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LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Region IV-B DENR By the Bay Building, 1515 Roxas Boulevard

1000 Ermita, Manila

RE:

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the Regional Executive Director, Region IV-B (MIMAROPA),

DENR, petitioner v. Nellie O. Castro and The Register of

Deeds of Palawan, defendants.

RTC-Branch 51, Puerto Princesa City

FOR:

Annulment of Patent, Cancellation of Title and/or Reversion

· Madam:

GREETINGS!

To recall, on November 25, 2022, the Office of the Solicitor General, through the undersigned, filed the Motion to Revive Case dated November 24, 2022.1

On January 16, 2023, the OSG received the RTC Order dated January 13, 20232 GRANTING the said Motion and declaring the instant case as REVIVED.

In view thereof and in compliance with the RTC Order, we are requesting your good office to kindly coordinate with the Court's sheriff for the personal service of summons.

For your information, guidance and immediate action. Thank you.

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Noted by:

MACTANGGOL FRANCISCO M. CASTRO Assistant Solleitor General

¹ Annex "A."

² Annex "B."

ANNEX.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

Fourth Judicial Region

Branch 51
Puerto Princesa City

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the Regional Executive Director, Region IV-B (MIMAROPA) the of **DEPARTMENT** OF **ENVIRONMENT** AND NATURAL RESOURCES,

Plaintiff,

Civil Case No. 3950

FOR: Annulment of Patent, Cancellation of Title and/or Reversion

- versus -

NELLIE O. CASTRO and the REGISTRAR OF DEEDS OF PALAWAN,

Defendants.

MOTION TO REVIVE CASE

PLAINTIFF REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) Region IV-B (MIMAROPA), through the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) and unto this Honorable Court, respectfully states:

1. Per this Honorable Court's Order dated December 16, 2004,¹ the instant case was sent to the archives without prejudice to its revival on the ground that summons has not been served to the defendants for an unreasonable length of time because no transportation fees, facilities or sheriff's fees were provided by plaintiff to effect personal service of summons.

Annex "A."

MOTION TO REVIVE CASE

Republic, rep. by the Regional Executive Director, Region IV-B, DENR v. Nellie O. Castro and the Registrar of Deeds of Palawan CIVIL CASE NO. 3950

- 2. On December 20, 2019, the OSG sent to the DENR Region IV-B a Letter dated December 20, 2019² inquiring whether it is still interested in pursuing the case.
- 3. Consequently, on November 11, 2022, the OSG received the DENR Region IV-B's Letter Reply dated October 7, 2022³ stating its interest in reviving the case and its willingness to provide the necessary arrangements to address the lack of transportation provisions to personally serve the summons to the defendants.
- 4. In view thereof, plaintiff hereby respectfully moves for the revival of the case with an undertaking to coordinate with the Court's Sheriff for the personal service of summons.
- 5. The instant Motion is not intended to delay the disposition of this case, much less trifle with the generosity and magnanimity of this Honorable Court.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that the instant case **BE REVIVED.**

Other forms of relief just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Makati City, for Puerto Princesa City, November 24, 2022.

MENARDO I. GUEVARRA

Solicitor General
Roll No. 33957
IBP No. 177214, 02-07-22, Bulacan
MCLE Exemption No. VII-EXD000076, 08-13-19

² Annex "B."

³ Annex "C."

MOTION TO REVIVE CASE

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CIVIL CASE NO. 3530

MAGTANGGOL M. CASTRO

Assistant Solicitor General Roll No. 35970

<u> IBP No. 174546, 01-04-22</u>

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REGISTER OF DEEDS OF PALAWAN

Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF PALAWAN

AND PUERTO PRINCESA CITY Fourth Judicial Region

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,
represented by the Regional Executive
Director, Region IV-8 (MIMAROPA) of
the DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Civil Case No. 3956

For:

Plaintiff.

ANNULMENT OF PATENT, CANCELLATION OF TITLE AND/OR REVERSION

Versus

NELLIE O. CASTRO and the REGISTRAR OF DEEDS OF PALAWAN.

Defendant.

ORDER

The record of this case shows that the summons has not been served to the defendants for an unreasonable length of time for reasons that no transportation fees are provided for the Sheriff as this Office has no appropriations for this purpose, and considering further the fact that despite coordination and follow-up with the DENR for provision for proper service of summons yet said office is unable to provide transportation facilities or expenses for personal service of summons nor sheriff's fees as the distance involves more than 100 kilometers from Puerto Princesa City to the municipality where the defendants reside, thus, it is burdensome on the part of the Court Sheriff; and

In view of the foregoing, let the record of the case be sent to the ARCHIVES without prejudice to its revival in order that the case may not appear pending for indefinite period of time.

SO ORDERED.

Puerto Princesa City, December 15, 2004.

Copy furnished:

Office of the Solicitor General –
Office of the Clerk of Court –
Nellie O. Castro – Iraan, Aborian, Palawan –
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Office of the Solicitor General

December 20, 2019

HENRY A. ADORNADO

Regional Executive Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Region VI-B

L&S Bldg, 1515 Roxas Boulevard, Malate, Manila

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DENR petitioner v. Nellie O. Castro and The Register of

Deeds of Palawan, defendants.

RTC-Branch 51, Puerto Princesa City

FOR:

Annulment of Patent, Cancellation of Title and/or Reversion

Sir:

GREETINGS!

To recall, per RTC Order dated December 16, 2004, the above-captioned case was sent to the archives without prejudice to its revival, the reason being the lack of transportation provisions and/or facilities necessary for proper service of summons nor sheriff's fees, despite the RTC's coordination and follow-up with the DENR.

In view thereof, the Office of the Solicitor General, through the undersigned State Solicitor, would like to inquire whether the DENR is still interested in reviving the case. Accordingly, we are requesting your good office to provide information on the current whereabouts of defendant Nellie O. Castro.

For your information, guidance and immediate action. Thank you.

Very truly yours

JESSICA G. CUMOP-AS-TIROL
State Solicito/

Noted by:

MAGTANGGOL M. CASTRO Assistant Solicitor General

Annex "A."



Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA Region

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State Solicitor

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Title and/or Reversion

Sir:

Greetings!

This refers to the inquiry of State Solicitor Jessica G. Gumop-as-Tirol whether our Office is still interested in reviving the above-entitled case.

We confirm that we would like to revive the case. Further, we are willing to make the necessary arrangements to address the lack of transportation provisions and/or facilities necessary for the proper service of summons and sheriff's fees.

We look forward to your usual support in our Office's aim of continuous prosecution of environmental cases.

Respectfully yours,

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF PALAWAN AND PUERTO PRINCESA CITY

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the Regional Executive Director, Region IV-B (MIMAROPA) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources,

Plaintiff.

- versus -

NELLIE O. CASTRO and the REGISTRAR OF DEEDS OF PALAWAN.

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 3950

for

ANNULMENT OF PATENT,
CANCELLATION OF TITLE and/or
REVERSION

ORDER

Before the Court is a Motion to Revive Case filed by the plaintiff Republic of the Philippines represented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region IV-B, through the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG).

Plaintiff avers that on December 16, 2004, the Court ordered herein case to be archived without prejudice to its revival on the ground that summons has not been served to the defendants for an unreasonable length of time because no transportation fees, facilities or sheriff's fees were provided by the plaintiff to effect personal service of summons.

On December 20, 2019, the OSG sent a letter to the DENR Region IV-B inquiring whether to pursue the case. On November 11, 2022, the OSG received a reply from DENR Region IV-B that they are still interested to pursue the case and its willingness to provide the necessary arrangements to address the lack of transportation provisions to personally serve the summons to the defendants.

Thus, plaintiff prays that herein case be revived with an undertaking to coordinate with the Court's Sheriff for the personal service of summons.

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Finding the Motion to Revive Case to be impressed with merit, herein Motion is hereby GRANTED. This case is hereby ordered REVIVED. Plaintiff is hereby ordered to coordinate with Court's Sheriff for the personal service of summons

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This 13th day of January 2023 in Puerto Princesa City.

PAÚL B. JAGMIS, JR. Acting Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

- 1. Office of the Solicitor General
- 2. Lormelyn E. Claudio Regional Executive Director (DENR)
- 3, Nellie O. Castro
- 4. The Register of Deeds of Palawan
- 5. File