



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
Community Environment and Natural Resources Office
Camia St., San Mariano, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

MEMORANDUM

April 11, 2023

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
1515 by the Bay Building
Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

THRU : The OIC, PENR Office
DENR, PENRO, Calapan City

FROM : The CENR Officer,
Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION REGARDING THE COMPLETED AND UNAUTHORIZED / ILLEGAL RECLAIMED LAND OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, ORIENTAL MINDORO**

On March 29, 2023, our office, the DENR CENRO Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, received a letter from the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) dated March 23, 2023, regarding the request of the Municipality of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro for the issuance of the Survey Authority of their completed unauthorized/illegal reclaimed land.

Please be informed that our office cannot issue the said Survey Authority due to the violations of the Municipality of Bulalacao in the conduct of its reclamation project. As clearly stated in Section 5 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-14:

“No reclamation project shall be allowed unless an Area Clearance is first secured from the DENR. This clearance, which already includes/covers the ECC (Environmental Compliance Certificate) or any potential impact to the environment as one of its requirements, shall be effective for five (5) years, and reclamation projects must be implemented or must commence within that period...”

Such completed unauthorized reclaimed land of the Municipality of Bulalacao is subject to forfeiture based on P.D. Nos. 3-A and 1084, E.O. No. 525, and PRA A.O. No. 2021-01 – “Rules and Procedures for the Forfeiture of Unauthorized and Illegal Reclamations through titling under the name of the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA)” as referred by the PRA in their letter.

Henceforth, we are humbly seeking your proper legal opinion on the matter.

Attached herein is a copy of the said letter from the PRA dated March 23, 2023, for your reference. Also attached herein are the geo-tagged photographs of the said reclaimed land comprising an area of approximately more or less 4 hectares.

For information, records, and further instruction.

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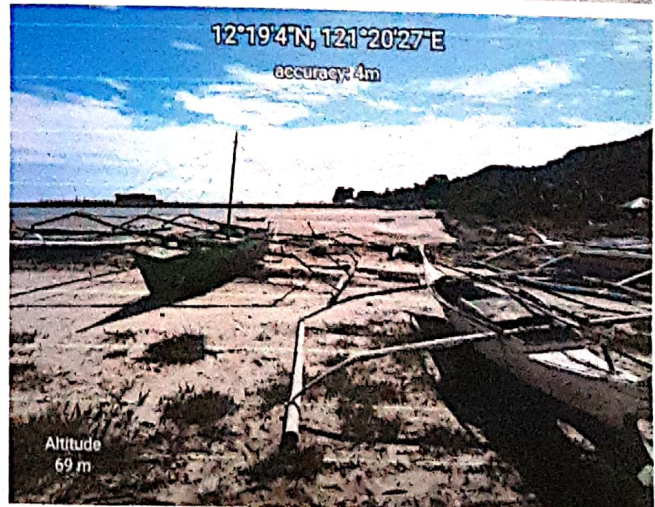
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Geo-tagged Photographs of the
Municipality of Bulalacao's Reclaimed Land



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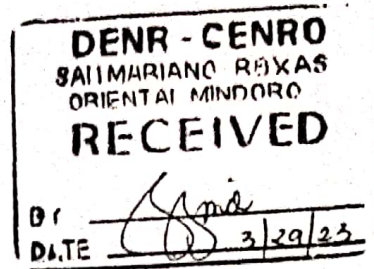


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23 March 2023

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Dear CENRO Quebec:

This refers to your letter dated 13 January 2023 (**Annex A**), received on 16 February 2023, relative to the Municipality of Bulalacao's request for issuance of approved Survey Authority (SA) of the completed unauthorized reclaimed land (**Annex B**).

Please be informed that the completed unauthorized reclaimed land is subject to forfeiture pursuant to Presidential Decree (PD) Nos. 3-A and 1084, Executive Order No. 525 and PRA Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-01, "Rules and Procedures for the Forfeiture of Unauthorized and Illegal Reclamations Through Titling Under the Name of the PRA". The request for SA is in compliance with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) requirement under DENR AO No. 2018-14 Chapter III, "Rules and Procedures on the Issuance of Proclamation and Special Patent Over Existing Reclaimed Lands".

Moreover, a request for area clearance is applicable to reclamation projects that undergoes the regular process of approval pursuant to PRA AO No. 2019-4 (PRA Approval) of EO No. 74 (Transferring the PRA to the Office of the President, delegating to the PRA Governing Board the Power of the President to Approve Reclamation Projects, and for Other Purposes) and not to illegally completed reclaimed land as in the case of Municipality of Bulalacao.

Finally, this letter is also an authorization for the Municipality of Bulalacao and/or Engr. Renan Dayanghirang to follow-up and coordinate this matter with your Office, pay the DENR fees and comply with the requirements relative to the issuance of the approved Survey Authority.

Copies of the aforementioned laws and issuances are available on the PRA website (www.pea.gov.ph).

Your attention and timely action on this request is highly appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. JANIO E. RUBIATO
General Manager and CEO

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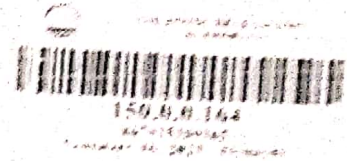


Republic of the Philippines
Province of Oriental Mindoro
MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO



January 18, 2023

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Dear Atty Rubiato,

The municipality of Bulalacao has an existing reclaimed area which we intend to apply for proclamation thru your good office. The site was already inspected by your team last August 2022.

As advised by your team, we requested for Survey Clearance at Community Environment and Natural Resources Office to facilitate the proclamation but their reply was to secure first Area Clearance from your office. Attached herewith is their reply requesting for Area Clearance

In line with this, may we request for your most appropriate action on the request of CENRO for Area Clearance.

Thank you so much and we are praying for the utmost consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,


ENGR. ERNILO C. VILLAS
Municipal Mayor

2025 VISION:

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By 2025, BULALACAO shines as:

- The Nature-based Agro-Tourism Hub of Mindoro Island;
- Valued Producer of Renewable Energy;
- Take-off Point to Southern Philippines;
- The Investor's Haven in MIMAROPA Region.



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January 13, 2023

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Dear Mayor Villas,

Greetings!

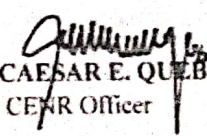
This pertains to your Reclamation Project at Bulalacao Bay located at Poblacion, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

Be informed that the Area Clearance first will be served before Survey Authority will be issued.

Relative thereto, we advised your Office to secure first the Area Clearance so that we can already process the Survey Authority in consonance with the DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-14 dated August 14, 2018 entitled "Guidelines on the Issuance of Area Clearance for Reclamation Projects and Proclamation/Special Patents over Reclaimed Lands".

Attached herewith are the copies of DAO No. 2018-14 and DAO No. 2022-11 for your ready reference.

Very truly yours,


ENGR. CAESAR E. QUEBEC
CENR Officer

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