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DIR. LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO

OIC Regional Executive Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA
Ermita, Manila

Dear **RED Claudio**:

Greetings from Calapan City!

This has reference to the implementation of the Coron-Culion Inter-Island Bridge Project being implemented by DPWH MIMAROPA in the province of Palawan. This project is among the major infrastructure development projects in the region which is being monitored by the MIMAROPA Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) of the Regional Development Council.

The RPMC, together with other regional offices of DPWH, DOT, DENR, EMB, PCSD and NCIP, conducted a special meeting on April 07, 2021 to discuss the concerns raised by Calamianes Association of Tourism Establishments and the need to comply on various regulatory requirements such as Environmental Clearance Certificate, Free and Prior Informed Consent, Strategic Environmental Plan Clearance, and stakeholder's consultation.

Among the results of the meeting is the issuance of the suspension order of project implementation by DPWH MIMAROPA on April 08, 2021. Further, we were informed on actions undertaken by DENR CENRO and EMB MIMAROPA such as investigations conducted and the issuance of cease and desist order and notice of violations relative to the project.

As such, we are requesting for an e-copy of the issued Notice of Violation on clearing and cutting naturally growing trees without an approved tree cutting permit relative to Section 77 of PD 705 or the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines as amended, the issued cease and desist order by CENRO Coron to DPWH MIMAROPA and the contractor, and other pertinent documents that will be useful in providing recommendations to facilitate the implementation of the project.

Our staff, Ms. Pamela L. de Torres of the Project Development, Investment Programming, and Budget Division (PDIPDB) will coordinate with your office on this request. She can be reached through mobile number 0967-257-4659 or email at pldetorres@neda.gov.ph.

Thank you and stay safe.

Very truly yours,


AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA

Regional Director
Chairperson, RPMC

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