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# **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR - MIMAROPA 1515 Roxas Boulevard

Ermita, Manila

FROM

The Regional Director

This Office

SUBJECT

Clarification on the Memorandum of Agreement entered

into by and between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – MIMAROPA and Bluemax

Tradelink, Inc. (BTI) on 22 December 2022

This refers to the request of Bluemax Tradelink, Inc. (BTI) to update the previously amended Certificate of Accreditation (CA) denominated as CA-2022-003-MIMAROPA-D in view of the amendment of its Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

The company provided this Office a copy of the 22 December 2022 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by and between the DENR and BTI for the commercial disposition of dredged materials of the latter.

Based on evaluation, it was noted that Item A.2 of Section II of the said MOA states that:

## "II. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

# A. The FIRST PARTY shall:

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 Assist the Second Party in the expeditious acquisition of all necessary and required government permits to undertake the dredging operations in the covered river channels and delta covered by Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) No. R4B-2205-0011."

The ECC No. R4B-2205-011 (copy attached) covers the River Dredging and Desilting operation along Lumintao River, which encompasses a total length of six kilometers of River Dredging Zone and is confined within the pilot channel dredging area of 298.00 hectares.

"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."

On 01 March 2023, the Environmental Management Bureau MIMAROPA issued ECC No. R4B-2205-0011 (ECC Amendment) to BTI which now includes the navigational offshore dredging area of 100 hectares (copy attached).

In view of the amendment, may we be clarified whether the MOA likewise authorize BTI to dispose dredged materials from the delta for navigational purposes as covered by the amended ECC.

Moreover, please be informed that per this Office's plotting, the offshore dredging area of BTI based on the amended ECC overlaps with the Exploration Permit Application No. IVB-353-OS of TCSC Corp. filed on 20 August 2021 (copy attached).

For the Regional Executive Director's consideration.

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As stated

The Regional Director

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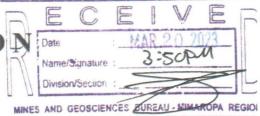




# CERTIFICATION

ECC-R4B-2205-0011

(ECC Amendment)



This is to certify that the LUMINTAO RIVER DREDGING AND DESILTING PROJECT located at Barangay Malawaan, Rizal and Barangay New Dagupan, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro under Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC-R4B-2205-0011) issued to BLUEMAX TRADELINK INC. (BTI), represented by its Vice President for Operations, HELENA I. ZAPATA dated 24 MAY 2022, is hereby amended as follows:

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This ECC covers the River Dredging and Desilting operation, which is specifically confined within the Pilot Channel dredging areas along Lumintao River as described below, located at Barangay Malawaan, Rizal and Barangay New Dagupan, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro:

A. SIX (6) KILOMETERS-RIVER DREDGING ZONE (RDZ) having an area of 2,980,000.00 square meters (298 hectares) and an Extraction Rate of 18,000,000 Cubic Meters per annum.

CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
		Dredg	ing Area		
1	12° 31' 23.772"	120° 56' 13.056"	26	12° 31' 31.512"	120° 57' 28.548"
2	12° 31′ 16.248″	120° 56' 20.436"	27	12° 31' 37.884"	120° 57' 11.88"
3	12° 31′ 18.696″	120° 56' 26.448"	28	12° 31' 32.412"	120° 57' 3.744"
4	12° 31' 21.252"	120° 56' 29.256"	29	12° 31' 22.836"	120° 56' 55.932'
5	12° 31' 21.612"	120° 56' 36.204"	30	12° 31′ 18.552″	120° 56' 49.776'
6	12° 31' 19.956"	120° 56' 41.136"	31	12° 31′ 16.608″	120° 56' 41,424'
7	12° 31' 20.136"	120° 56' 44.7"	32	12° 31' 10.272"	120° 56' 29.616'
8	12° 31′ 12.756″	120° 56' 9.636"	33	12° 30′ 56.7"	120° 56′ 16.332′
9	12° 31' 15.024"	120° 56' 16.476"	34	12° 30′ 56.484″	120° 56' 7.764"
10	12° 31′ 17.004″	120° 56' 23.712"	35	12° 30′ 53.316″	120° 55' 59.916'
11	12° 31' 26.436"	120° 56' 23.82"	36	12° 30′ 30.096″	120° 55' 36.336'
12	12° 31' 34.068"	120° 56' 23.82"	37	12° 30′ 23.616″	120° 55' 25.824'
13	12° 31′ 39.648″	120° 56' 24.792"	38	12° 30′ 32.94"	120° 55' 26.544'
14	12° 31' 46.992"	120° 56' 40.524"	39	12° 30' 42.876"	120° 55' 28.488'
15	12° 31' 51.00"	120° 56' 45.86"	40	12° 30′ 51.17″	120° 55' 53.61"
16	12° 31' 52.56"	120° 56' 55.29"	41	12° 30′ 57.09"	120° 55' 59.15"
17	12° 31' 52.15"	120° 57' 04.44"	42	12° 31' 01.88"	120° 56' 14.95"
18	12° 31' 49.22"	120° 57' 12.10"	43	12° 31' 05.57"	120° 56' 16.83"
19	12° 31' 47.44"	120° 57' 21.91"	44	12° 31' 09.34"	120° 56′ 16.71"
20	12° 31' 46.48"	120° 57' 33.42"	45	12° 31' 11.18"	120° 56' 13.05"
21	12° 31′ 45.26″	120° 57' 43.51"	46	12° 31′ 09.45"	120° 55′ 46.60″
22	12° 31' 45.32"	120° 57′ 59.85″	47	12° 31' 12.82"	120° 55' 44.61"
23	12° 31' 23.30"	120° 58′ 00.45″	48	12° 31' 07.72"	120° 55′ 31.42″
24	12° 31' 23.58"	120° 57' 40.82"	49	12° 31' 07.13"	120° 55′ 24.06″
25	12° 31' 27.26"	120° 57° 29.29"			



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B. NAVIGATIONAL OFFSHORE DREDGING AREA having an area of 100 hectares and a total volume of sand to be extracted of 11,267,092.00 m<sup>3</sup> with a limited Extraction Rate of 938,924.33 m<sup>3</sup> per month. The area is specifically described as follows:

Parcel/Block	Corner	Northings	Eastings
		12° 31.305′N	120° 55.302°E
VI	2	12° 31.129°N	120° 55.405°E
¥ 1	3	12° 30.775′N	120°54.475' E
	4	12° 31.239'N	120° 54.897′E
	1	12° 30.515′N	120° 55.461′E
Y2	2	12° 30.177'N	120° 55.539′E
1 4	3	12° 29.967'N	120° 55.285′E
	4	12° 30.482'N	120° 55.089′E

Project components /facilities enumerated to wit:

Pro	ject Components	Quantity/Approximate Size/ Capacity	
Main Components			
	Self-Discharge Barge/Pelican Barge	4 units/ 3,500 to 5,000 MT	
Dredging Vessel	Cutter Suction Dredger (CSD)	2 units/ 1,000-1,500 MT/hr	
	TSHD	12 units/ 6000 m3/hour	
Support Facilities/Equip	ment		
	Backhoe	1 unit/1 m3	
Land Based Equipment	Dump truck	1 unit/ 18 m3	
	Wheel loader and excavator	1 unit/ 5 m3	
and Makes the second of the se	Staff Quarters/Barracks	Office (20 employees)	
	Yard landfill and flatwork (in land)	2 ha	
Common Auxiliaries	Site Engineer and EMU Working Area	1 unit	
	Offshore Placement Area (OPA)	50 ha	
	Administration Building, Workshop and Warehouse	1 unit	
Pollution Control Devices	Wastewater Treatment System (Built- in) (Process wastewater treatment system and Sanitary wastewater treatment system) Silt curtains and barricade	l unit per vessel (12 TSHD, 2 CSD)/2,500-4,500 m3 5.43 km perimeter/182 ha.	

The project shall operate and maintain its components and support facilities as contained in the approved Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP); and in the additional submitted Environmental Impact Assessment and EMP for the navigational area.

This certification shall form part of the ECC issued for the project, and further added the following conditions and restrictions:

#### A. Conditions:

- 22. All conditions outlined in the issued ECC as applicable shall be applied in the operation of the Navigational Offshore Dredging Area as described in item B of the project description;
- 23. Station markers (i.e., buoys, floaters, anchorages, etc.) of the delineated extraction boundaries of both identified offshore dredging areas shall be established:

24. Silt curtains shall be appropriately and strictly established/installed to enclose the siltation within the dredging vicinity and ensure the minimization of the foreseen negative effects of the project operation.

### B. Restrictions:

- 11. No other activities should be undertaken other than what was described/stipulated in the submitted additional EIA study for the navigational offshore area, specifically described in item B of this project description.
- 12. The extraction limit intended for the Navigational Offshore Area shall NOT exceed 938,924.33 m³ per month and shall be consumed within seventeen (17) months from the start of project operation as determined in the additional EIA study; and
- 13. A uniform depth of extraction shall be maintained at any given time on the navigational offshore area as determined in the Cross-Sectional Bathymetric Profile.

Given this 1st Day of March 2023, at 6th Floor, DENR by the Bay Bldg., 1515, Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila.

Reviewed By:

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Recommended By:

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EnP. NICOLE YURI V. DORADO Chief, Environmental Impact Assessment

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