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ANTI-RED TAPE AUTHORITY  
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**Re: Invitation for Resource Person for the Clarificatory Hearing**

This refers to the complaint of **Manfel Cargo Shipping Corporation** (Manfel Cargo) docketed in Authority with Complaint Tracking Number 2023-0831-0438.

As background, on 28 February 2023, MV Manfel Carrier V, owned by Manfel Cargo, laid aground in the Municipality of Lubang, Province of Occidental Mindoro due to severe weather. To remove the same, Manfel Cargo applied for a Salvage Permit with the Philippine Coast Guard – Occidental Mindoro (PCG). Manfel Cargo allegedly submitted all the required documents and paid the necessary fees per the Citizen's Charter of PCG. However, PCG required Manfel Cargo to obtain a release order from the Municipality of Lubang before the issuance of the said permit. On the other hand, the Municipality Lubang required that the alleged environmental damages be paid by Manfel Cargo prior the release order. Thus, the Salvage Permit cannot be readily issued.

On 5 September 2023, the Authority conducted a Clarificatory Hearing regarding this case. However, no representatives from DENR MIMAROPA appeared. The Authority deems that the participation of DENR representatives is necessary to be clarified of the legal issues surrounding the case, particularly, on the process for the conduct of environmental damage assessment and authority of local government to detain a ship in the course of claiming environmental damages.



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Anti-Red Tape Authority

Pursuant to Authority's function to enlist government agencies in the implementation of its powers and functions provided for under Section 17(l) of Republic Act no. 11032, otherwise known as Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, we would like to request for a resource person from your good office to act as resource person to assist us in the clarificatory hearing to be conducted by the Authority.

The Clarificatory Hearing is set before **SECRETARY ERNESTO V. PEREZ** on **07 September 2023 at 10:00AM** via **Zoom Online Videoconferencing Platform**. The details of the Zoom meeting are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99376457772?pwd=ZFFwM2lZTIRjaGhYUURHc24rOEZQQT09>

Meeting ID: 993 7645 7772

Passcode: artaielo

Kindly confirm your attendance and provide us the name of your participants by emailing [ielo@arta.gov.ph](mailto:ielo@arta.gov.ph). Thank you very much.



**SECRETARY ERNESTO V. PEREZ**  
*Director General*