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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA  
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Ermita, Manila

FROM : The OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Western Mindanao,  
and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT: **LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 2023 OF MR. GERALD A. PACANAN, CESO III, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS MIMAROPA REGION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF FOREST LANDUSE AGREEMENT (FLAG) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BURIRAO-ISUGOD CROSS COUNTRY ROAD IN NARRA, PALAWAN**

DATE : JUN 23 2023



This pertains to the letter of Mr. Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III, Regional Director of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) MIMAROPA Region requesting for the issuance of Forest Landuse Agreement (FLAg) for the construction of Burirao-Isugod Cross Country Road in the Municipality of Narra, Province of Palawan.

In view thereof and considering that the approval of all forest tenure instruments is lodged at the concerned DENR Regional Office per DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2022-10 "Revised Manual of Authorities for Technical Matters" we are respectfully referring the said request to your Office for review, evaluation, and appropriate action in consonance with the provisions of DAO 2004-59 and other relevant policies, laws, rules, and regulations.

FOR INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

  
ARLEIGH J. ADORABLE, CESO III

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Mr. Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III  
Regional Director  
DPWH MIMAROPA Region

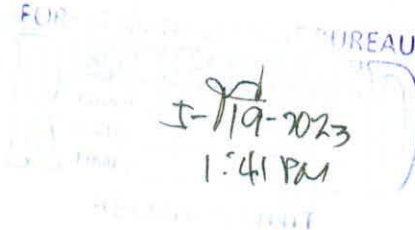


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**MIMAROPA REGION (IV-B)**  
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April 26, 2023

**ARLEIGH J. ADORABLE, CESO III**

Director  
Forest Management Bureau  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
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Quezon City



Dear Asec. Adorable:

May we request your good office for the issuance of Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAG) as Tenurial Instrument for the implementation of the project funded under GAA FY-2022, **Construction of Burirao-Isugod Cross Country Road, Narra, Palawan.**

Attached are Indicative Management Plan, Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) Clearance from Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Barangay Resolution from Brgy. Buriarao and Brgy. Tacras, Municipal Resolution from Municipality of Narra, Program of Work as Proof of Availability of Fund, and Certification from CENRO over the Status of the Project Area.

Your favorable consideration on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

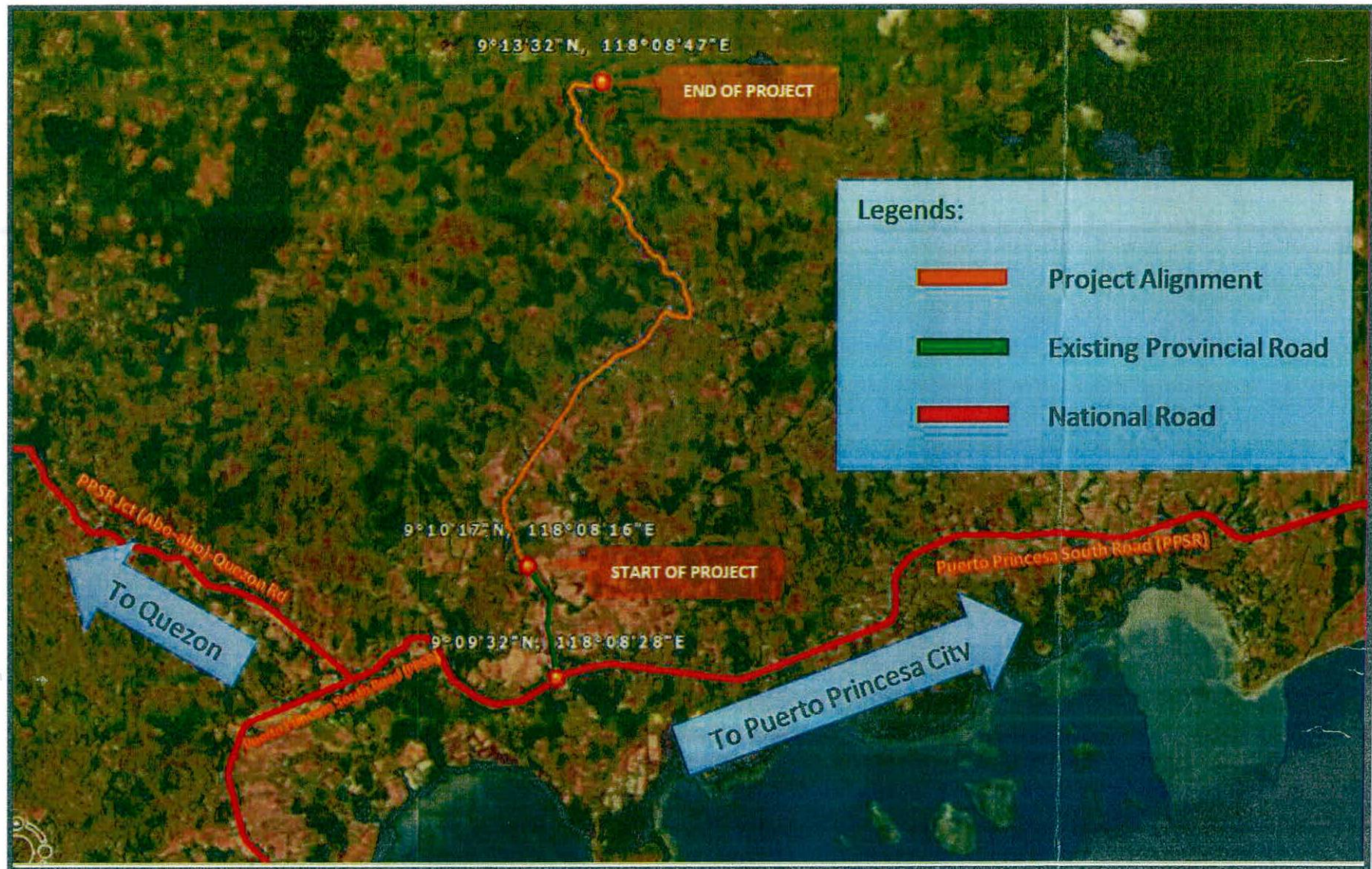
**GERALD A. PACANAN, CESO III**  
Regional Director

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## Site Development





## INDICATIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

### I. INTRODUCTION

#### Description of the area

The Proposed project is located in Barangay Burirao and Barangay Tacras, Narra, Palawan. The beginning of the project is located in Brgy. Burirao having coordinates of 9°10'17"N, 118°08'16"E going to Barangay Tacras with the End of the project having coordinates of 9°13'32"N, 118°08'47"E. The project area is partly residential, agricultural and timberland. The alignment has an existing trail with estimated length of 4.475 kilometers that can be accessed by 4-wheeled vehicles while the other 4.0 kilometers can be accessed either motorcycle, carabo or by foot.

### II. OBJECTIVES

The proposed road will serve as an access road to the production areas in the affected barangays of the municipalities of Narra and Quezon. It will also shorten the travel time and increase the national road network of Palawan. Significantly, this road can be used as an alternate route of commuters and road users from the south-east coastal areas of the province going to western municipalities and vice versa.

The proposed Burirao – Isugod Cross Country Road aims to provide better access in the transport of goods and services, accelerate socio-economic activities and condition of the communities, and lessen travel time. The project will contribute to the growth of the economy and at the same time will also improve the quality of the road condition in the area. The project covers Barangay Burirao and Tacras of the Municipality of Narra.

The completion of project road will trigger agricultural development in the influence area, as farmers will be encouraged to produce more – given the improved access to markets and to the government services. It will also enhance tourism activities on the subject municipalities as there will be ease of access to the beautiful beaches and various tourist spots located within the province of Palawan.

### III. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Target Start of Construction	:	July 2023
Target Date of Ground-breaking	:	July 2023
Target Start of Operation	:	July 2025

#### **IV. TECHNICAL ASPECTS**

##### **Technical Description**

The proposed project is construction of gravel road with a Width of 15.0 meters having a total length of 8.475 kilometers. The description of works to be done are: Facilities for Engineer, Earthworks, Subbase and Base Course, Drainage and Slope Protection Works, Installation of Safety Devices (Metal Guard Rail) and Tree Furnishing and Transplanting.

##### **Description of Activities**

###### **1. Pre-Construction Phase**

Activities to be undertaken in this stage cover all necessary detailed engineering plans, as follows: survey, soil investigation and materials investigation, preparation of design and project plans, preparation of specifications, quantity and cost estimates, program of works, proposed construction schedule and estimated cash flow, site or right-of-way plans including schedule of acquisition, relocation plan and submission of design report along with the preparation of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Checklist report and bid/tender documents.

As a standard requirement of the DPWH, the road plan is an output of majority (if not all) of the above listed activities. Safety and quality of the structure and the project as a whole is the concern of the department, such that to determine the stability of the soil foundation is imperative prior to any design and plan preparation of any project.

The DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges provides for all precautionary measures regarding quality, economy and safety of any project of the department including environmental protection.

After all necessary activities, the project will undergo the usual standard bidding procedures for government projects.

The notice to commence work shall be issued to the winning contractor, upon approval of the contract.

###### **2. Construction Phase**

Immediately after the issuance of the Notice to Proceed to the contractor, a meeting between the proponent and the contractor will be held to discuss every responsibility in the contract.

The initial activities are to mobilize the required equipment, personnel and necessary materials to start the project at the job site. Construction of temporary facilities including campsite, bunkhouse, warehouse and stockroom will follow. The clearing and grubbing activities including the removal of various obstructions will follow. The filling and compacting aggregate soil materials, preparation of base to the



desired grade line and compaction requirements should be in accordance with the standard specifications.

Then proceed to concrete pouring of the Portland Cement Concrete Pavement (PCCP). The next activity is the construction of slope protection, construction of drainage structures can also be undertaken depending on the prevailing weather condition in the locality. After the curing stage of all concreting works, remove the forms and supports. All reusable materials will be deposited at the contractor's stockpile. All combustible items and waste materials will be disposed and deposited to the dumping area designated by the local officials.

### 3. Operational Phase

The Proponent shall accept the project from the Contractor after final inspection of the completed project and all the environmental requirements have been satisfied.

Vehicular traffic flow is expected to return to normal. With increased traffic capacity, inter-municipal commerce will further perk up due to accessibility to previously distant municipalities. The project will greatly enhanced the commerce between the nearby municipalities of the province as well as improved the movement of goods and services.

The operation and maintenance activities include vegetation control, clearing of side ditches, replacement/repair of traffic signs and repair of other damage structures. The work force requirements for construction will be composed of professionals, skilled, semi-skilled and labor workers. Priority for employment will be applicants from the local residents. In cases an expertise is required, hiring for such may be from other places. The following is a table showing the estimated number of persons that will involve in the implementation/construction phase.

### 4. Abandonment Phase

In this phase, the contract between the DPWH and Contractor is presumably finished and completed. The Contractor is responsible in clearing all temporary structures, equipment and materials within the construction area. The Contractor's Bank Houses and other usable materials may be donated to the concerned Local Government Unit with jurisdiction in the area. All operation for clearing and maintaining the cleanliness in the area including the dumping of unused materials is the contractor's responsibility.

11. This Clearance may be transferred only after the requisites stipulated in Section 15 of PCSD Administrative Order No. 6, as amended, are complied with;
12. In the exercise of visitorial power, authorized PCSD/S officials /personnel and the ECAN Board (or its equivalent body) by itself or through its SMT shall be allowed to conduct monitoring/inspection of project documents, structures, equipment, and operation at any time of the day without prior notice;
13. Any expansion of the project is subject to a separate SEP Clearance;
14. In case there is a need for additional conditions to ensure environmental integrity and public safety as a result of regular monitoring/inspection, the same may be imposed by PCSDS.

Non-compliance with any of the above conditions shall be sufficient cause for the suspension or cancellation of this clearance and/or the imposition of penalty of fine in the amount of not less than ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php100,000.00) for every violation with additional ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php100,000.00) for every attending aggravating circumstance enumerated under Section 23.6 of PCSD Administrative Order No. 06, as amended by PCSD Resolution No. 21-760. You may however waive your right to participation in the adjudication proceedings under Section 24 of PCSD Admin Order No. 6, as amended, by signing your admission to the alleged violations and your conformity to the imposition of fines.

### CONFORME

I, \_\_\_\_\_, proponent/grantee of the foregoing Clearance, hereby certify that I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions for which this SEP Clearance is issued and I hereby express my conformity thereto and my commitment to abide by the provisions of Republic Act 7611, PCSD Administrative Order No. 06, as amended, and other PCSD policies related thereto.

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Signature over Printed Name

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

