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**Department of Environment and Natural Resources**  
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**MR. CLARO S. ZAPATA**

President/CEO  
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San Rafael District, Pasay City 1302

**Dear Mr. C. S. Zapata:**

This refers to the Letter dated 21 March 2023 requesting for the issuance of a certification as requirement to commence the Lumintao River Dredging and Desilting Project.

The Memorandum of Agreement entered into on 22 December 2022 by and between Bluemax Tradelink, Inc., the Dredging Clearance Holder, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - MIMAROPA Region supposedly grants the authority to dispose materials extracted from the River Dredging Zone (RDZ) pursuant to Chapter V, Section 1 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2020-12.

However, an Operations Permit, Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed should be secured from the Provincial Government in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 1 of DAO No. 2022-12 before the Operators can commence its dredging activities. Therefore, Bluemax is instructed to submit proof of compliance with the aforementioned provision before this Office can issue the requested certification.

Further, please be reminded, that Chapter III, Section 2 (Prior Determination of Mineral Content) of the same DAO provides that the Mines and Geosciences Bureau shall conduct a survey of the non-metallic and metallic resources of the RDZ so that the proponent shall pay the corresponding fees prescribed by the MGB once a prior determination of the metallic and other valuable materials in economic quantities is established. Hence, please coordinate with the Geosciences Division of this Office for the conduct of the said activity.

We hope that we have clarified the matter. Thank you.

Very Truly yours,

**GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE**

Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**  
DENR MIMAROPA Region

**The Regional Director**  
Environmental Management Bureau  
MIMAROPA Region

**The Chairperson**

Inter-Agency Committee on the Restoration  
of the Occidental Mindoro River and its  
Tributaries

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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

