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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
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Ermita, Manila

THRU : The OIC, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **NEDA MIMAROPA REGION LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 07, 2022 RE: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORON-CULION INTER-ISLAND BRIDGE PROJECT**

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum from CENRO Coron, Palawan dated October 05, 2022 relative the above subject.

Per memorandum, CENRO Coron served the Cease-and-Desist letter dated November 18, 2021 to the Contractor and to Regional Director Gerald A. Pacnan, Department of Public Works and Highways signed by former Coron CENR Officer Alnoldo A. Blaza, Jr.

For information and further instructions.


FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

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Ermita, Manila

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

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : **NEDA MIMAROPA REGION LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 7,
2022 RE: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORON-CULION INTER-
ISLAND BRIDGE PROJECT**

DATE : 05 OCTOBER 2022

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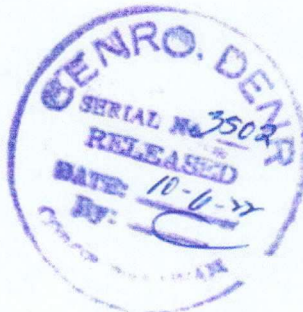
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This is in reference with the request of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for the e-copy of issued Notice of Violation on clearing and cutting naturally grown trees without an approved tree cutting permit relative to Section 77 of PD 705 of the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines as amended, Cease and Desist Order issued by the CENR Office to DPWH MIMAROPA and the contractor and other pertinent documents lodge through 8888 Regional Office.

Please be informed that this Office served Cease and Desist letter dated November 18, 2021 to the Regional Director Gerald A. Pacnan, Department of Public Works and Highways signed by the former Coron CENR Officer Arnoldo A. Blaza, Jr.

Herewith is a copy of the said Cease and Desist letter.

For information and record.



RODNEY G. VERIAN, MPA

[Signature]

November 18, 2021

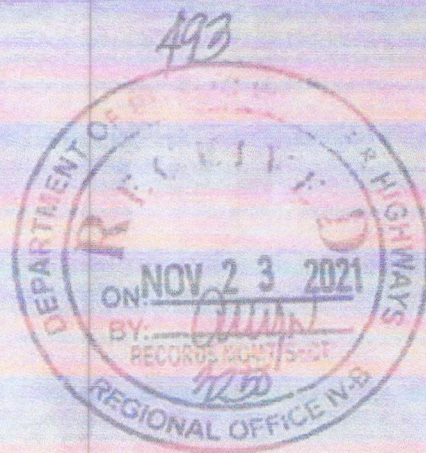
RD GERALD A. PACANAN

Regional Director

Department of Public Works and Highways

EDSA, Quezon City

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Attn: **The Managing Head**
NEWINGTON BUILDERS

Dear RD Pacanan:

This pertains to complaint letter filed by the ELAC Director, Atty. Grizelda Mayo-Anda through electronic mail addressed to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer of Palawan dated November 11, 2021 regarding the alleged road widening project as component of the proposed Coron-Culion Bridge at Sitio Lelebquen, Brgy. Bintuan, Coron, Palawan

Please be informed that personnel of this office conducted an investigation last November 16, 2021, result of their investigation showed that the Newington Builders currently operating for the 6 kilometers length-12 meters wide road widening project of DPWH MIMAROPA at Brgy. Bintuan, Coron, Palawan. The said contractor are continuous doing clearing operations on the affected trees without an approved Tree-Cutting Permit from this office is a statutory crime punishable under Section 68, PD 705, as amended by Executive Order 277 Series of 1987, otherwise known as the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines" states that "Prohibits and Punishes anyone who shall cut, gather, collect or remove timber or other forest products without authority, from any forest land, from any alienable or disposable public lands, or private land". The road widening project also is a part of the Coron-Culion Bridge Project that doesn't have an approved Environmental Compliance Certificate and still not conducting Environmental Impact Assessment Study which in violation under Section 4 of PD 1586 states that "No person, partnership or corporation shall undertake or operate any such declared environmental critical project or area without first securing an Environmental Compliance Certificate"

In this regard, this office is hereby advising you and your project contractor to immediately cease and desist for any activities in connection to road widening project as component of the Coron-Culion Bridge until such legal clearances such as ECC, Tree Cutting and other clearances from concerned agencies is secured.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

ARNOLDO A. ELAZA JR.

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