



October 11, 2022

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS'
PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAY AT
POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON**

Respectfully submitting the investigation report on the construction of causeway at the shoreline of Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon. Said causeway is a project of the Department of Public Works and Highways, contracted by Sunwest Legaspi.

Inspection and validation undertaken revealed that reclamation activities have commenced, as the project shall occupy four thousand square meters (4000sqm) of the salvage and intertidal zone. It is recommended that a Cease and Desist Order may be issued and an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) should be secured as per EMB MC 2014-005. Issued Certificate of Non-Compliance (CNC) -OL-R4B-2022-07-01162, dated July 1, 2022 should be revoked due to misinterpretation.

For your information, records and further instruction.


ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.



INVESTIGATION REPORT

**PROJECT : CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAY, POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON
(STA. 00+000-STA00+155.00)**

**Proponent : Department of Public Works and Highways- Romblon District
Engineering Office**

Location : Brgy. Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon

**Coordinates : 12.620448333°N
122.068415°E**

Investigation Team : IRWIN A. ANZALDO
Chief, Environmental Management Services
Romblon

JAMES M. MENDOZA
OIC, Environmental Enforcement Section

ERIC F. HINDAP
Special Investigator
Regulation and Permitting Section

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Background:

On October 6, 2022, the PENRO received 3 complaints namely a facebook post from concerned citizens of calatrava, compliant of Dr. Ronn Jon F. Fortu claiming the project is illegal since there is no PRA Clearance and no ECC, and Compliant of Hope in the Box (an NGO) calling the attention of the DENR regarding the causeway project and requesting copies of environmental permits, EIA and ECSC issued to the project.

On October 7, 2022, a team composed of the Chief, EMS-Romblon, OIC, Environmental Enforcement James Mendoza and Eric Hindap of Land Sector proceeded to the DPWH to inquire regarding said complaints. The team was met by Engr. Shem Tupaz, Project Engineer of DPWH DEO. She said that the project was issued a Certificate of Non Coverage (CNC). The project is the construction of a causeway with an approximate area of 4,000m² situated at the right side of the pier at shoreline. The team then proceeded to the LGU Calatrava and met with Vice Mayor Dashan Servañez. The vice mayor explained that they passed a resolution requesting the construction of shore protection near the pier but it was not specified in the resolution where the project will be placed. Upon initial development of the project, there were complaints of their constituents that the shoreline where they frequently visit for recreation is being threatened due to the development of the causeway. He added that there is no need for the causeway as shore protection since there is already a shore protection project in the area. In response, the LGU sent a letter to the DPWH dated September 5, 2022 requesting that the project be transferred at the other side of the pier near the cemetery since there is no shore protection at that side and that no one will complain if the project will be transferred at said site. Then the DPWH replied via letter Dated September 15, 2022 that they cannot grant their request for the following reasons:

1. Geo-tagged photos were submitted as one among the requirements prior to the release of funds, thus relocating the project would require approval from the department and would require technical justifications, resulting to extensive delay of the project.
2. Relocation of the project requires revision of the approved plan which will incur more 10% variance from original plan which may brought our designers liable to the penalties prescribed for violation of reasonable office rules and regulations.

In the same letter, the DPWH assured the LGU that their request for a causeway at the left side of the fish port will be included in their next regional budget proposal.

Then the team met Mayor Marieta Fabella-Babera. The mayor explained her stand that she would want very much to transfer the project. Engr. Shem Tupas explained that the management is considering terminating the project if the clamors continue. The Mayor replied that she would rather the project be continued rather than to terminate the project and that the completion of the project would not hinder their additional request for infrastructures for the municipality in the future. She added that when she visited the site, solid waste were abundant in the area and she had her people clean the site on the regular basis. It is better to develop the area than to leave it always littered with debris and garbage. She continued that her constituents tend to complain so much but once the project is finished those complainants will be the first to use the facilities. Engr. Tupas replied that their Office is considering to hold a final public hearing depending on the stand of the Mayor. She will report the stand of the Mayor to to the District Engineer for their further action.

Findings:

1. The Causeway is located at the right side of beside the port of the Municipality of Calatrava
2. It is a project of the DPWH District Engineering Office with Sunwest Legaspi as their contractor
3. The project is surrounded by Calatrava Bay at the North, Calatrava Shoreline at the East, Commercial and Residential Areas of the Poblacion at the South and Calatrava Pier and Fishport at the West
4. The area to be occupied by the project is approximately 4000m²
5. The project is situated at the shoreline beside the port particularly the salvage zone and intertidal zone.
6. Boulders were seen stocked at the intertidal zone along the northern edge of the project
7. Two units backhoe were observed in the site.
8. Steel rods were seen at the site
9. The project was issued CNC –OL-R4B-2022-01162 dated July 1, 2022 for causeway projects without reclamation.
10. Based on the plan, the whole 4,000m² of the project will be filled and concreted and used as parking space for vehicles boarding sea faring vessels at the Calatrava Port.


11. The filling up of materials at the intertidal zone is actually a reclamation activity contrary to the basis of the issuance of their CNC

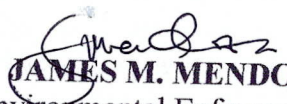
12. As per EMB MC 2014-005, the establishment is required to secure an ECC.

Recommendation:

In view of the above findings, it is recommended that a CEASE AND DESIST ORDER be issued by the EMB Regional Director to the Causeway Project which will be lifted only upon securing an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and CNC –OL-R4B-2022-07-01162 dated July 1, 2022 be revoked due to misrepresentation.

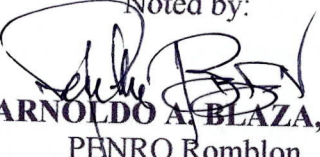

Submitted by:


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Special Investigator
Regulation and Permitting Section


JAMES M. MENDOZA
OIC, Environmental Enforcement Section


IRWIN A. ANZALDO
Chief, Environmental Management Services
Romblon

Noted by:


ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.
PENRO Romblon


Pictures
October 7, 2022

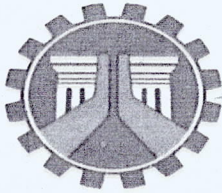


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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
ROMBLON
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE
REGIONAL OFFICE IV-B
Odiongan, Romblon

October 03, 2022

MARIETA F. BABERA, MAEd.

Municipal Mayor

Mam,

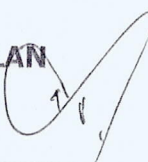
We have been receiving reports and those from the social media that the implementation of the project **22EH0134-CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAY, POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON** is facing a stiff resistance from residents of Poblacion Calatrava.

We know well for the fact that the project with contract amount of Php91, 201,467.88 and awarded to SUNWEST CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION in an earlier consultation was given a green light to proceed with the project.

In this regard, may we take a little of your time to get your personal opinion regarding the current status and the position of the Local Government of Unit of Calatrava on this project.

Best regards.

Very Truly Yours,


ELENA M. CASTILAN
District Engineer 

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED PROCEDURAL MANUAL FOR
DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 30, SERIES OF 2003 OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 1586, THIS

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE
(CNC-OL-R4B-2022-07-01162)

Issued to

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS – ROMBLON DISTRICT ENGINEERING
OFFICE**

On

July 01, 2022

For its

**CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAY, POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON (STA.00+000 -
STA.00+155.00)**

Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon Province, R4B

Classified as

ITEM 3.5.3 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS/OTHER TRANSPORT FACILITIES/SEA PORT, CAUSEWAYS,
AND HARBORS(INCLUDING RO-RO FACILITIES) - WITHOUT RECLAMATION
(Declared Project Size: 0.46 Hectare Based on project area (e.g., title, lease contract))

THE ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL NOT EXEMPT THE GRANTEE FROM COMPLIANCE WITH
APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING THE PERMITTING
REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NEITHER CREATE ANY RIGHT NOR BE USED AS
AN AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT, YOU MAY PROCEED WITH THE
IMPLEMENTATION ONLY AFTER SECURING ALL THE NECESSARY AND RELEVANT PERMITS FROM
OTHER PERTINENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

MOREOVER, ANY EXPANSION AND/OR MODIFICATION OTHER THAN SPECIFIED ABOVE SHALL BE
CONSIDERED AS A VIOLATION OF P.D. 1586 (EIA SYSTEM) AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO IMPOSITION
OF FINES/PENALTIES AMOUNTING TO PHP 50,000.00.


ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUÑADO
Director



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
ROMBLON
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE
REGIONAL OFFICE IV-B
Odiongan, Romblon

September 15, 2022

MARIETA FABELLA-BABERA, MAEd

Municipal Mayor

Municipality of Calatrava

Madam;

This has reference to your letter dated September 5, 2022, requesting this office for the relocation of our project – Construction of Causeway – Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon with Project ID: 22EH0134 located from right side of Calatrava Municipal Fish Port (when facing the sea per original plan) to left side of said port.

Relative to this, we regret to inform you that we cannot grant your request for the above-mentioned subject, for the following reason to wit:

1. Geo-tagged photos were submitted as one among requirements prior to the release of funds. Thus, relocating the project would require approval from the department and would require technical justifications, resulting to extensive delay of project.
2. Relocation of project requires revision of approved plan which will incur more than 10% variance from original plan which may brought our designers liable to the penalties prescribed for violation of reasonable office rules and regulations.

Rest assured, your request for the construction of causeway on the left side of fish port will be included on our next regional budget proposal.

Thank you very much for your unending support in the implementation of our project.

Very truly yours,

ELENA M. CASTILAN

District Engineer /



ask thru
email
LPC

Office of the Municipal Mayor

September 5, 2022

RD GERALD A. PACANAN

Regional Director

Department of Public Works and Highways- MIMAROPA

EDSA, Quezon City

Subject: Request for relocation of project site

Dear **Director Pacanan**,

With due respect, may we request your good office that instead of the planned construction of causeway project along the front beach located at the right side of our fish port be transferred to the left side in due to the following reasons, to wit:

- The location site of the said project is directly in front of the town proper, thereby, it may cause obstruction along the beautiful beach of our town which has been considered as a tourist attraction especially during summer time.
- Our constituents thru Sangguniang Bayan have expressed their sentiments against the location but not to the project per se. (Please refer to the attached Sangguniang Bayan Resolution.)
- Our proposed site on the left side of the fish port would open more space as an expansion of our town, and it may someday be big opportunity to the business sector, tourism and economy.

We thank you for taking time to consider our request, and anxiously await your decision. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our request, you may contact our Municipal Engineer, **Engr. ULYSSES P. ANCHETA** @ cp. no. 09284138255, or our e-mail ad: andagaotour@gmail.com.

Sincerely yours,

MARIETA FABELLA- BABERA, MAEd
Municipal Mayor



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Romblon
MUNICIPALITY OF CALATRAVA
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Office of the Municipal Mayor

September 5, 2022

Engr. DE ELENA M. CASTILAN
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Romblon District Engineering Office
Odiongan, Romblon

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MARIETA FABELLA- BABERA, MAEd
Municipal Mayor

Copy Furnished:

Hon. ELEANDRO "BUDUY" MADRONA
Congressman
Romblon, Romblon



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Romblon
Municipality of Calatrava
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN
Municipal Hall – Calatrava, Romblon

4th SB OF CALATRAVA

HON. DISHAN F. SERVAÑEZ
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

Sangguniang Bayan Members

HON. ELIZER F. FIEDACAN

Chairman:
a. Education Science and
Technology
b. Health and Public Sanitation
AOR – Barangay Poblacion

HON. RONALD JAY P. FABELLA

Chairman:
a. Tourism
b. Infrastructure, Public Works
and Special Projects
AOR – Barangay Poblacion

HON. MERLITO M. SIXON

Chairman:
a. Housing and Land Utilization
b. Power, Water, and
Communication Utilities
AOR – Barangay Balogo

HON. ELMER N. FORTU

Chairman:
a. Food, Fishery and Agriculture
b. Environmental Protection and
Ecology
AOR – Barangay Pagungahan

HON. RAMON F. MAGBATA JR.

Chairman:
a. Finance, Budget & Appropriation
b. Rules, Laws & Privileges
AOR – Barangay Unao

HON. ROGER M. SIXON

Chairman:
a. Transportation and Traffic
b. Games and Amusement
AOR – Barangay San Roque

HON. ROBERTO M. FESALBON

Chairman:
a. Peace & Order & Human Rights
b. Women and Family Welfare,
Gender & Development
AOR – Barangay Pangulo

HON. DILBERT S. MOTIN

Chairman:
a. Local Economic Enterprise
b. Ways and Means
AOR – Barangay Talisay

HON. RAMON REANDELAR

IPMR/SB MEMBER

Chairman:
a. People Empowerment &
Governance, & Cooperatives
b. Heritage, Culture & Arts

HON. DANICA JOY F. BORRAMEO

SKMFP/EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Chairman:
a. Youth & Sports Development

HON. DOMINADOR N. OGATIA

LnB PRES./EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Chairman:
a. Barangay Affairs
b. Trade & Industry & Employment
Livelihood

Office of the Secretary

MR. JOSEPH M. FEDELICIO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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Legislative Staff, Messenger

MR. MARLOWE F. AGNO
Legislative Staff

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Seventh Regular Session of the 14th Sangguniang Bayan of Calatrava, Romblon held at the Municipal Session Hall on August 22, 2022.

Present:

Hon. Dishan Servañez
Hon. Elizer Fiedacan
Hon. Merlito Sixon
Hon. Ramon Magbata, Jr.
Hon. Roger Sixon
Hon. Roberto Fesalbon
Hon. Dilbert Motin
Hon. Ramon Reandelar
Hon. Danica Joy Borromeo

Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
SB Member

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IPMR/SB Member

SKMF President/Ex-Officio Member

Absent:

Hon. Ronald Jay Fabella
Hon. Elmer Fortu
Hon. Dominador Ogatia

SB Member

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LnB President/Ex-Officio Member/OB

SB RESOLUTION NO. 18 S. 2022

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) MIMAROPA REGIONAL AND ROMBLON DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE TO RELOCATE THE PROJECT "CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAY – POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON (22EH0134) FROM RIGHT SIDE OF CALATRAVA MUNICIPAL FISH PORT (WHEN FACING THE SEA PER ORIGINAL PLAN) TO LEFT SIDE OF SAID PORT AT POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON.

Author: Committee on Housing and Land Utilization

Chairman: Hon. Merlito M. Sixon

Vice Chairman: Hon. Ramon F. Reandelar

Member: Hon. Dominador N. Ogatia

WHEREAS, per plans discussed by the DPWH construction section, the plan is to construct a causeway 40 meters from existing seawall to the sea and 100 meters in length from the existing fish port or 4,000 sq. meters and that the benefit is for a wide area of shoreline vacant space and the waves that might hit the properties beside the seashore will be protected from storm surges;

WHEREAS, the Municipal and Barangay Officials are of the unanimous decision to spare the good beach fronting Barangay Poblacion from additional concrete structure because the existing seawall is just nearly constructed and the design is sufficient to resist big waves, and that this beach is the main swimming and recreation area of majority of the populace;

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) MIMAROPA REGIONAL AND ROMBLON DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE TO RELOCATE THE PROJECT "CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAY - POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON (22EH0134) FROM RIGHT SIDE OF CALATRAVA MUNICIPAL FISH PORT (WHEN FACING THE SEA PER ORIGINAL PLAN) TO LEFT SIDE OF SAID PORT AT POBLACION, CALATRAVA, ROMBLON.

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WHEREAS, the townspeople also clamor to have the said project not constructed in the area identified in the plan as it will greatly affect the town proper's beach front which is considered to be a blessing by many and being envied by the other communities;


NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Merlito Sixon duly seconded by Hon. Ramon Reandelar, the 14th Sangguniang Bayan of Calatrava has –

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to request the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) MIMAROPA Regional and Romblon District Engineering Office to relocate the project "Construction of causeway – Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon (22EH0134) from right side of Calatrava Municipal Fish Port (when facing the sea per original plan) to left side of said port at Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon.

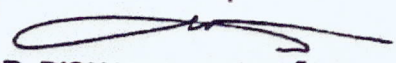
RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) MIMAROPA Regional and Romblon District Engineering Office and the Municipal Mayor for their information and favorable action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: August 22, 2022.

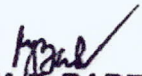
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


JOSEPH M. FEDELICIO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED BY:


ENGR. DISHAN F. SERVAÑEZ
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

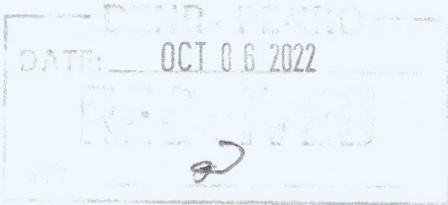
APPROVED BY:


MARIETA F. BABERA, MAEd.
Municipal Mayor

October 6, 2022

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Barangay Tabin-dagat
Municipality of Odiongan
Province of Romblon

Attention: **Arnoldo A Blaza Jr.**
Officer in Charge



Re: 22EH0134 - Construction of Causeway, Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon

Dear Mr. Blaza:

I am writing in reference to the ongoing above-named project in the Municipality of Calatrava Romblon (the “Project”).

Pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (“IRR”) of Executive No. (“EO”) 74, S. 2019 and EO No. 146 S. 2013, Transferring the Philippine Reclamation Authority (“PRA”) to the Office of the President, Delegating to the PRA Governing Board the Power of the President to Approve Reclamation Projects, and for Other Purposes, to wit:

4.2 Mandatory Requirements

Mandatory Requirements	Case 1 Less than five (5) hectares	Case 2 Five (5) hectares or more
	(<5 ha)	(≥5 ha)
1. Feasibility Studies* and final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or equivalent studies		✓
2. Project Description and Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) checklist	✓	
3. Area Clearance and ECC	✓	✓
4. Hydrodynamic Modeling		✓
5. Detailed Engineering Design**	✓	✓

*For roads, expressways, bridges, ports, airports, power plants and other similar projects requiring adjacent areas to be reclaimed (reclamation component), if the relevant EIS of such projects already cover the reclamation aspect, such EIS shall be submitted to PRA for review and validation together with the requirements of a Reclamation Project Description.

**Detailed Engineering Design shall include, among others, the following:

- 4.2.1 Detailed engineering design, reclamation plans including reclamation methodology and specifications to include the following:
 - a. Geotechnical investigation
 - b. Engineering Geological and Geohazard Assessment Report (EGGAR) and
 - c. Climate change adaptation strategy.

- 4.2.2 Hydrographic, topographic and bathymetric plans / maps of the reclamation site and immediate vicinity as well as of the marine borrow pit areas, as the case maybe.

In this regard, we would like to inquire about Mandatory Requirement No. 3 which is the Area Clearance and Environmental Compliance Certificate ("ECC"). Kindly confirm if this Project was given the said requirements by your office, among others. Please note that this Project has already started but the greater population of "Calatravanhons" were not consulted prior to its commencement; resulting to the public clamour to stop or to relocate it to the western portion of the existing Calatrava Municipal Fish Port.

Section 5.4 of the IRR states that

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"No reclamation projects/components shall be approved by the PRA without the required Area Clearance and ECC to be issued by the DENR. Reclamation projects/components undertaken without the required ECC, Area Clearance and the approval of PRA Governing Board or the President of the Philippines shall be considered illegal and shall be forfeited in favor of the State without need of judicial action pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 3A."

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It is clear that without the said requirements, the Project would be deemed "illegal". In relation to this, we would like to request your assistance on reviewing the legality of the said Project.

We hope for a favourable and speedy action on this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronn Jon F. Fortu
Concerned citizen of the Municipality of Calatrava

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VISION

No Romblomanon kid should be left behind and continue education amidst pandemic

MISSION

To provide a response to the growing educational needs of children in every community this pandemic.

To reduce the anxiety of kids in this pandemic by providing them with learning materials that will give some structure to their daily lives.

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Mike John Rubio

Team Odiongan
Dhaline Yasul

Team San Andres
Arlyn Joy G. Bolon

Team Calatrava
Savahna Guilene F. Merano

Team San Agustin
Martin Daniel Magay

Team Romblon,
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Heather Lee Martos

Team Santa Fe
Raymonelle Mayor

Team Sta. Maria
Ruel M. Visca
(Founder)

October 6, 2022

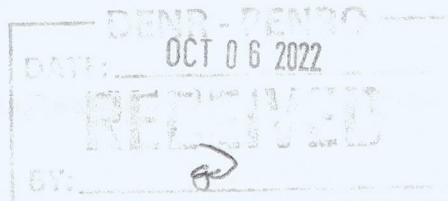
ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office

Tabindagat, Odiongan, Romblon

Sir:



Greetings of peace and prosperity!

The **Hope In A Box** is a non-profit and non-governmental organization of youths which aims to spread hope, educate children and protect the environment.

We are writing this letter to call your attention regarding the ongoing **22EH0134-Construction of Causeway, Poblacion** at the beachfront of **Poblacion, Calatrava, Romblon** which started last July 25, 2022. The said project was implemented by DPWH Romblon-DEO.

The Article 2, Section 15 and 16 of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that *"The right of each person to clean and healthful air and water, and to the protection of the other natural resources of the nation, shall not be infringed upon by any person."*

In relation thereto, on behalf of other concerned citizens of Calatrava, we would like to **inquire and request for a copy** (should you deem possible) if they have complied with all the **necessary environmental permits** including but not limited to: Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Compliance Certificate, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program and Environmental Management Plan relating to the construction.

We would be grateful if you can send your response via gmail at savannaguilenemerano@gmail.com or 09486897232.

Thank you so much and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully yours,


SAVAHNA GUILENE MERANO

Team Leader, HIAB Calatrava Chapter



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MIMAROPA Region

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Addressee: --

Attachment(s): Document; upload/20221006_064504_leianegracemgan

Urgent: No; received by Lei-Ane

Date Received: 06-Oct-2022

ROUTING AND ACTION INFORMATION

FROM	DATE RECEIVED	FOR/TO	DATE RELEASED	ACCEPTANCE REMARKS/ACTION REQUIRED/TAKEN REMARKS/STATUS
OP	2022-10-06	OFFICE-PENRO (OP)	2022-10-06	Date: 2022-10-06 Status: IN From: leianegracemgan Message: Forwarded to PENRO for his info. and instructions. TY
				<p><u>TSD,</u> <u>PRIORITY</u></p> <p>Attn: ENR/MGR/MRS</p> <p>Create Team: to conduct investigation</p> <p>— coordinate to the LGU/DPWH, (contractors) Brgy. official and to the concerned people of Calatrava.</p> <p>— submit SW Report w/Recommendations (w/ in 5 day)</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 06.10.2022</p>



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RAISING AWARENESS!!

This photo I took is a resonance of how phenomenal my childhood for being able to experience such life of a children. I was grinning ear to ear during the process of capturing as I said "keep playing and wandering my dear children" owing the fact that the purpose of being a child is to innocently explore and find themselves before turning into adulthood through adventures and when you get to have fun and do things that almost everyone in the world enjoys doing.

However, the ongoing construction of Causeway road in Poblacion bay walk is genuinely dispiriting my inner child and witnessing the structure evolve is killing me. No words can express how truly devastated I am.

SO PLEASE, HEAR ME OUT!! 🙏

Stop the excavation of Poblacion bay walk!

Stop killing each and every story of a children from their childhood!

Save our shore!

As a youth, PLEASE! I'm not against the development but atleast relocate the project. Calatrava beach front we have now should be left untouched. Don't use development as an excuse to take away the natural heritage from our future generation!

The Causeway road project in Poblacion bay walk will steal the opportunity to connect with our natural heritage from our future generation! Wake up people of Calatrava! 🌺

#SaveOurShore

#ProtectCalatravaShoreline

#SaveCalatravaBeachFront

