

with the help of my wife's loan proceeds being a Master Teacher in the Department of Education, and who has been teaching for twenty years now.

4. Aside from attending to my own registered tree plantations, I also assist other private tree plantation owners who do not have machinery and means to cut, load and transport their logs. And dealing with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR-CENRO) to secure necessary permits and certifications was a smooth and efficient process back then.
5. I was designated and have been authorized to become the “Shipper” of the Gmelina square logs harvested from the private land of Mr. Francisco Eturma of Brgy. Ligaya, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro. Necessary documents were secured in connection therewith, among which is the Transport Certificate of Planted Trees in Private Lands, copies of which is attached herein as ANNEX A and series, and the supporting Certificate of Transport Agreement (CTA) for Gmelina square logs, copies of which is attached herein as ANNEX B and series.
6. I have completed previous shipments in relation to the above-mentioned planted Gmelina in the land of Mr. Eturma. On March 23, 2023, I personally went to the DENR-CENRO Office in Sablayan, together with my driver, to receive our previously applied last Shipment Permit for the logs of Mr. Eturma. Our letter request for the transport permit was received by the DENR-CENRO as early as March 17, 2023. Despite my whole day waiting in the said office, no shipment permit was released to us.
 - a. I learned on such day that CENRO Anastacio Santos was in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro for the harvest of his onions. On that morning, I was informed by Forester April Amores that CENRO Santos gave an instruction to verify from the area of Mr. Eturma if the tree stumps therein are within the area of the cutting permit. Although such instruction was indeed unreasonable for the area has been inspected for several times already, we heeded to his order, and the landowner proceeded with forest officers of DENR-CENRO.
 - b. I remained in the office waiting for the report of the DENR-CENRO forest officers in order for me to claim our Shipment Permit. They returned after 1:00 in the afternoon, they plotted that data they gathered and confirmed at around 3:00 in the afternoon that the tree stumps are within the area covered by a cutting permit. Thereafter, Forester April Amores printed the Shipment Permit and we have been asked to sign the same.