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August 1, 2022

#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**DENR MIMAROPA Region** 

**FROM** 

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

REFERENCE CODE NO. PM-CAM-03-09-2022-054

Forwarded is the memorandum from CENRO-Roxas, Palawan dated July 28, 2022 together with the submitted explanation under oath of DMO IV Ronnie B. Gandeza in response to the letter complaint filed of a certain Mr. Gerry Cebuano against CENRO employees for their alleged incompetence, ignorance of law and harassment with ticket reference code no. PM-CAM-03-09-2022-054

In this regard, this office concurs with the recommendation that the complaint be dismissed considering that concerned personnel have only acted within the scope of their authority as public official.

For information and consideration.

FOR THE PENRO:

Supervising ECOMS
Chief, Technical Services Division
Officer-in-Charge

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### Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region IV- MIMAROPA

## COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

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July 28, 2022

PENRO

**MEMORANDUM** 

FOR

: The Regional Executive Director

MIMAROPA Region

THRU

: The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

FROM

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Roxas, Palawan

SUBJECT

: WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF DMO IV RONIE B. GANDEZA RE: LETTER COMPLAINT FROM MR. GERRY CEBUANO AGAINST CENRO EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR ALLEGED INCOMPETENCE, IGNORANCE OF LAW, AND HARRASSMENT. REFERENCE CODE NO. PM-CAM-03-09-

2022-054.

Respectfully submitted the herein written explanation under oath of DMO IV Ronie B. Gandeza in response to the letter complaint of certain Mr. Gerry Cebuano against CENRO Employees for their alleged incompetence, ignorance of law and harassment with ticket reference code no. PM-CAM-03-09-2022.

In view of the enclosed explanation and memorandum answer, it is hereby recommended that the instant complaint be dismissed since above-concerned personnel acted only within the scope of their authority and respective duties and responsibilities as public official in enforcing environmental laws, DENR rules and regulations.

For consideration.

DENR-CENRO ROXAS

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## COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE Barangay III (Poblacion), Roxas, Palawan

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July 27, 2022

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director **DENR-MIMAROPA** Region 1515 L&S Building, Roxas Blvd. Ermita, Manila

RE: WRITTEN EXPLANATION TO THE SHOW CAUSE MEMORANDUM DATED JUNE 3, 2022 RE: REFERENCE CODE NO. PM-CAM-03-09-2022-054

#### **EXPLANATION**

This refers to the above-mentioned subject pertaining to the letter complaint of Mr. Gerry Cebuano of Sitio Carig-carig, Cabugan Island, Barangay I, Roxas, Palawan which was initially filed before the Presidential Complaint Center (PCC) against me and LMO III Ronnie P. Lilang for alleged administrative Incompetence as public officials, Ignorance of the law and Harassment

Please be informed that the undersigned together with LMO III Ronie P. Lilang submitted an answer per Memorandum dated April 07, 20221 addressed to the Head of DENR Action Center Hotline, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City and to the Regional Executive Director, DENR IV-B MIMAROPA Region regarding the complaint of certain Mr. Gerry Cebuano for alleged Incompetence, Ignorance of law and Harassment with Ticket Reference No. PM-CAM-03-09-2022-054. The said memorandum was copy furnished to the complainant, Mr. Gerry Cebuano and the Presidential Complaint Center (PCC), thru registered mail on April 19, 2022.

As part of this written explanation, the undersigned is adopting the answer and explanation given per Memorandum dated April 07, 2022.

In addition, we have also submitted an Memorandum dated November 26, 20212 to your Office inquiring as to whether or not to file the appropriate environmental criminal cases against the illegal settlers for their flagrant environmental violations, considering that sixtynine (69) families, two (2) churches and one (1) elementary school may be affected should we file the appropriate charges. In fact, the CENRO-Roxas received an Order dated February 22, 2022 from your Office to gather the supporting pieces of evidence to support the filing of criminal complaint against the offender/s for violation of Article 51 of PD 1067 and Section 77 and 78 of PD 705, as amended.

Further, on June 3, 2022, the CENRO Roxas likewise received a Memorandum dated May 30, 20223 from your Office directing the CENRO Roxas to file a criminal complaint against the perpetrators for violation of existing environmental laws if they refuse to obey on the issued Notices of Violation/Notices to Vacate. As of this moment, we are still on the process

<sup>2</sup> Hereto attached is the Memorandum dated November 26, 2021 marked as Annex "B"

Hereto attached is the Memorandum dated April 7, 2022 marked as Annex "A":

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Hereto attached is the Memorandum dated May 30, 2022 issued by the OIC, Regional Executive Director marked as

of building the case and finding the eye-witness who can testify on the material allegations of our complaint.

Clearly, there is no Incompetence, Ignorance of law and Harassment in this case. The complaint against us is baseless and made only to harass, vex, exert undue pressure or stifle any legal recourse that we may take in the enforcement of environmental laws, protection of the environment or assertion of environmental rights. Moreover, the said complaint is not substantiated with proof to show how we committed the alleged acts. Hence, we respectfully pray that this instant complaint be dismissed for lack of substantial evidence.

To stress, we have only acted within the scope of our authority in enforcing the environmental laws, rules and regulations, protection of the environment and assertion of environmental rights in accordance with our respective duties and responsibilities as public officials.

Hoping for kind and consideration on the matter.

NIE B. GANDEZA Development Management Officel IV

DENR-CENRO Roxas, Palawan

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this affiant exhibited to me his LTO Driver's License No. 1-89-088687 expiring on April 10, 2024.

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