



June 20, 2023

**GERALD A. PACANAN, CESO III**

Regional Director  
Department of Public Works and Highways  
MIMAROPA REGION  
Quezon City

**Dear Director Pacanan,**

This is in connection with the ongoing construction of the Sta. Cruz Shoreline Protection/Boulevard located in Barangay Buyabod, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque, with contract ID No. 23E0 008, which was observed by our technical personnel last June 6, 2023 at 08:00 A.M. while passing the Buyabod port going to Barangay Maniwaya; please see attached photos.

Please be informed that your Office has not yet coordinated with, nor secured necessary clearance/s from the concerned DENR offices in relation to your project. The category of the area where the project is being constructed is considered as an **Environmentally Critical Area** under EMB Memorandum Circular 2014-005 in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 2146 in view of the fact that it will **indirectly affect the Mangrove Area** including the ecosystem of the seagrass located therein, to wit,

*B. Environmentally Critical Areas*

*11. Mangrove areas characterized by one or any combination of the following conditions:*

- a. with primary pristine and dense young growth;*
- b. adjoining mouth of major river systems;*
- c. near or adjacent to traditional productive fry or fishing grounds;*
- d. which act as natural buffers against shore erosion, strong winds and storm floods;*
- e. on which people are dependent for their livelihood.*

For this reason, may we advise your office to secure an **Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC)**.

Furthermore, as provided under the above cited Memorandum Circular, *the issuance of an ECC or CNC shall not, in any manner, exempt the proponent from securing other government permits and clearances required by other laws, nor shall it be construed as resolving issues within the mandate of other government agencies.* Correlatively any and/or all additional permits, authorizations, and/or clearances that may be required by other government departments and/or agencies, including the PENRO Marinduque, must be accomplished prior to commencement or continuation of a project.

With this, your office is hereby enjoined to temporarily desist any and all operation/s in relation to the project and its construction unless and until all documentary requirements are complied and a project design is submitted to the DENR for appropriate action.

Thank you and hoping for your prompt action.

*Glen Arlen P. Ojeda*  
6/29/23

Very truly yours,  
*Imelda M. Diaz*  
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