediate reply and unrelenting support to the government's socialized housing program for the families affected by Typhoon Yolanda and qualified for housing assistance under the NHA's YPHP particularly in the Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan.

Very truly yours,


MARCELINO P. ESCALADA, JR.
General Manager