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ATTENTION: **ENGR. GENE RYAN A. ALTEA**
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Sir:

We wish to thank Engr. Dennis Abagon for meeting with Ms Catherine Q Argel on 26 July 2022 to discuss the proposed dredging plan of the Nagapi River located at Barangay Iriron and Barangay Malpalon in the Municipality of Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro, for which the following were highlighted:

- a) The proposed dredging activities at the downstream of the Nagapi River in Sitio Kiwkiw is within 800 meters from the bridge at Sitio Bulongcog.
- b) Per DPWH guidelines, their jurisdiction ends at the river mouth- at the point where the river meets the sea
- c) From the point where DPWH's jurisdiction ends, EMB/DENR jurisdiction begins up to the off-shore.
- d) The Nagapi River was evaluated by the IAC and was recommended for dredging in order to be de-clogged and de-silted.
- e) The upstream channel of the Nagapi are only a few inches from the elevation of the farmlands hence these have virtually no water holding capacity. The riverbed is mostly dry during summer and overflows during the rainy months.

Taking the above into consideration and that the objective of the project is to address with urgency the Nagapi River's flooding issue, the following are being offered for consideration of the LGU and the IAC:

- a) DPWH will require to conduct of a detailed survey of the river channel at the upstream.



- b) EMB will provide the concurrence and the clearance to open a channel through the river delta to provide an exit for river water based on the dredge plan of the off-shore portion of the project as submitted to DPWH and the EIS which was prepared for the project.
- c) The dredging of the upstream channels will commence when the Dredge Clearance is issued.
- d) This approach reflects the desired methodology where work commences from the downstream then gradually works itself up towards the upstream. This will provide immediate relief from flooding issues at the downstream areas.
- e) That, if possible, a meeting of the IAC members be called by the Chairman, the Provincial Governor, to quickly address the above concerns and other matters.

As discussed, we will provide copies of this letter to the EMB, IAC and the PGO.

We look forward to your favorable recommendation.

Very truly yours,



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