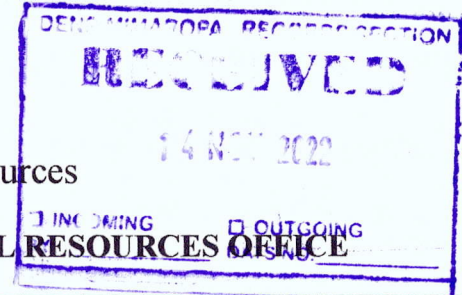




Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard,  
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU** : The ARD for Technical Services

**FROM** : The OIC, PENR Officer

**SUBJECT** : **CONDUCT OF LATEST MONITORING AND  
INSPECTION OF THE VICTORIA-AMNAY ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAY (DPWH)**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated November 02, 2022 of Environment Management Specialist I Jaylan C. Nocon of CENR Office Sablayan regarding report on the Monitoring and Inspection of the Victoria-Amnay Road Construction Project of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Please be informed that we have already instructed CENRO Sablayan to monitor the operation/implementation of the said project. Attached with the report are the geotagged pictures taken during their inspection.

For information and record.

  
**ERNESTO E. TAÑADA**



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Environmental Management Bureau  
MIMAROPA Region  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT UNIT**  
Province of Occidental Mindoro



November 02, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
DENR EMB MIMAROPA Region  
Ermita, Manila

THRU : **PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER**  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

FROM : **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST I**  
CENR Office Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF LATEST MONITORING AND INSPECTION  
OF THE VICTORIA-AMNAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)**

This pertains to your issued Memorandum dated 26 October 2022 regarding the above subject matter. Please be informed that the undersigned EMS Sablayan technical personnel immediately proceeded at the site on November 02, 2022 to see the latest status of the project implementation despite the series actions taken by our office specifically the most recent issued CDO dated August 17, 2022. The undersigned technical personnel were accompanied by contractor representative Mr. Mark John Dela Cruz.

**BACKGROUND OF INFORMATION:**

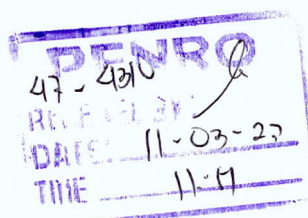
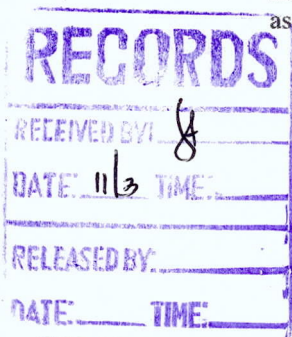
On March 05, 2021, the undersigned was first conducted a site inspection relative to the said project.

On June 08, 2021, the office has been issued Notice of Violation against DPWH-MIMAROPA Region for starting the project without an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) in violation of Section 4 of PD 1586.

On August 09, 2021, an Order was also issued which includes the mandatory imposition of penalty against the respondent of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50, 000.00).

On September 07, 2021, DPWH-MIMAROPA Region already settled the said penalty under OR No. 0847289B and a resolution has been issued for the lifted case/violation dated September 22, 2021. Furthermore, the said resolution has a special instruction to suspend the implementation of all activities pertaining to the said project and subject for our closely monitoring as well.

Relative to that, the undersigned together with Regional Director Joe Amil M. Salino, EMED Chief, Engr. Pablito M. Estorque Jr, and DPWH field personnel visited the site last November 25, 2021 and a corresponding report was submitted with categorical recommendations based on the observations specifically to immediately prioritize the implementation of necessary mitigating measures such as slope protection while the project is suspended. And on January 18, 2022, the





letter has been sent to the respondent and a contractor regarding the said recommendations of the undersigned.

That on August 02, 2022, the undersigned technical personnel conducted site inspection again as per your instructions to give an update and validate the project implementation of the said project specifically on their mitigating measures such as application of slope protection. During the undertaken activity it was found out that the project is continuously starting its project implementation of Phase 8 which includes excavation and opening of new road with a total length of 8.1 km. Thus, on August 17, 2022 another order has been issued against the respondent and held liable again for violation of Section 4 of PD 1586. The order is also directed the respondent to cease and desist from conducting further developments and implementation of the entire project until and unless a valid ECC has been secured for the project.

And as part of our closely monitoring of the project and in compliance to your issued memorandum dated 26 October 2022, hereunder are the following findings and observations as of November 02, 2022.

#### **FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS:**

1. According to Admin. Of the contractor Mr. Mark John Dela Cruz, the project has immediately stopped its construction activities after the issuance of our order in August. It was validated that the project is cleared from any construction activities even the application of rehabilitation and mitigating measures of critical slopes.
2. The operational bulldozer and backhoe of the contractor are already pulled out on site, as well as the operators.
3. No laborer/workers presence on site.
4. The phase 8 project has already opened its approximately 500 meters in length along the total length of 8.1 km, it lies between geo-coordinates 12.9936 N, 120.9212 E as starting point and 12.9954 N, 120.9251 E as ending point as to date.
5. Some slope protection has already been applied. However, mostly of the project with steep slope has no slope protection which is vulnerable to landslide.
6. All portion of new opened road with steep slope was eroded.
7. Some box culvert and drainage canal were collapsed.
8. No records of submission of rehabilitation plan including slope protection measures on site.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Letter may be sent to the project proponent advising and reiterating them to immediately prioritize the implementation and rehabilitation of critical slopes in accordance with Environmental Management Plan (EMP).
2. It is also recommended that geohazard risk assessment by MGB be undertaken.
3. Submission of their effective rehabilitation plan.

Herein attached as *Annex A* is the timeline of activities conducted by EMB PEMU technical personnel.

Attached herewith also are the geo-tagged photos during the conduct of activity.

For his information and further instruction.

Prepared by:

  
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*Annex A*

TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY EMB PERSONNEL	
ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED	DATE CONDUCTED
First site inspection/monitoring	March 05, 2021
Issued and served Notice of Violation	June 08, 2021
Issued and served Cease and Desist Order	August 09, 2021
Site inspection/monitoring with RD Joe Amil M. Salino	November 25, 2021
Issued and served letter	January 18, 2022
Site inspection/monitoring	August 02, 2022
Issued and served Cease and Desist Order	August 17, 2022
Site inspection/monitoring	November 02, 2022





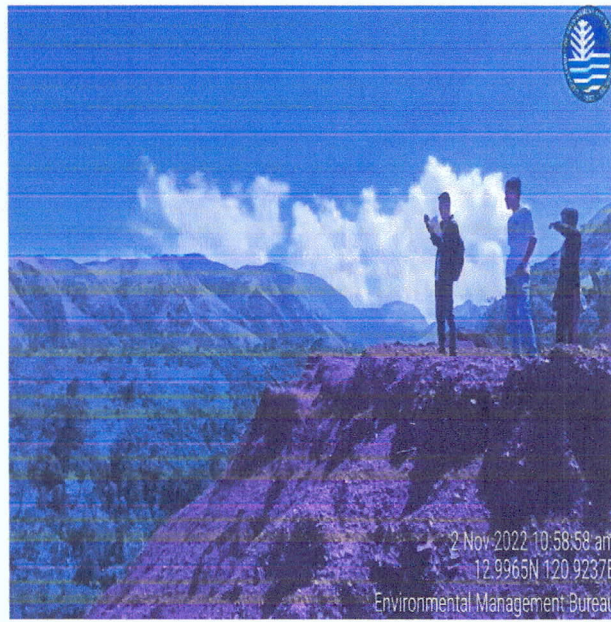
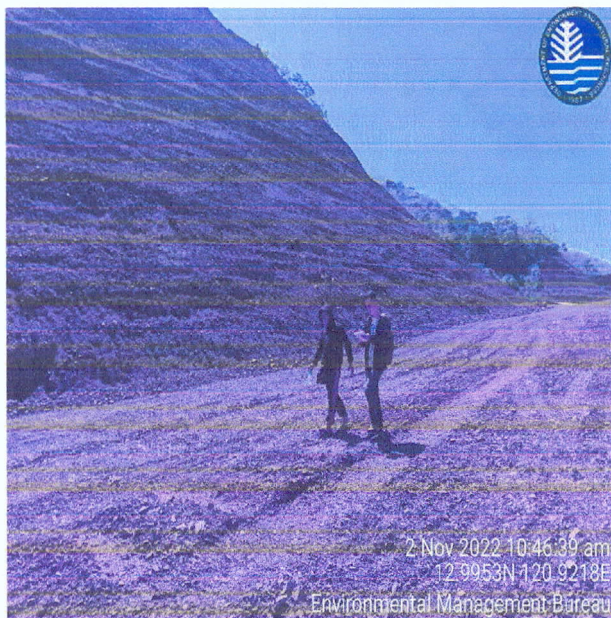
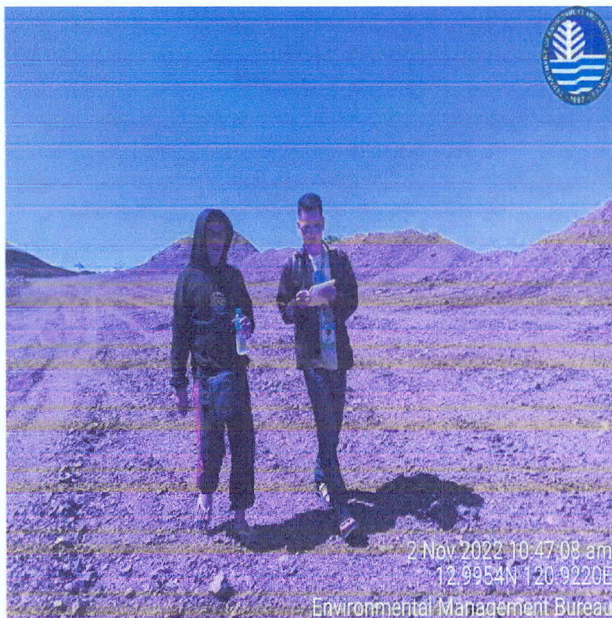
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**ENDING POINT OF PHASE 8 PROJECT AS TO DATE**

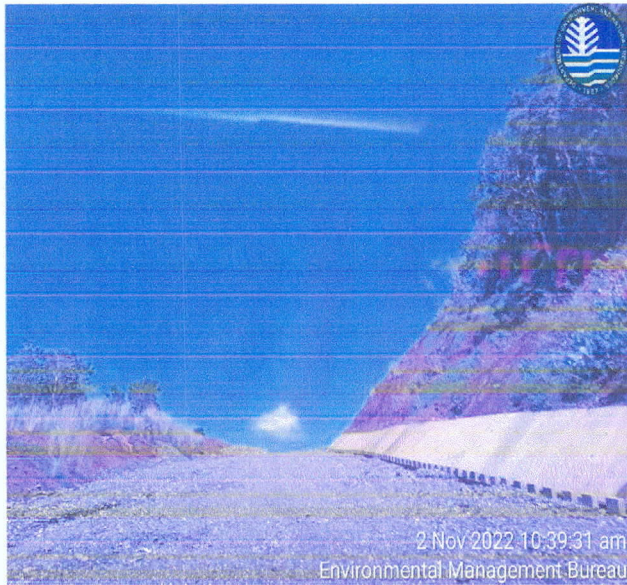


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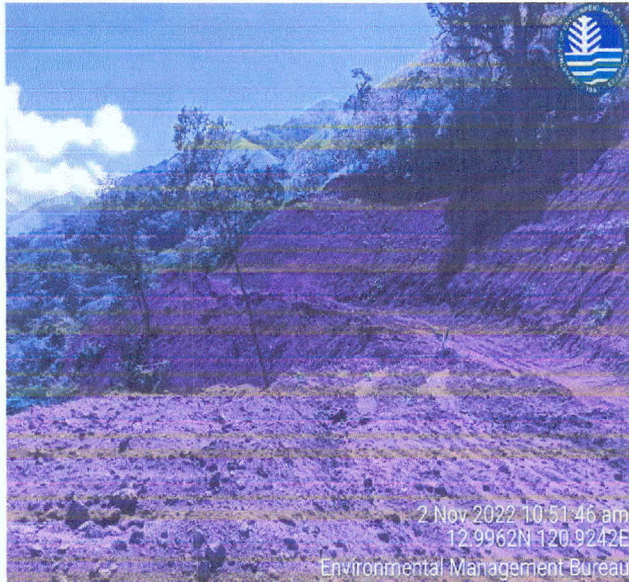




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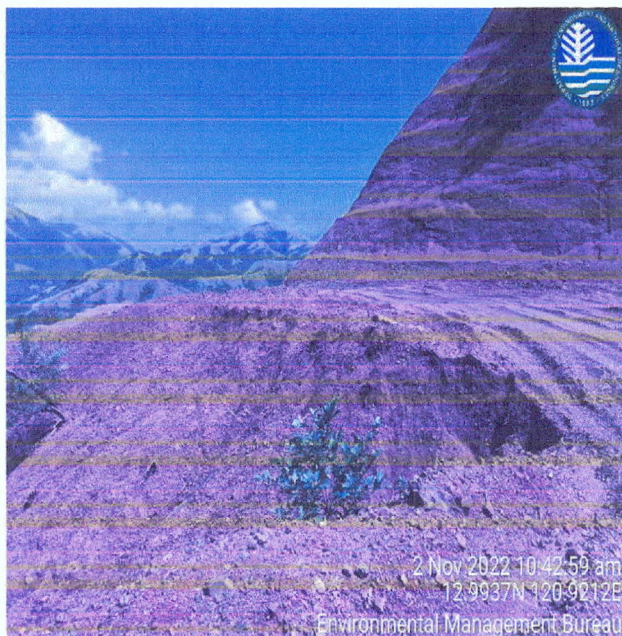


### CRITICAL SLOPE WITHOUT SLOPE PROTECTION





## CRITICAL SLOPE WITHOUT SLOPE PROTECTION





**BOX CULVERT, DRAINAGE CANAL, AND SOME SLOPE PROTECTION  
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