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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE
OR APPROVAL OF SAFE CLOSURE OF OPEN
DUMP SITE**

**OPPOSITION TO IDENTIFICATION OF
BALAGNAN RIVER, BGY. STA. MARIA AS
RIVER DREDGING SITE**

RED CLAUDIO/RD SALINO:

Green greetings from the people of the Municipality of Abra de Ilog!

In our pursuit of good governance that includes compliance with the Solid Waste Management Act, we have successfully transitioned from an open dump to a Sanitary Landfill.

We seek your help to achieve this year's DILG Seal of Good Environmental Governance, and a criterion is the timely submission of the DENR EMB's Approval of Closure of our open dumpsite.



Abra de Ilog's closure plan was submitted last year and upon follow-up with DENR MIMAROPA EMB we were advised to formally request the issuance of this Certificate or Letter of Approval of Safe Closure of our open dumpsite.

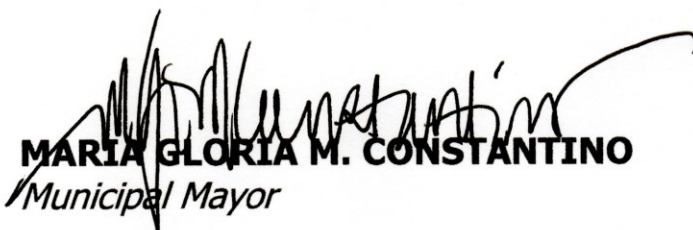
Thus this formal request and plea for the prompt issuance of said Certificate to keep our DILG SGLG hopes alive.

On the second matter which caught us totally unaware and by surprise we were informed that two (2) of our rivers, and then a third (3rd) were identified as eligible for river dredging.

We have data in our town's planning, engineering, disaster offices and barangays that identify and prioritize rivers needing immediate intervention and the extent of each – for which we were not consulted.

We were taken aback by the launching of this project sans the involved municipalities. Although we're fully supportive of the need for engineering intervention to mitigate flooding in *Abra de Ilog* and *Udalo* river because of the perennial flooding and calamity they cause - we express our reservations on the inclusion of *Balagnan* river in Barangay Sta Maria.

Balagnan river has not caused any flooding or calamity to merit being dredged or in any way restored for disaster prevention. The communities located on its banks exist in harmony with its flow. If at all irrigation projects are what's needed to harness its potential.


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Municipal Mayor