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February 6, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

FROM : Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT. : **INQUIRY RE: CASH WITHHELD FROM NESTOR S.
LOMIBAO AMOUNTING TO P645,209.64 AND FROM MS.
MARY ANN VALONES AMOUNTING TO P606,393.64**

This is to inquire on the status of the case currently under adjudication of Commission on Audit- Corporate Government Sector, Cluster 5 - Agricultural and Natural Resources re: the Withholding Orders dated March 21, 2016, April 6, 2016, and June 2, 2016 of Mr. Nestor S. Lomibao and Ms. Mary Ann B. Valones, respectively (CHO-ES-CEO-2021-03-001542).

In the letter-reply dated June 23, 2021¹ issued by the Commission, Director IV Mary S. Adelino mentioned that their Office will still determine whether the case has merits and as such, they will initiate the filing of an appropriate administrative and/or criminal complaint before the courts. However, it has been more than one (1) year since her letter-reply and still there is no update on the matter.

In this regard, we would like to know whether the Commission on Audit - Corporate Government Sector, Cluster 5 - Agricultural and Natural Resources have already determined the merits of the case and whether they had commenced the filing of appropriate administrative and/or criminal complaint before the courts. Likewise, we would like to know if there is a prescriptive period for the determination of the same because it has almost been seven (7) years since the Withholding Order but still no case was filed against them.

We would greatly appreciate your utmost attention as Mr. Lomibao and Ms. Valones are also following up on this matter.

Copy Furnished:

NESTOR S. LOMIBAO
CENRO-Puerto Princesa City

¹ Hereto attached as Annex "A".


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COMMISSION ON AUDIT
Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City

ANNEX "A"

Corporate Government Sector
Cluster 5 – Agricultural and Natural Resources

June 23, 2021

MARIA LOURDES G. FERRER
Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
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22 JUL 2021

SUBJECT: Letter Inquiry to COA Chairperson Michael G. Aguinaldo on the status of the Withholding Orders dated March 21, 2016 and April 6, 2016, and June 2, 2016 of Mr. Nestor S. Lomibao and Ms. Mary Ann B. Valones, respectively (CHO-ES-CEO-2021-03-001542)

Greetings!

This is in response to your letter dated February 1, 2021 relative to the above subject. Please be advised that this case is currently under adjudication of this Cluster. Upon receipt of the finalized Cash Examination Report to be submitted by the concerned auditor, we will determine whether the case has merits and as such, we will initiate the filing of an appropriate administrative and/or criminal complaint before the proper courts.

In addition, please be informed that the amount to be withheld shall be limited to the amount of established shortage. Once the full amount has been withheld, the accountable officers and the agency officials concerned shall wait for a final and executory decision from a competent court/Office of the Ombudsman. Proper and concerned parties will be notified once this Cluster files the appropriate charges pursuant to the Revised Cash Examination Manual.

For your guidance, please.

Mary S. Adelino
MARY S. ADELINO
Director IV
Cluster Director