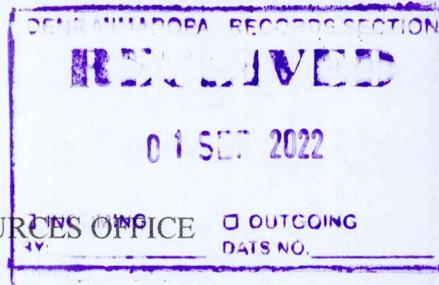




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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE



August 30, 2022

**MRS. SUSAN ROSENIE ALMERO**

Brgy. Payompon,  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

Dear Mrs. Almero,

This is in relation to your response letter dated August 17, 2022, to our letter dated August 2, 2022, requesting you to temporarily cease all your operations from your private plantation.

As per our records, you were granted cutting permits by then Regional Director Oscar C. Dominguez with **allowable volume of 432.32 and 374.03 from your registered tree plantations, on February 10, 2015, and June 23, 2015 respectively.**

Both tree cutting permits were issued in the year 2015 and they were issued as per memorandum dated February 5, 2013, of Undersecretary/Chief of staff Atty. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, that stated that the cutting of planted trees within private lands shall be allowed subject to clearance to be issued by the concerned Regional Executive Director.

Based on our records, since 2015, the officer was able to grant you numerous transport permits for your harvested logs from your private tree plantations. However, it was silent as to the remaining volume of trees still allowed to be harvest within your plantation, as compared to the allowable volume specifically stated in your two cutting permits.

With this, we temporarily ceased you from cutting, harvesting, and transporting gmelina trees from your registered plantations to conduct proper inventory inside your plantation to resolve the said issue. This is not in any way made to oppress and cause unnecessary delay in your business operation.





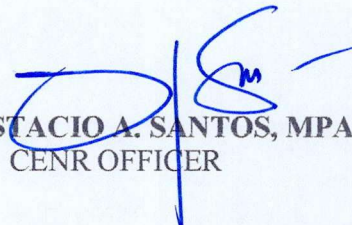
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This is only to make sure that the clearances issued by the DENR were not used beyond the allowable purpose they are specifically meant to.

Thank you for your understanding.

Very truly yours,

  
FOR. ANASTACIO A. SANTOS, MPA  
CENR OFFICER

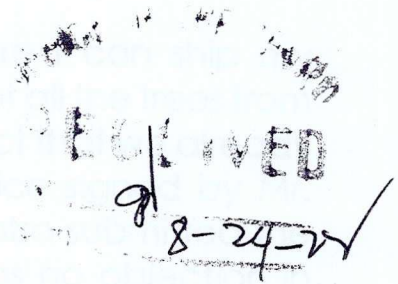
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August 17, 2022

**FORESTER ANASTACIO A. SANTOS, MPA**

CENRO Office – Sablayan  
DENR, Barangay Sto. Nino  
Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro



In re: **Letter dated 2 August 2022 requesting the undersigned to ceased all operations from our private plantation.**

**SIR:**

Magandang araw po!

This is to inform your good office that I have received your letter dated 2 August 2022 last August 16, requesting me to stop cutting, harvesting gmelina trees under our CTPO # DENR-PENRO-2015-003 located at Sitio Sahing, Barangay Alacaac, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro and CTPO # DENR-PENRO-MBO-# 24 and #25 located at Sitio Oyas, Barangay Talabaan, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro for the reason of the need to conduct re-inventory of our trees **again** inside the aforesaid properties.

This is also to inform your office that last 9 March 2022, I have already requested an inspection and inventory of our gmelina and mahogany plantation to avoid unnecessary delays of our shipment which will cause **unrecoverable business losses**. In the said request, I have caused the attachment of all the cutting permits issued to me by the Regional Office (DENR), copies of the land titles comprising of 107.91 hectares of our Tree Farm, Secretary's Certificate, Board of Director's Resolution with respect to the cutting and harvesting our planted



trees, Barangay Chairman's Certification and other pertinent documents, to that effect.

In the aforesaid letter, you mentioned that before I can ship my produced, you need to make a re-inventory **again** of all the trees from the aforementioned farm plantation even for the fact that we already have our clearance to cut from the Regional Office signed by Mr. Oscar C. Dominguez way back of 2015. We have also submitted the Barangay Certificate stating that the barangay has no objection in the cutting our planted trees inside our private properties dated 9 March 2022. We have been cordial and accommodating to your incessant requests though some we consider are a little bit oppressive and unnecessary.

Last April 6, 2022, Forest Rangers Randy Paguio, Ronald Tendido and Rodrigo V. Castillo, **conducted again** an inventory of our 100 hectares tree plantation. They made an inventory of 750 trees and told me that before I consumed the volume, they will make again another inventory as our trees are too numerous and cannot be finished for a month. I was able to secure a copy of the said inventory and it turn out that a partial inventory yielded 144.14 cubic meter or 61,115.36 board feet of lumber in Sahing Alacaac. We would like to inform your office that at this juncture, we were only been able to consumed only half of the aforesaid volume. Your office can verify with Ms. April Amores with regards to how many volumes I have shipped already.

Last March, I even personally went to your office and informed you that in Sahing, Alacaac, our office planted 50,000 gmelina trees last April of 2017. We have added 50,000 more of gmelina trees varieties on 2018 and another 50,000 gmelina trees for 2019 to all the vacant spaces. Last 2018, we have planted additional 30,000 gmelina seedlings for the 80 hectares land situated at Talabaan, Sitio Balisong and Sitio Olango, all in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro. Your respective foresters and forest rangers can attest to my plantation as they are the one doing the said inventory and inspection of our tree farm. I even personally invited you to visit the said farm plantations so

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you can see personally the trees we have planted and those that have stood there for so many years already, ripe for cutting.

As head of the office and as a forester, I am sure that you are well aware that once we cut a gmelina tree, 3 or more shoots will grow, and we have to make the selection of what to be cut in order to let others grow. This is one of the reasons why there is a need to harvest and cut as our trees keep on growing. The 80 hectare land in Talabaan was planted with gmelina and mahogany way back of 1998, and Mr. Paul Ao-Wat, one of the DENR personnel serves as our Forester. The first harvest we made was year of 2004, and from since then, we are just selecting and switching areas around our plantation areas in Fatima, Talabaan, Sahing, Kurtingan making selective cutting and harvesting. As I have seen the process in taking care of the trees, we decided to make expansion of our gmelina trees farm plantation.

Last June when we were able to secure my shipment certificate, you informed me that you will send **again** rangers and foresters to check again and make additional inventory of my area in Sahing. I have been patiently waiting since June 15 and even up to now, but up to this time, nobody from your office have visited my area, the reason I do not know. I sent a shipment request from your office last July 27 and which then you replied with your aforementioned letter dated August 16 prompting me to cease operations. Sir, considering the fact that I have still a balance from the volumes that was inventoried last April, may I know the reason why you cannot give me shipment certificate? May I request for a full inventory of our tree farm plantation while I am making a selective logging to augment the expenses and mitigate losses we have incurred in planting our gmelina trees? I am also reiterating my letter request for the shipment of my gmelina trees.

Sir, we have already spent a sizeable amount for the seedlings, preparation of the soil, staking, clearing, planting, fertilization, ring weeding, pruning, constructing firebreaks, counting of standing trees,





and other maintenance works. We have invested not only monetary but our time and hearts in this endeavor and any further delays will cause irreversible financial losses not only to our company but to our employees who are entirely dependent on this venture. I'm afraid we cannot continue if we incur any more delays and accommodate any inventories. I have also verified your DAO 2020-18 which you cited in your letter, I believe that there is no legal basis for any inventory and re inventory that can be deduced from the said order. I fear that if all else fails with this matter, we will be oblige and force to seek redress elsewhere.

Thank you very much and hoping for your understanding and kind consideration on this matter.

Yours,

  
**SUSAN ROSENIE S. ALMERO**

Copy furnished:

**Secretary Antonia Yulo Loyzaga**

DENR, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

**Attn: Atty. Ernesto D. Adobo Jr., CESO I**

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MEMORANDUM

TO : The PENRO  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

FROM : The OIC, Regional Director

SUBJECT : REQUEST OF MR. PAUL H. TANCHI REPRESENTED BY MRS. SUSAN ROSENIE ALMERO FOR CLEARANCE TO CUT PLANTED TREES WITHIN A PRIVATE LAND LOCATED AT BRGY. ALAKAAK, STA. CRUZ, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.

DATE : 23 JUN 2015

With reference to your Memorandum dated 16 April 2015 relative to the request for clearance to cut planted trees, a review/evaluation of the documents submitted in support thereof disclosed the following:

1. The private lands are covered with Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-26475, 26476, 26477, 26478, 26479, FP-16413, FP-16414, FP-16426, FP-16427, FP-16428, FP-16429, FP-16430, FP-16431, FP-16432, FP-16433, FP-16434, FP-16435, FP-16436, P-10687, in the name of Basic Housing Solutions Inc. represented by Mr. Paul H. Tanchi, Carolyn H. Tanchi, and Arlyn Lanto et al. respectively located in Brgy. Alakaak, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro covering a total land area of 99.4962 hectares;
2. Per Special Power of Attorney dated April 23, 2008 and April 24, 2008, the land owner in the name of Carolyn H. Tanchi et al. authorized/appointed Mr. Paul H. Tanchi to negotiate, sell and assign and enter into any other agreements regarding the subject properties and to perform such other functions relative thereto;
3. Per another Special Power of Attorney dated February 10, 2015, Mr. Paul H. Tanchi authorized/appointed Mrs. Susan Rosenie Almero regarding his application for clearance to cut planted trees from his Private Tree Plantation covering twenty (20) Transfer Certificate of Titles;
4. A Certificate of Tree Plantation Ownership dated April 6, 2015 was issued to Mr. Paul H. Tanchi by PENRO Conrado A. Espejo Jr., of Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro located at Brgy. Alakaak, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro;
5. A Certification dated May 06, 2015 was issued to Mr. Paul H. Tanchi by Ms. Ethel E. Corpin, Asst. Corporate Secretary of Basic Housing Solutions Inc., regarding the clearance to cut/harvest planted Gmelina trees within the subject private plantation;
6. A Certification dated April 08, 2015 was issued to Mr. Paul H. Tanchi represented by Susan Rosenie Almero by Brgy. Captain Melbe B. Torriana of Brgy. Alakaak, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro certifying that Mr. Tanchi is the legal owner of 20 titled private properties located at Brgy. Alakaak, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro;
7. Per inventory, a total of 1,652 planted Gmelina trees with a total volume of 374.03 cubic meters shall be cut/harvested/utilized from the private land;
8. Geotagging of the trees to be cut was conducted within the private land; and
9. The herein request was favorably endorsed by the PENRO/CENRO concerned.

Per memorandum dated February 5, 2013 of USEC/Chief of Staff Atty. Analiza Rebutista-Teh, the cutting of planted trees within private lands shall be allowed subject to clearance to be issued by the concerned Regional Executive Director.

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In this connection and inasmuch as the 1,652 Gmelina trees to be cut were planted within a private land, **CLEARANCE** is hereby granted in order that appropriate permit may be issued in favor of **PAUL H. TANCHI REPRESENTED BY MRS. SUSAN ROSENIE ALMERO**, subject to existing forest laws, rules and regulations and other applicable policies on the matter.

Submit report upon completion of cutting operations.

For information and guidance.

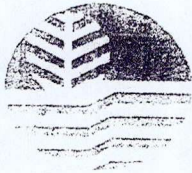
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MEMORANDUM

TO : The PENRO  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

ATTN : The CENRO  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

FROM : The OIC, Regional Director

SUBJECT : **REQUEST OF MS. SUSAN ROSENIE ALMERO FOR  
CLEARANCE TO CUT PLANTED TREES WITHIN A PRIVATE  
LAND LOCATED AT BRGY. TALABAAN, MAMBURAO,  
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.**

DATE : February 10, 2015

This refers to the above subject.

Evaluation of the documents disclosed the following:

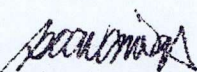
1. The private land is covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. P-13905, P-13974 in the name of Spouses Glicerio M. Almero Jr. and Susan Rosenie S. Almero located at Brgy. Talabaan, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro covering an area of 8.3445 hectares.
  2. A Certificate of Tree Plantation Ownership dated September 22, 20004 was issued to Ms. Susan Rosenie Almero by then CENRO Conrado A. Espejo, Jr. of Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro;
  3. A Certification dated December 17, 2014 was issued to Mrs. Susan Rosenie S. Almero by Barangay Captain Lolito G. Tapales of Brgy. Talabaan, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro regarding the cutting of planted trees within the private land;
  4. Per inventory a total of 2,481 planted trees with a total volume of 432.32 cubic meters shall be cut/utilized from the private land; to wit:
- | SPECIES  | NO. OF TREES | VOLUME (CU.M.) |
|----------|--------------|----------------|
| Mahogany | 237          | 30.81          |
| Gmelina  | 2,244        | 401.51         |
| Total    | 2,481        | 432.32         |
5. Geotagging of the trees to be cut was conducted within the private land; and
  6. The herein request was favorably endorsed by the PENRO/CENRO concerned.

Per memorandum dated February 5, 2013 of USEC/Chief of Staff Atty. Analiza Rebuella-Teh, the cutting of planted trees within private lands shall be allowed subject to clearance to be issued by the concerned Regional Executive Director.

In this connection, and inasmuch as the 2,481 trees to be cut were planted within a private land, **CLEARANCE** is hereby granted in favor of **Mrs. Susan Rosenie S. Almero**, subject to existing forest laws, rules and regulations and other applicable policies on the matter.

Submit report upon completion of cutting operations.

For information and guidance.

  
OSCAR C. DOMINGUEZ