



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **CESAR P.ODI**
OIC, PENR Officer

FROM : Special Investigator

SUBJECT : **INSPECTION/INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED
ILLEGAL RECLAMATION REGARDING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAY / BOULEVARD
LOCATED AT BRGY. SABLAYAN, ROMBLON,
ROMBLON**

DATE : October 27, 2023

I. SUMMARY:

The inspection and investigation were conducted on October 27, 2023, by Special Investigator Eric F. Hindap and Forest Ranger Ludwin Ruado. The focus of the investigation was on the alleged illegal reclamation activities associated with the construction project titled "Construction of Coastal Road/Boulevard and Causeway for Tourism along Sablayan Port, Romblon, Romblon." The project, initiated on April 13, 2023, is under the oversight of the DPWH Regional Office IV-B, with Engr. Brogeir G. Conanán of St. Pious serving as the project engineer and St. Pious as the contractor.

II. Findings:

- Project Commencement:** The project was started on April 13, 2023, with an expected completion date of April 06, 2024.
- Certificate of Non-Compliance (CNC):** A Certificate of Non-Compliance (CNC) was issued for the project on March 30, 2023, with the reference CNC-OL-R4B-2023-03-00736.
- Project Area:** The project area is adjacent to titled properties of Jose Faigao and Hilario Faigao in the North, the Municipal Pier in the South, another titled property in the West, and the shoreline in the East. The project area measures approximately 417 meters in length and 12.33 meters in width.
- Ongoing Developments:** Current construction activities include structural concrete work, the wave deflector head wall, and embankment.
- Partial Reclamation of Foreshore Area:** The subject area of the project has undergone possible reclamation activities, involving the filling and dumping of earth to extend the shoreline.

III. Legal Basis:

The recommendations provided in this report are based on the following legal references:

DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-14: This order provides guidelines on the issuance of Area Clearance for reclamation projects and Proclamation/Special Patents over lands, outlining the procedures and requirements for projects with potential environmental impacts.



Philippine Reclamation Authority Administrative Order No. 2021-03: This administrative order may contain additional guidelines and regulations related to reclamation projects, which should be considered in the compliance review and application process.

IV. Comment/Recommendations:

It is recommended that the DPWH or St. Pious take the following actions:

1. **Request Area Clearance:** Given the reclamation activities, it is essential to obtain Area Clearance from the appropriate authorities to ensure compliance with environmental regulations.
2. **Apply for ECC Online:** In light of the potential environmental impact, an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) application should be submitted online to assess and address environmental concerns.
3. **Halt Further Reclamation:** As a precautionary measure, consider suspending any ongoing reclamation activities until the necessary clearances and permits are obtained.
4. **Compliance Review:** Conduct a thorough review of the project's compliance with all applicable local, national, and environmental regulations, making any necessary adjustments or amendments to the project plan.

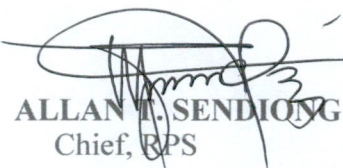
The investigation revealed evidences of reclamation activities that raise concerns about their legality and compliance with relevant regulations. Possibly, the project area has been reclaimed, and it is now apparent that an ECC should have been applied for, rather than a CNC. This revelation highlights the need for a more thorough assessment of the project's environmental impact. Issuance of Notice of Violation is hereby recommended.

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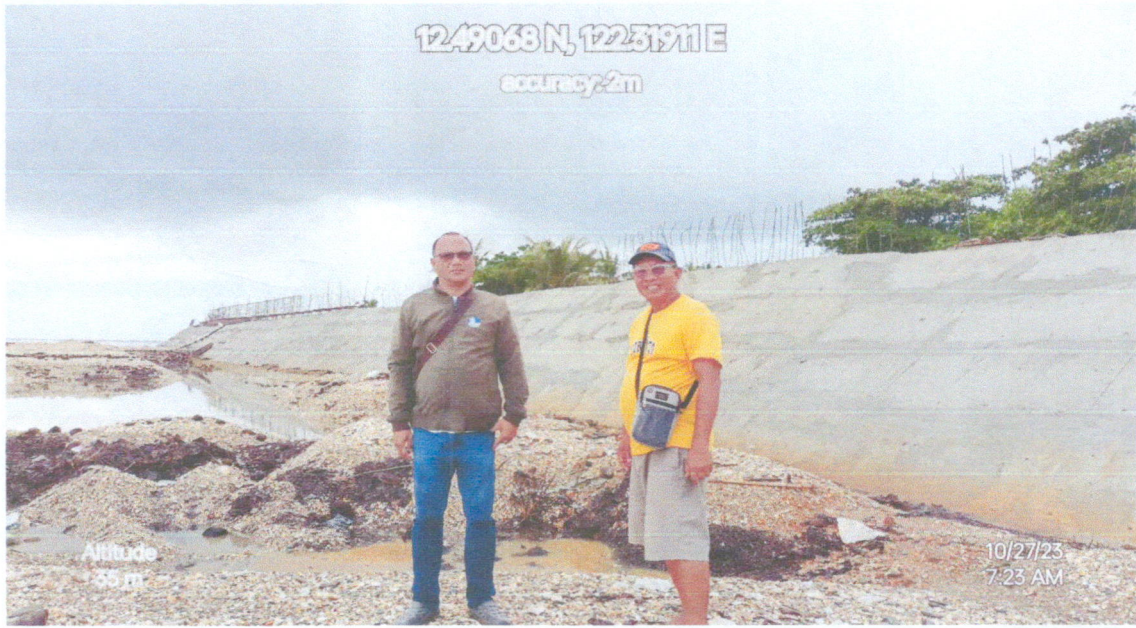
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