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Dear Executive Director Claudio:

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **25 January 2023 (Wednesday), at Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives**. The Committee will deliberate on several House Bills from **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM** and discuss the updates on the Manila Bay rehabilitation from **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**.

In light of this, we would like to invite you or your authorized representative to attend the said meeting and to shed light on the topics to be discussed. In particular, we would like to seek your comments on the following measures:

- A. Land Reclassification and Protected Area Bills
- 1. House Bill No. 4889, entitled "An Act Reclassifying Certain Parcels Of Land Of The Public Domain Located In Barangays Iraan, Sagpangan, Isaub, Magbabadil And Cabigaan, All In The Municipality Of Aborlan In The Third District Of The Province Of Palawan As Alienable And Disposable Land Open To Disposition Of Agricultural, Residential, Commercial, Industrial And For Other Purposes", by Rep. Edward S. Hagedorn; and
- 2. House Bill No. 6373, entitled "An Act Declaring The Three (3) Nautical Miles Surrounding The Kalayaan Island Group And Scarborough Shoal In The West Philippine Sea As Marine Protected Area Under Republic Act No. 7586 Or The National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 1992, As Amended By Republic Act No. 11038, Or The Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 2018" by Rep. Edward S. Hagedorn.

We would like to request the submission of your position paper on the aforementioned topics, or a draft thereof, on or before **19 January 2023 (Thursday),** in order to give the Committee Members enough time to read through the materials. Attached herewith is a copy of the pertinent House Bills and the Agenda for the meeting, for your kind reference.

For confirmation of attendance or further inquiries, the Committee may be reached at committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph. We are looking forward to having a fruitful discussion with you on the said measures. Thank you very much!

Very truly yours

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Chairperson

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