



Republic of the Philippines
MIMAROPA Region
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

MEMORANDUM:

FOR : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RED), DENR-MIMAROPA
DENR MIMAROPA REGION
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FROM : ATTY. LILLIBETH MARY ELVISA S. ABIOG

DATE : May 17, 2023

SUBJECT : MEMORANDUM OF THE RED REGARDING SUBMISSION OF SALN OF LILLIBETH MARY ELVISA S. ABIOG

The undersigned is in receipt of the Memorandum of the Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV, dated May 8, 2023, referring to the findings of the SALN Committee, constituted pursuant to the Regional Special Order No. 108 dated March 17, 2023, that: *"xxx Atty. Abiog has not complied with the submission of her SALN as per several Memorandums (sic) dated December 21, 2017, January 10, 2019, December 28, 2022, January 3, 2022 and January 6, 2023. xxx"*

SALN, 2017FEBRUARY1, upon entry : submitted to the Regional Office, Personnel Division
(Php1,190,000.00 – Php350,000) = Php840,000.00

SALN as of 2017DECEMBER31 : timely submitted, before April 30, 2018
(Php1,322,810.92 – Php350,000) = Php972,810.92

SALN as of 2018DECEMBER31 : timely submitted, before April 30, 2019
(Php1,442,810.92 – Php799,614) = Php643,196.92

SALN as of 2019DECEMBER31 : submitted on September 17, 2020 because of the late release of the Requested Bank Statement from the Land Bank of the Philippines, despite early request (months ahead) made
(Php790,759.82 – Phpundefined) = Php790,759.82

SALN as of 2020DECEMBER31 : submitted.

SALN as of 2021DECEMBER31 : submitted.

SALN as of 2022DECEMBER31 : submitted on April 5, 2023, with advice from Courier that delivery shall be done on April 11, 2023
(Php9,639,458.55 – Phpundefined) = Php9,639,459.55

Public office is a public trust. Thus, Republic Act (RA) No. 6713 lays down the standards for ethical conduct of public officers. Government service is imbued with public interest, and "public officials and employees have an obligation to accomplish and submit declarations under oath of, and the public has the right to know, their assets, liabilities, net worth and financial and business interests including those of their spouses and of unmarried children under eighteen (18) years of age living in their households." Specifically, Section 8 of RA 6713 requires the submission by the concerned officials and employees of their Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth, and the Disclosure of Business Interests and Financial Connections and those of their spouses and unmarried children under eighteen (18) years of age living in their households, and the documents must be filed: (a) within thirty (30) days after assumption of office; and, (b) on or before April 30 of every year thereafter.

For the year 2019 SALN, the undersigned applied early enough (about October of 2019) for the timely release of the Land Bank Statement, knowing, and providing allowance for any lag in the processing of the request. However, despite regular follow-up, the Bank Statement was finally released long after the April 30 SALN deadline for submission, hence, the late transmittal in September already of the 2019 SALN of the undersigned employee.

In the matter of the submission of the SALN, as of December 31, 2022, where there is a significant increase in the net worth of the undersigned, please note that in view of the Estate Tax Amnesty program of the Government, which is set to end on June 14, 2023, (and with a House Bill pending to extend further the Amnesty to the year 2025), the undersigned needed to act already on the settlement of the Estate of her maternal grandmother because of the gross negligence and inaction of the self-assumed Administratrix of our grandmother's Estate, our maternal aunt, who has also been failing to pay the corresponding real property taxes on the lands of our maternal grandmother. Hence, the undersigned has acted and is acting still, after years and years of waiting patiently for our still living aunt and uncle to discharge their obligations and responsibilities as our elders in the Setias family. Notably, the undersigned needed to claim ownership of two corner lots (Lot 59, Pls96, 618square meters, and Lot 162, Pls96, 1,115square meters in the Poblacion of the Municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan, despite not claiming her successional share by representation to the share of her deceased mother, who is the direct compulsory heir (1 of 7 direct heirs) of our deceased maternal grandmother, Irene Mariano Setias. The underlying legal justification and reason for doing this

deceased maternal grandmother, Irene Mariano Setias. The underlying legal justification and reason for doing this is to allow my other relatives to have a legal anchor on their respective claims of successional ownership, reckoned from November 23, 1978, when our maternal grandmother died.

The undersigned employee has already asked the Personnel Division of PENRO PALAWAN for the signed receipt by the undersigned of the stated Memoranda dated December 21, 2017, January 10, 2019, December 28, 2022, January 3, 2022, and January 6, 2023 considering that the undersigned does not recall being served and having received the stated copies of the Memoranda.

The undersigned takes seriously the matter of filing her SALN, and on this basis, acts in good faith. There is no basis for filing any administrative case against the undersigned.

Having given explanation to the reasons for any perceived delay by the Regional Office, the undersigned calls attention to the fact that her long deserved automatic promotion to a position commensurate to her status has long been overdue, -- since 2018 when she had a hemorrhagic stroke after defending the DENR against the allegation of corruption for the illegal conversion of 33 hectares or so of public forest camp/ public land. The third paragraph of Section 6 of the same law, Republic Act No. 6713 provides for such promotion according to her qualifications: "...shall likewise be automatically promoted... with the commensurate salary suitable to their qualifications. The undersigned complied with the submission of her PDS, and retroactive differential salary to the year 2018 must be given the undersigned for the true public service rendered for Palawan, and for that matter, the Philippines.



LILLIBETH MARY ELVISA SETIAS ABIOG

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, BY LILLIBETH MARY ELVISA S. ABIOG, WITH IBP ROLL NO. 36413 AND HER IBP IDENTIFICATION CARD PRESENTED ON MAY 17, 2023.



CARLOS F. SANTOS, JR.
DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR

CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

LSA MEMORANDUM RED MAY 17, 2023
RE SALN