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Mr. Javier Hernandez

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(Ten Knots Development Corporation)
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Sir;

This refers to the Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism Purposes with FLaGT No. DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0010 issued 27 December 2005 to Ten Knots Philippines, Inc. (TKPI) covering a parcel of land of the public domain located in Cadlao Island, Barangay Buena Suerte, El Nido, Palawan.

The records show that an ocular inspection and investigation of the area under consideration was conducted on August 5, 2016 by representatives of the CENRO in Taytay, Palawan at the instance of Engr. Nestor Veneracion and Mr. Anthony Argana, both of TKPI. As can be gleaned from their (CENRO) report on the matter, Engr. Veneracion - who claims to be the company's geodetic engineer - is requesting for amendment of the allegedly erroneous technical descriptions of the said FLaGT area. The said report was forwarded to this Office by the PENRO in Palawan in his Memorandum on the subject dated October 5, 2016.

Upon further verification made by the technical staff of this Office, however, it was ascertained on the one hand that the technical descriptions of the map supposedly embracing the FLaGT area of TKPI are indeed erroneous. When plotted against the land classification map, the said area falls largely offshore of Bacuit Bay. On the other hand, the proposed amendment of technical descriptions submitted by Engr. Veneracion overlapped with that portion of Lot 285, Cad 1037-D of El Nido Cadastre, which notably is within the agricultural (A&D) zone. In any case, and considering the reported technical discrepancies, the FLaGT granted to the TKPI on December 27, 2005 may be cancelled as the tenure in question supposedly covering a forest land will not apply to agricultural lands of the public domain.

During the conference held on March 22, 2017 at the office of the Chief, Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division of this Office, which was participated in by Ms. Mariglo Laririt and Atty. Roberto Ongsiako representing that company, it was agreed that you shall be given thirty (30) days upon receipt of this letter within which to submit your comment on why we should not cancel the FLaGT under consideration.

Otherwise, please consider this as our formal notice of cancellation of FLaGT No. DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0010 based on the ground that it was issued without authority and/or jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

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