

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) REPORT

River Restoration and Large-Scale Dredging of Balete River Project

To be located at Municipality of Gloria,
Oriental Mindoro

MAY 2023



**SOUTHERN CONCRETE
INDUSTRIES INC.**

SMC INFRASTRUCTURE

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SUMMARY OF THE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

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| Project Title | : | <u>River Restoration and Large-Scale Dredging of Balete River Project</u> |
| Project Location | : | Barangays Balete, San Antonio and Narra, Municipality of Gloria, Oriental Mindoro |
| Project Proponent | : | Southern Concrete Industries Inc. and Pasig River Expressway Corp. |
| Date | : | May 23-24, 2023 |

The proposed project is the dredging works along the lower reach of Balete River in the Municipality of Gloria, Province of Oriental Mindoro. The project is to improve the conveyance capacity of the river to minimize flooding along the adjacent areas without cost to the government of the Republic of the Philippines.

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO

Date: **May 23, 2023**

Venue: **Provincial Hall of Oriental Mindoro**

Attendees:

1. **Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II - Provincial Legal Officer**
2. **Mr. Maximo Jumig Jr. - PGENRO**
3. **Engr. Emerson Darroles**
4. **Engr. Julius Carino**
5. **Engr. Jonathan Conde**
6. **Mr. Alberto Alastre**
7. **Ms. Nadia Conde**

ISSUES AND CONCERN RAISED DURING THE MEETING (May 23, 2023)

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| Atty. Turano - Provincial Legal | When will you start the project | We are in the stage of completing all necessary requirements and permits in order to commence the project immediately. |
| Mr. Maximo Jumig Jr. - PGENRO | Concern on the Tree Planting Projects such as: 1. provision of caretaker to take care of the seedlings until it fully grown. 2. Location of existing quarry Area per river | 1. We will relay your concern to the management relating to the caretaker of planted trees in every barangay 2. We will coordinate and confirm with LGU and CENRO as to details and locations of each quarry located in the proposed river area for dredging |

Photo-documentation of the Meeting with the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro (May 23,2023)



SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF GLORIA ORIENTAL MINDORO

Date: **May 23, 2023**

Venue: **Municipal Hall of Gloria Oriental Mindoro**

Attendees:

1. Vice Mayor Romeo Edward Alvarez - Acting Mayor
2. Mr. Celso Sevilla - MPDO
3. Mr. Noel Fernandez - Municipal Secretary
4. Engr. Emerson Darrole
5. Engr. Julius Carino
8. Engr. Jonathan Conde
9. Mr. Alberto Alastre
10. Ms. Nadia Conde

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| Mayor Romeo Edward Alvarez | I am not sure if this was already presented to the w Sanggunian. I will also discuss this further with them as well. | Noted sir. |
| Mr. Celso Sevilla - MPDO | What is the length of the Dredging? Seems that you will be needing the zoning certificate for this project. Have you already determine the covered barangays? They are Balete, San Antonio, Narra, Alma Villa, Malamig and Papandungin. | The estimated length is about 8.6 kilometers from the bridge downstream to delta. The proponent will definitely secure permits from the LGU prior to project implementation. |
| | When is your target date to start | Due to the need for this kind of project, the proponent was instructed to mobilize as early as they can, however the proponent need to secure several permits and clearances prior to project implementation. That is why, we are here to conduct studies and meeting in order to start the application process for ECC. |
| | How about the commercial disposition? Is it within the province? What is your target extraction rate | To date, the proponent is still on its planning stage. The dredging master plan is still on its approval |

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| | | stage. Extraction rate and commercial disposition will be indicated into our EIS report once all of the studies have been conducted. |
| | What is the process of hauling? | Hauling will be through barge. |
| | How much is the project cost since this is a very huge project | To date, we have no idea yet about the project cost. We will indicate in the report once it is already determined by the proponent |
| | Effect on the existing Structures like gabion, it must not be affected | The project is in line with the DPWH master plan. We will provide enough buffer to protect the existing structures within the area. |
| | Is this in line with the DPWH study way back 2010? | We are not sure but this proposed project is anchored with the JMC No.1 s or 2019 and DAO 2020-07 of DENR. |

**Photo Documentation During the Meeting with the Municipal Government of Gloria
Oriental Mindoro (May 23,2023)**



SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH BARANGAY BALETE MUNICIPALITY OF OF GLORIA

Date: **May 24, 2023**

Venue: **Balete Barangay Hall**


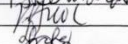



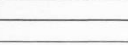
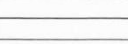
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FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

PROPOSED RIVER RESTORATION AND LARGE-SCALE DREDGING OF BALETE RIVER PROJECT

Date: 24 May 2023

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| Mr. Roelberto Toledo - Barangay Kagawad | Is this still the planned project way back 2020? | Yes sir, we assume this is still the same. |
| | Where is your proposed location of Stockpile Area? Are you going to stock it nearby the river? | To date we have no idea yet as to exact location, but definitely it will be in the area near the river. The proponent will be the one to facilitate with this. |
| | We have existing mangrove area nearby delta. What is your protection for this | We will be conducting studies relating to the mangrove are we will provide adequate buffer and enough protection to the existing mangrove area, if any. |
| | Until when will this project operate? How long? | Base on the studies, it will take for about 10 years to dredge in order to return the river into its natural state. However, with the continuous rain and replenishment of the |

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| | | materials, the dredging may extend depending on the approval of the national and provincial government. |
| | What are the benefits of the barangay | As required by DENR, the proponent will implement a social development program with the barangay. In addition, the project will prioritize local hiring, pay necessary taxes and revenues which the barangay will also benefit. |
| | You need to secure proper documents and permit | This consultation is part of the process of securing necessary clearances and permit. As to barangay and other local permits, the proponent will secure prior to project implementation. |

Photo Documentation During the Meeting with the Barangay Balete Municipality of Gloria Oriental Mindoro (May 24,2023)



SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPALITY OF GLORIA

Date: **May 24, 2023**

Venue: **San Antonio Barangay Hall**

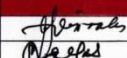
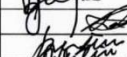
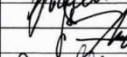
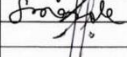
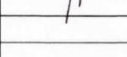
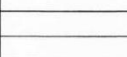
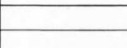

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| Hon. Boy N. Esol - Barangay Chairman | What is the target depth of the dredging activity | Base on the info provided by the proponent by the average dredging design depth is 2-3 meters. However, we still need to wait for the detailed study to be provided by the DPWH. |
| | Level of Extraction | As to extraction rate, we are still waiting for the dredging plan to be provided by the DPWH. Rest assured that we will include this data in our EIS report and will present this to the public |

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| | | during Public Consultation. |
| | What is your river bank protection, the riverbank will erode since you will dredge the river | The proposed dredging is anchored into the approved master dredging plan which to be provided by the DPWH. The proponent will ensure to maintain enough buffer zone to protect the river bank. |
| | Suggest you conduct a consultation with the barangay residents | Once we finish all the studies as required by DENR and the documents is satisfactorily reviewed by the EIA review committee, we will schedule a Public Consultation with the community including all other agencies and organization involved in this project to present the results and complete detail of the project. |
| | What is your plan with the salvage lumber/eroded trees? Will you give this to the barangay or residents? That will be a big help to the community. | We will raise your concern to the DENR/EMB or concerned agency as we are not the proper person to answer that question. |

Photo Documentation During the Meeting with the Barangay San Antonio
Municipality of Gloria Oriental Mindoro (May 24,2023)





SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH BARANGAY NARRA MUNICIPALITY OF OF GLORIA

Date: **May 24, 2023**

Venue: **San Antonio Barangay Hall**

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ISSUES AND CONCERN RAISED DURING THE MEETING WITH BARANGAY NARRA (May 24, 2023)

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| Hon. Antonino A. Sopera Barangay Chairman | Where are you going to disposed the materials extracted from the river? | To date the proponent is still on its planning stage. We cannot provide the exact location yet. |
| | What is your plan on the affected private land nearby the river | The proposed project is within the river. We will not touch the private land nearby the river. Noting the purpose of this project which is to prevent flooding, the private land nearby the area will benefit to this project. If your concern is the possible erosion of riverbanks, the proposed project is in line with the DPWH approved master dredging plan and rest |

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| | | assured that proper mitigation measures and enough buffer will be observed to avoid possible erosion of riverbanks. |
| | What is your plan on the salvage lumber / eroded trees from the upstream? Will you provide it to the community? | We will raise your concern to the DENR/EMB or concerned agency as we are not the proper person to answer that question. |

Photo Documentation During the Meeting with the Barangay Narra Municipality of Gloria Oriental Mindoro (May 24,2023)



