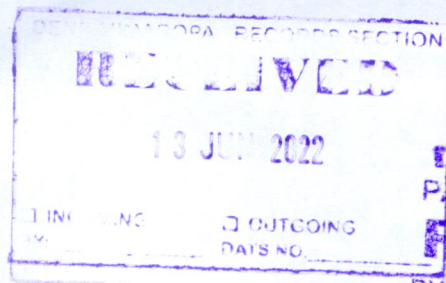


Bgy Tenga-Tenga, Cuyo, PALAWAN

September 11, 2021

MARIA LOURDES S. FERRER, CESO III
Regional Executive Director
DENR, MIMAROPA
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City



**DENR PENRO
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BY:
DATE: 10-05-2021

THRU : **ERIBERTO B. SANTOS**
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
DENR, Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC
CENRO, DENR, Puerto Princesa City

SUBJECT: LETTER DATED MAY 25, 2021 FROM RESIDENTS OF SITIO TAGAWAYAN REGARDING
LAND ISSUES AND COMPLAINT AGAINST MR. STEVEN SALAZAR AND MR. RENANTE
PALAO, BARANGAY CAPTAIN OF SITIO TAGAWAYAN COCORO, MAGSAYSAY, PALAWAN

Dear Madam,

Greetings!

I wish to inform you, that, the same issues was already brought by these personalities to the DENR Central Office way back in the year 2015, only that, it change the leader who initiated the petition. The first petition was lead by a certain Mrs. Leah Nalica Bartolome, which was endorsed by the then Sangguniang Bayan thru Vice Mayor Manuel Abrea, addressed to the Secretary, DENR, Manila.

The DENR Legal Department, had sent a Fact Finding Team, headed by Atty Geraldine Dela Cruz Cerna-Ramos, Chief, PDD, Legal Service, Office of the Secretary, DENR, at Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. The team joined by the personnel from PENRO and CENRO, Palawan, had conducted a hearing before the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan, Session Hall, attended by all the petitioners/complainants, in the presence of the Municipal Mayor Rommel Dela Torre, Vice Mayor Abrea, members of the SB and heads of Offices and Barangay Captains, including myself. All questions were taken up, and answered by the undersigned showing documents as evidences to prove that the reported allegation as to the ILLEGAL BUYING AND SPECULATIVE TITLING prove to be wrong. In fact, the Sangguniang Bayan of Magsaysay itself, had issued a resolution recommending the DENR FACT FINDING TEAM a commendation for their prompt action on the call to resolve the accusation hurled against undersigned.

I am please to refer to you for verification, to the DENR Legal Departmet, for which I have submitted relevant documents to the FF Team. Photo copies of my endorsement letter hereto attach, to Atty. Geraldine Dela Cruz Cerna-Ramos, as Annexes-A, and B. Likewise, documents issued by Atty. Anselmo C. Abungan, as Annex- C, and documentS issued by then OIC, Regional Director Oscar Dominguez, from PENRO as Annexes – D and E, and a Resolution issued by Honorable Office of Sangguniang, Magsaysay, Palawan as Annex-F for your perusal.

I have enough documents presented before them during the forum proving that I bought those properties provided with all necessary legal documents by the seller. We did not acquire it by illegal means and or by speculative acquisition. All were course through legal process notarized by a competent lawyer, supported by a Barangay Certification issued by then Bgy Captain Hon. Ruperta U.Ombe. Incumbent Barangay Captain Renante Palao, has nothing done in our previous transaction with all those Heirs/Seller of their properties.

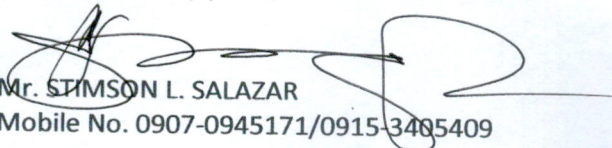
This issues is not new to me, in always dragging out, maligning my name objectives^{to} destroy my good name and reputation in the community every time local election is forthcoming. This complaint is so much to say already a FORUM SHOPPING. They also brought it to the RMN RADIO STATION and other radio station in Palawan in order to further destroy my name, including the reputation of my family and children.

In fact, one of the residents of said Sitio Tagawayan, informed the undersigned about the above subject. That, accordingly he tried to convince by the couple Emilio and Delia Agnas, who initiated this move to join sign the Petition against Mr. Salazar and Mr Palao, to bring this fabricated reports to your attention in order to malign and destroy their good names in the communities they are living. According to him, this move is politically motivated issues considering, that, we both running for a political position in the coming election.

In view of the forgoing, adverted to in the above statements, may I respectfully inform your Office, that, this matter is now being heard at the Regional Trial Court, in Palawan to resolve the issue. May therefore humbly request your Office to temporary hold the conduct of another investigation and await the resolution of the Court to avoid sub judice.

Thank you and God Bless po!

Very respectfully yours,


Mr. STIMSON L. SALAZAR
Mobile No. 0907-0945171/0915-3405409

Copy furnished:

PENRO

CENRO,

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Barangay Tenga-Tenga, Cuyo, Palawan
March 4, 2015

ATTY. GERALDINE DELA CRUZ CERNA-RAMOS
CHIEF, PDD, Legal service
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue. Diliman, Quezon City

THRU: **JUAN C. DELA CRUZ**
PENRO, Province of Palawan

EMER D. GARAEZ
CENRO, Puerto Princesa City

SUBJ: SB RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, PALAWAN
ON THE ILLEGAL, AND SPECULATIVE ACQUISITION AND SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS
IN SITIO TAGAWAYAN, BGY. COCORO, MAG. PALAWAN

MADAM:

I am happy that this matter was brought to your attention, so that, issues regarding above subject has been clarified in front of the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Rommel dela Torre, and members of the Sangguniang Bayan, including the Petitioners, during the forum conducted on February 27, 2015, at 2:00 O'clock in the afternoon at the session Hall of Magsaysay, Palawan.

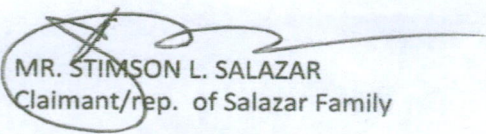
Kindly be informed Madam, that, I have no intention of grabbing their properties without agreed payment to the parties, however, only after requiring them to hand over their documents proving that they are the true heirs of the deceased claimants of the lots in the area, in the concept of ownership. The report was merely surrounded with political envy, and with those owners who are demanding higher price of their lots to sell which my family did not agree. That's the main root of intricacies over the island. Leah Nalica Bartolome, claimed property is not among the lots included in the lots which my family had bought. To be fair with her, she has nothing to complain against us.

In view of the foregoing issues, respectfully forwarded herewith are the following documents for your information and perusal, such as:

1. Survey Order Nr. 2014-01-001 issued by RED Oscar C. Dominguez, MIMAROPA including Relative documents issued from CENRO/PENRO, Palawan;
2. CAD Map, appearing the lots with markings acquired through sales from owners
3. Tax Declarations with attached Waiver of Rights from Heirs of deceased Owners
4. Certifications issued by the Barangay Office
5. Court records
6. Lot verification issued by CENRO, Puerto Princesa City

Respectfully submitted, likewise, humbly requesting immediate resolution on the matter. Thank you and God Bless us all!

Very truly yours,


MR. STIMSON L. SALAZAR
Claimant/rep. of Salazar Family

Annex - A

Recd.
J. MARCO U. SAWCHER
March 4, 2015

Proy. Jorge Jorge, Cuzco, Palawan
February 18, 2015

Annex- "A-1"

MAY. GERALD DE ROSA CERRATRAS
Chief, PPP, Legal Service
Department of Natural Resources
Wesley Avenue, Quezon City

Dear Atty. Ramos,

I was furnished a copy of your
letter to Engr. Rep. Velasco, DENR-CENRO
Puroto Jimenez City, re subject, SB
Resolution no. 02-2014, Immunity of
Magasangay, Palawan, w/c is facts
attack.

Kindly be informed that I am
the subject of the complaint by a
certain Leah Portolome, in that Proy.
Record, which the Sangguniang Bayan
of Magasangay, Palawan had made.
a decision to seek the investigation
of your office on the alleged illegal
buying and acquisition of some
portion of the island.

In view of this, may I have
the honor to request from your
office to include the undersigned
to appear in the forum that will
be conducted at the DENR, Puroto
Jimenez City on the 26th of February
2015 and during the ocular inspec-
tion and investigation at the island,

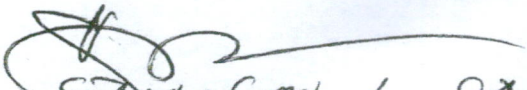
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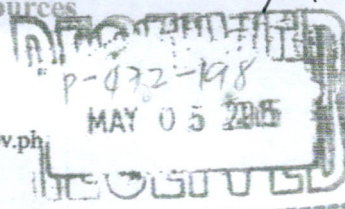
in consideration that I am
one of the claimant and
possessor of the parcel of lands
in that area.

Hoping for your kind
consideration in the matter.

Thank you.

Very respectfully yours,

MR.  L. SMITH JR
AEL # 0907-6318V37



Annex-C

MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Regional Director**
DENR – Region IV-B
DENR by the Bay Building
1515 Roxas Boulevard
Ermita, Manila

FROM : **The Acting Assistant Secretary for Legal Services**

SUBJECT : **Land Issues in SB Resolution No. 02-2015 dated 05 January 2015**
of the Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Palawan, IN RE:
Alleged Illegal and Speculative Sale and Acquisition of Public
Lands in Sitio Tagauayan, Barangay Cocoro by Some Enterprising
Residents thereof

DATE : **APR 29 2015**

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TIME: <i>8:00 pm</i>	TIME: <i>8:00 pm</i>

Attached for your perusal is a copy of the Fact-finding Investigation Report, together with annexes contained in One (1) folder, of a Team created by this Office to inquire into facts and issues in relation to the above-mentioned subject matter.

The Report raises as the primary matter of concern in subject Sanggunian Resolution, and the accompanying Petition, the non-contested lots in Sitio Tagauayan, Barangay Cocoro. It has been found by the Team that such lots have been declared as public land and property of the State as far back as 1965 by the (then) Court of First Instance in Cuyo, Palawan. As the Petitioners now allegedly possess, occupy, improve and cultivate these lots, they are entitled by such declaration to purchase the same through Agricultural Sales under the provisions of the Public Land Act.

Furthermore, the Team also contends that the Order dated 30 January 2014 of OIC, Regional Executive Director Oscar C. Dominguez approving S.A. No. 2014-01-001 for lots being applied for by Mr. Stimson Salazar should be accorded presumption of regularity.

This Office conforms to the findings and recommendations of the Team in the Report subject to your further appropriate action.

[Signature]
ATTY. ANSELMO C. ABUNGAN

Copy furnished:

PENRO – Palawan
CENRO – Puerto Princesa City
Barangay Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

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Annex-^uB

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

IN RE: SB RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015,
MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY,
PALAWAN ON THE ILLEGAL AND
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SALE OF PUBLIC LAND IN SITIO
TAGAUAYAN, BRGY. COCORO,
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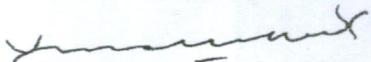
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To : ✓ Engr. Rex Velasco
DENR-CENRO,
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Pursuant to the Memorandum, dated February 4, 2015 of the Assistant Secretary for Legal Services, on the above-subject, Subpoena Ad Testificandum is hereby issued for you to appear and to give direct answers to questions of the Fact-Finding Team relative to the alleged unwarranted speculative public land applications and illegal titling over public lands at Tagauayan Island Big and Tagauayan Island Small, Barangay Cocoro, Magsaysay, Palawan, on February 26, 2015, 10:00 O'clock in the morning at CENRO, Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City.

Fail not under administrative consequences.

Issued this 10th day of February, 2015.


JOSE MATEO SANCHEZ
Team Leader

Noted:


ATTY. GERALDINE DELA CERNA-RAMOS
Chief, PDD, Legal Service

Annex-D

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Regional Office IV-B, MIMAROPA
1515 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita Manila

MEMORANDUM

DENR PENRO
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BY: [Signature]
DATE: June 8, 2015 CN 15-1314

TO : The PENR Officer
Puerto Prinsesa City, Palawan

ATTN : The CENR Officer
Puerto Prinsesa City, Palawan

FROM : The OIC, Regional Director

SUBJECT : LAND ISSUES IN SB RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015 DATED 05 JANUARY 2015 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, RE: ALLEGED ILLEGAL AND SPECULATIVE SALE AND ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC LANDS IN SITIO TAGAUAYAN, BARANGAY COCORO BY SOME ENTERPRISING RESIDENTS THEREOF

DATE : JUN 08 2015

This has reference with the Memorandum of Atty. Anselmo C. Abungan, Acting Assistant Secretary for Legal Services regarding to the abovementioned subject.

Please be informed that you can now proceed with the execution of consolidation and subdivision survey of Lots 8074, 8075, 8754 and 8764, Cad-299 located at Tagauayan, Cuyo, Palawan and inform all the concerned parties subject to the provisions of the DENR Administrative Order No. 2007-29, Revised Regulation on Land Survey Procedures and its implementing guidelines MC-2010-13.

For your immediate action, please. •

[Signature]
OSCAR C. DOMINGUEZ

Cc:

Atty. Anselmo C. Abungan
Acting Assistant Secretary for Legal Services
DENR, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Q.C.



Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region IV
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Telephone No. 433-5638

Annex- "E"

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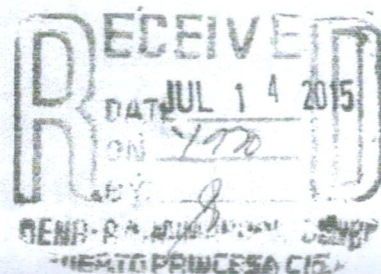
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TO : The CENR Officer
Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The PENR Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

SUBJECT : SB RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015 DATED 05, JANUARY 2015
OF MAGSAYSAY PALAWAN RE: ALLEGED ILLEGAL AND
SPECULATIVE SALE AND ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC
LANDS IN SITIO TAGAUAYAN, BARANGAY COCORO
BY SOME ENTERPRISING RESIDENTS.

DATE : July 13, 2015



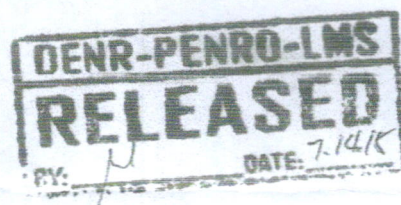
Referred herewith is the memorandum of the Regional Director dated June 8, 2015 along with memorandum of the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legal Services dated April 24, 2015 re-above subject instructing the conduct of consolidation subdivision survey of Lots 8074, 8075, 8754 and 8764 all of Cad. 299-D located at Tagauayan, Cuyo, Palawan.

For immediate and strict compliance.

JUAN C. DELA CRUZ
PENRO

Copy furnished:

The Regional Director
DENR-MIMAROPA Region
1515, L and S Bldg. Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila





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Province of Palawan
MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Annex "F"

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 86TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAGSAYSAY, PALAWAN HELD ON MARCH 2, 2015 AT THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL.

Present:

Hon. Manuel C. Abrea,

Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

Hon. Aloysius M. Quejano,

SB Member

Hon. Merla M. Herrera,

SB Member

Hon. Manuel L. Ponce de Leon, Jr.,

SB Member

Hon. Marie Eillen R. Jaranilla,

SB Member

Hon. Ramil V. Dela Torre, Liga Pres.

SB Member

On Official Business:

Hon. Leo Arthur C. Abrea,

SB Member (Puerto Prin. City)

Hon. Luzviminda E. Gacasa,

SB Member (Naga City)

Hon. Juanita F. Cervantes,

SB Member (Naga City)

Hon. Prospero M. Parangue,

SB Member (Naga City)

Absent: N O N E

RESOLUTION NO. 52 -2015

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING HEARTFELT GRATITUDE AND GREAT APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION FOR THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015 OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAGSAYSAY, PALAWAN

AUTHORS:

**HON. MERLA M. HERRERA
HON. MARIE EILLEN R. JARANILLA
HON. MANUEL L. PONCE DE LEON, JR.**

WHEREAS, the Fact-Finding Investigation and Ocular Inspection conducted by the DENR Team composed of *Atty. Zha-Zha R. Maguad-Padernal, Marieta A. Mirador, Jose Mateo U. Sanchez, Nelson Q. Arbo and Ronald M. Buazon*, on February 28, 2015 at Sitio Tagauayan, Barangay Cocoro, Magsaysay, Palawan helped diffused the conflict between the petitioners/land owners and the claimant;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the rough seas and high waves the team were still professional enough to pursue the ocular inspection on the lots in question:

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Magsaysay, Palawan would like to extend its gratitude for the unwavering and satisfactory services they had extended to help resolve the issue;


NOW, THEREFORE, UPON MOTION OF HON. ALOYSIUS M. QUEJANO AND DULY SECONDED BY HON. RAMIL V. DELA TORRE, BE IT;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express heartfelt gratitude and great appreciation and commendation for the immediate response of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on Resolution No. 02-2015 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Magsaysay, Palawan;

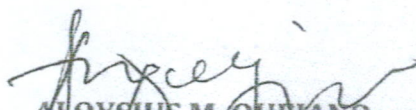
RESOLVED FINALLY, to let copies of this resolution be furnished to *Hon. Ramon J.P. Paje*, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and *OIC- Assistant Secretary , Anselmo C. Abungan*, Legal Services, DENR Bldg., Visayas Avenue, Diliman Quezon City, for their information and appropriate action.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.


ROMAN J.M. SIM
Secretary, Sangguniang Bayan

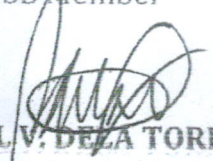
CONCURRED:


ALOYSIUS M. QUEJANO
SB Member



MERLA M. HERRERA
SB Member


MANUEL L. PONCE DE LEON, JR.
SB Member

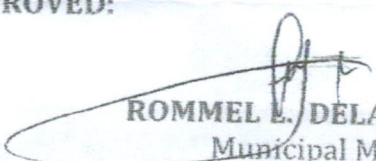

MARIE ELLEN R. JARANILLA
SB Member


RAMIL V. DELA TORRE
SB Member

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE
DULY ADOPTED:**


MANUEL C. ABREA
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ROMMEL L. DELA TORRE
Municipal Mayor



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
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*LMS Chief for info. of N. Arbo.
Congratulations!*

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Annex. "E-1"*

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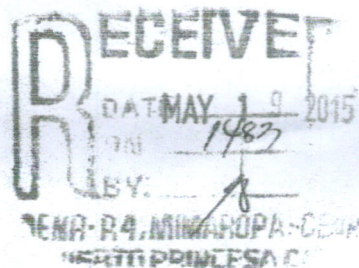
TO : Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Puerto Princesa City

Attention : *The Chief, Land Management Services*

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : COMMENDATION FOR PROMPT RESPONSE BY THE
DENR TEAM ON THE REQUEST OF LGU MAGSAYSAY,
PALAWAN

DATE : May 12, 2015



Forwarded is the memorandum of the Regional Director dated May 05, 2015 with
SB Resolution No. 52-2015 of Magsaysay, Palawan.

For your information.

JUAN O. DELA CRUZ
PENRO

