



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Bgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
Telfax No. (048) 434 - 8791
Email Add: penropalawan@denr.gov.ph

August 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR – MIMAROPA
1515 DENR by the Bay Building
Roxas, Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **COMPLETE STAFF WORK (CSW) REPORT ON THE TREE
FARM LEASE AGREEMENT 484 OF NORMAL HOLDINGS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NHDC) LOCATED AT
ABONGAN, TAYTAY, PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the Memorandum from CENRO Taytay dated August 8, 2023 submitting the CSW report on the Tree Farm Lease Agreement No. 484 of Normal Holdings Development Corporation (NHDC) covering an area of 2,000 hectares located in Barangay Abongan, Taytay, Palawan.

Upon careful perusal, this Office concurs with the recommendations of CENRO Conrado M. Corpuz.

For your information, record and further instruction/s.


FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

Cc:

CENRO – Taytay, Palawan

TSD/File *kkva
Doc. Ref. No. 2023-7098



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
By the National Highway, Poblacion, Taytay, Palawan 5312
Mobile: 0926-505-9335 TM 0912-171-3889 TNT
Email: cenrotaytay@denr.gov.ph

August 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Taytay, Palawan

SUBJECT : **COMPLETE STAFF WORK (CSW) REPORT ON THE TREE
FARM LEASE AGREEMENT 484 OF NORMAL HOLDINGS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NHDC) LOCATED
AT ABONGAN, TAYTAY, PALAWAN.**

In compliance to the verbal instruction of the Regional Executive Director relayed by the
PENR Officer respectfully forwarded this CSW reports.

I. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

That on August 07, 2023 based on the instruction of the Regional Executive Director,
respectfully submitted is the above subject based on the records the following:

1. The Tree Farm Lease Agreement No. 484 of Normal Holding Development Corporation (NHDC) covering an area of Two Thousand (2,000) hectares contiguous located in Sitios Canduyog, Tula-tulahan and Calabutan of Barangay Abongan, this municipality. The said TFLA was issued to Jose Ch. Alvarez on June 29, 1984 by then Minister Teodoro Q. Pena and expired on July 31, 2010;
2. That on July 12, 2000, Presidential Proclamation No. 342 established the Malampaya Sound Protected Landscape and Seascape (MSPLS) under NIPAS Act and the whole Barangay Abongan is within Malampaya Sound Protected Landscape and Seascape (MSPLS wherein the TFLA of NHDC is located;
3. That on August 18, 2010, Assessment and validation report on the performance of NHDC holder of Tree Farm Lease Agreement No. 484 represented by Mr. Jose Buenaobra located in So. Canaro, Bgy. Abongan and Bgy. Alacalian, Taytay, Palawan was submitted by the PENRO and CENRO Validation Team and recommends for the renewal of the application of Tree Farm Lease Agreement.

4. That on 2010, Complete Staff Work (CSW) of Tree Farm Lease Agreement awarded to NHDC located at Sitio Canaro, Bgy. Abongan and Alacalian, Taytay, Palawan was prepared and submitted by Chief FMS Constante B. Bose and Attested by CENRO Ely S. Nabua recommending that the Tree Farm Lease Agreement should be converted into Special Use Agreement in Protected Area (SAPA) upon renewal of the holder.
5. That on August 2, 2013, A Barangay Resolution No. 24, series of 2013 was passed favorably endorsing the renewal of Tree Farm Lease Agreement No. 484 of NHDC located at So. Canduyog, Tulatulan, Pannan-ayan and Calabatuan all within Bgy. Abongan, Taytay, Palawan.
6. That on December 3, 2013, Kapasyahan Bilang 34-s-2013, "Resolusyon sa pagbuo ng grupo para sa pag-aaral sa aplikasyon panibagong kontrata ng NHDC.
7. That on July, 18, 2014, a narrative report of an ocular inspection conducted by Technical Working Group in the Tree Farm Lease Area of NHDC and affirmed that the NHDC committed no violation and recommends to be renewed.
8. That on September 28, 2014, a renewal application for Tree Farm Lease Agreement of NHDC represented by Mr. Jose S. Buenaobra duly notarized by Atty. Arabella Llacuna Maladaga was received by this Office.
9. That on November 17, 2014 a Resolusyon Bilang 30-S-2014 "Resolusyon nag-iindorso ng petisyon ng Religious Sector hinggil sa pagtutol sa renewal ng Tree Farm Lease Agreement ng Normal Holdings Corporation sa lahat ng opisina at mga ahensyang kinaaukulan" with attached Petisyon signed by members of Interfaith Leader Initiative for Territorial Environment and Development (IFLITED)
10. That on January 22, 2015, a Certificate of Zoning Clearance was issued by Acting MPDC Ramil Gaviana certifying that the NHDC project is located within Unclassified Zone of Taytay, Palawan.
11. That on April 15, 2016, letter to the PAMB of MSPLS through PASU Alexander E. Mancio was sent by the NHDC signifying their intention to apply for Memorandum for Agreement (MOA) since the Special Use Agreement in Protected Area (SAPA) is still suspended signed by Jorgie A. Adier, NHDC representative with attached clearances and endorsement such as Certificate of zoning clearance issued by the Municipal Planning and Development Office dated October 28, 2015, endorsement for renewal per ECAN Board Resolution and endorsement for renewal per Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 001-2015;
12. That copy of PAMB Enbanc minutes "Katitikan mula sa isinagawang pulong ng Protected Area Management Board - Enbanc noong ika-19 ng Abril 2016 na ginanap sa Function Hall, Tay Lelongs Pension House, Poblacion, Taytay, Palawan, line 437 hanggang 596 (e) Application for SAPA and/or MoA of Normal Holdings and Development Corporation at barangay Abongan, Taytay, Palawan; stated that the application for MOA of the NHDC is unanimously and favorably endorsed by the board.

13. That a Memorandum duly signed by DMO IV Mariano P. Lilang, Jr. dated July 07, 2017 Status report on the Tree Farm Lease Agreement 484 of Normal Holdings and Development Corporation covering 2,000 hectares in Abongan, Taytay, Palawan stated that the MOA of NHDC is yet within this Office and the lacking requirements thereof are the final map of the TLFA area and make comments that Sanguniang Resolution No. 001-2015 dated January 5, 2015 cited as well to consider the sentiments in certain Barangay Assembly Resolution No.1 series of 2014 opposing renewal of the TLFA which indeed deserves a final resolution No. 001-2015 addressed to the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Department Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of MSPLS.


II. LEGAL BASIS

1. *National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992, RA 7586 as amended by Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018, RA 11038. (item (n) Section 18 Occupying or dwelling in any public land within protected area without clearance from the PAMB is prohibited.*
2. Department Administrative Order No. 2007-17 "Rules and Regulations governing Special Uses within Protected Area".

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the NHDC to submit/file application for SAPA with complete requirements as stipulated in the DAO 2007-17 including the LGU endorsement subject for further verification of PA zoning.
2. Conduct of Public consultation with the local communities of barangays where the NHDC is located considering that there is an opposition on the renewal of tenurial instrument.
3. Conduct actual ground delineation of the locally declared watershed area and area developed/planted by NHDC.

For information, record and further instruction.


CONRADO M. CORPUZ