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October 04, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR-MIMAROPA Region
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THRU : The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : LETTER OF INQUIRY FROM CITINICKEL MINES AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CMDC) RE: DISPOSITION OF CUT TIMBERS UNDER SPECIAL TREE CUTTING AND EARTH BALLING PERMIT (STCEP) NO. RII-10-2020

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum of CENRO Quezon dated September 22, 2022 relative the above subject.

Per memorandum, CENRO Quezon forwarded the letter dated September 20, 2022 of Engr. Jainal M. Uy, Jr., Resident Mine Manager, CMDC inquiring on the disposition of cut timbers/logs per STCEP No. RII-10-2020 under the temporary custody of CMDC-TNMP, Barangay Bato-bato, Narra, Palawan. The subject logs had been stockpiled for two (2) years now since the completion of cutting in year 2020 and stockpiled in an open environment causing deterioration and loss of its economic value and durability.

The Department of Education (DepEd) has been identified as priority recipient of such logs for donation. The total volume of the cut logs is around 527.20 cubic meters wherein the donation of it is beyond the authority of CENRO Quezon and it should be from our Secretary as per DAO 2003-18 "Amendment to Section IX of DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-11 Re: Disposition of Forest Products."

In line with this, we would like to seek advice from Regional Office or a Clearance from the Secretary for the disposition of the subject timbers/logs to qualified donees.

For information and further instructions.

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September 22, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER OF INQUIRY FROM CITINICKEL MINES AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CMDC) RE: DISPOSITION OF CUT TIMBERS UNDER SPECIAL TREE CUTTING AND EARTH-BALLING PERMIT (STCEP) NO. RII-10-2020**

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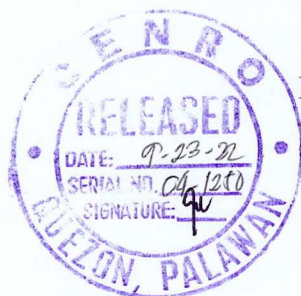
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Forwarded is the letter dated September 20, 2022 of Engr. Jainal M. Uy, Jr., Resident Manager, CMDC inquiring on the disposition of cut timbers per STCEP No. RII-10-2020 and under the temporary custody of CMDC-TNMP located in Brgy. Bato-bato, Narra, Palawan.

Please be informed that the timbers/logs have been stockpiled for two years now since the cutting operation was completed sometime in 2020. The timbers/logs were just stockpiled in an open environment causing the deterioration and loss of its economic value and wood workability.

Per existing policies governing the disposition of timbers derived from approved STCEP of mining operations, the Department of Education (DepEd) has been identified as priority recipient of such logs subject for donation. Considering the volume (around 527.20 cubic meters) which is beyond the authority of the CENRO and the urgency of disposition based on the present status of the stockpiled logs, may we solicit advice from the PENRO for our guidance in the disposition of said logs.

For your information, reference and further instruction.



[Signature]
LEONARD T. CALUYA



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September 20, 2022

FOR. LEONARD T. CALUYA

Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Punta Baja Rd., Quezon, Palawan



Subject: Inquiry on the Disposition of Harvested Timber Under Special Tree Cutting and Earth-balling Permit (STCEP) No. RII-10-2020

Dear CENRO Caluya:

Greetings!

On May 25, 2020, the Citinickel Mines and Development Corporation (CMDC)- Toronto Nickel Mining Project (TNMP) located in Bgy. Bato-bato, Narra, Palawan have been granted a Special Tree Cutting and Earth-Balling Permit (STCEP) No. RII-10-2020. Under this permit, the company was able to cut/harvested a total of 3,820 naturally growing trees of various species having a corresponding gross volume of eight hundred seventeen and 43/100 (817.43) cubic meters or net volume of five hundred seventy-two and 20/100 (572.20) cubic meters after deducting 30% of it for harvesting inefficiencies. The forest charges were paid by the company and the said cut timbers were placed in log deck located in CMDC-TNMP and turned-over to CENRO Quezon as compliance to STCEP Condition No. 14 and 13, respectively. The CMDC was tasked to be the temporary custodian which is being monitored by CENRO Quezon every quarter.

However, during the 2nd Quarter Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) meeting for Citinickel held in Manila on July 15, 2022, it was discussed that the logs under the custody of CMDC-TNMP were slowly deteriorating thus will result to loss of its economic value and wood workability. To comply to the recommendations with the MRFC, we would like to inquire the status of disposition of cut/harvested logs under the custody of CMDC-TNMP. Similarly, we would like to kindly request your good office to schedule the conduct of validation, reclassification and rescaling of the mentioned logs in order to identify its utilization.

Moreover, in coordination with the CENRO Quezon personnel designated to the Quarterly STCEP monitoring, hereunder are some of the suggested mode of utilization of cut timbers:

- a. For donation to the Department of Education (DEPED);
- b. Donate to the Barangay Local Government Unit/s for the purpose of improvement of Daycare Centers and Barangay facilities;
- c. Donate to the institutions and other Government agencies; and
- d. Sell the cut timbers through Bidding for the potential buyers.



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We are hoping for the response of your good office to this matter prior to the conduct of 3rd Quarter 2022 MRFC meeting.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,


ENGR. JAINAL M. UY, JR.
Resident Mine Manager