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Dear **Sirs/Madame**:

Please be informed that pursuant to the Directive of the President on 22 March 2022 to the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) to totally forfeit the unauthorized reclamation undertaken by the Provincial Government of Palawan and its joint venture partner, the PRA Governing Board has approved the total forfeiture in favor of the National Government of the incomplete Coron Phase 2 Reclamation Project situated in the Municipality of Coron, Palawan with a total area of about twenty-two (22) hectares, more or less, subject to final survey.

As discussed during the meetings of the concerned government agencies and different stakeholders, there is a need to implement the rehabilitation of Coron, specifically the mitigating actions over the forfeited reclaimed land which will involve the excavation of the portion of land that blocks the water circulation in the mangrove forest, the opening of the waterway for the dumped/trapped mangroves, and installation of the sea wall on the excavated sites. Said measures are important undertakings as they will lessen the adverse environmental impact caused by the reclamation project on Coron's wetlands and marine biodiversity.

Moreover, during the meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Rehabilitation of Coron held at the Luxent Hotel, Quezon City on February 9, 2023, the IATF agreed to implement the mitigation measures on February 27, 2023.

In this regard, we need your assistance in making available the backhoe and other equipment, silt curtains/silt traps and other materials necessary to implement the above mitigating measures.

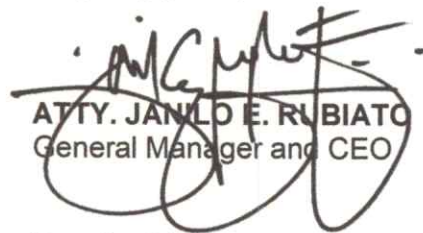


This undertaking will be under the supervision of the PRA, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Coron LGU.

Your kind assistance on this worthy undertaking is highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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