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FOR : THE UNDESECRETARY FOR FIELD OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT DENR

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR EMB MIMAROPA REGION

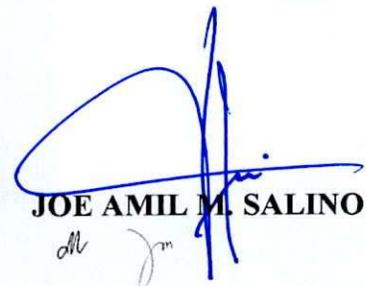
SUBJECT : RE: CO MEMO DTD. MARCH 14, 2023 RELATIVE TO THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL RECLAMATION IN CALATRAVA, ROMBLON OSEC-2023-001474

DATE : 16 MAY 2023

This is in reference to the endorsed complaint that was received by our records Office last 15 May 2023.

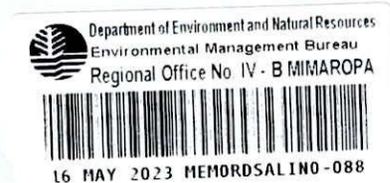
This Office had already replied to the complainant, Ms. Mary Ann Montesa last 08 March 2023 and 10 February 2023 relative to her request for a copy of the notice of violation issued against the project. General details of the notice were given to her but this Office was constricted in furnishing Ms. Montesa a copy of the notice in compliance to Section 9 (a) of Executive Order No. 02, Series of 2016 entitled "Operationalization in the Executive Branch the People's Constitutional Right to Information and the State Policies of Full Public Disclosure and Transparency in the Public Service and Providing Guidelines Therefore1," provides that, "any person who request access to information shall xxx xxx reasonably describe the information requested and the reason for, or purpose of, the request for information". A copy of the letter is attached herewith for reference.

For your information and further instructions, if any.


JOE AMIL M. SALINO

Copy Furnished:

The Regional Executive Director
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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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MIMAROPA Region

17 March 2023

MARY ANN MONTESA

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Dear Ms. Montesa:

Isang makakalikasang araw!

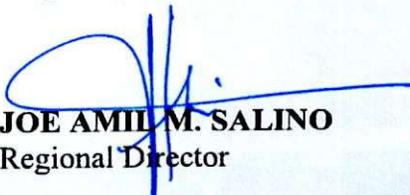
This is to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 08 March 2023 alleging therein that you have already sent several e-mails for a request of a copy of the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued and the status of project/suspension relative to the ongoing construction of Sunwest Construction and Development Corporation of the Causeway project located at Brgy. Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon.

Under Section 9 (a) of Executive Order No. 02, Series of 2016 entitled "Operationalization in the Executive Branch the People's Constitutional Right to Information and the State Policies of Full Public Disclosure and Transparency in the Public Service and Providing Guidelines Therefore¹," provides that, "any person who request access to information shall xxx xxx **reasonably describe the information requested and the reason for, or purpose of, the request for information**". Please be informed that your request letter failed to provide the reason or purpose for securing copies of the above-mentioned documents.

As previously communicated to you by this Office, an NOV dated 10 February 2023 was issued against the project for undertaking reclamation activities without a valid Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) issued by this Office. Furthermore, the DPWH – Romblon District Engineering Office was also directed to suspend any further development relative to the reclamation activities upon receipt of the NOV until and unless a valid ECC has been secured. Certification shall likewise be secured from the Philippine Reclamation Authority to determine whether the causeway project involves reclamation activities.

We thank you in bringing this matter to our attention and rest assured that this is being taken very seriously. Should you have any further queries, you may communicate with us through our official email address at embmimaropa@emb.gov.ph.

Very truly yours,


JOE AMIL M. SALINO
Regional Director



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¹ Executive Order No. 02, Series of 2016



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