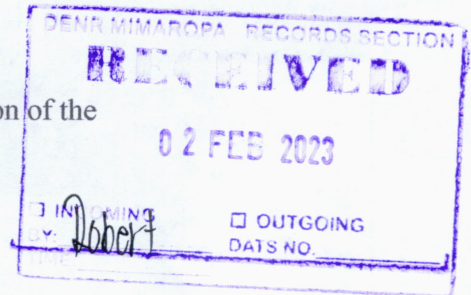




January 16, 2023

HONORABLE EDUARDO B. GADIANO

Chairperson, Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) on the Restoration of the
Occidental Mindoro Rivers and its Tributaries and
Provincial Governor, Province of Occidental Mindoro



Through: The IAC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Reply to IAC Second Notice to All Proponents

Dear Governor Gadiano,

Greetings

Happy New Year! Wishing you good health and more power.

On December 29, 2022, we received by mail copy of IAC Second Notice to all proponents dated December 15, 2022 with your attached results of the review of the status of documentation as of December 6, 2022 as conducted by the IAC. It is noted that the said notice request for timelines to submit requirements.

Attached herewith as **Annex "A"** IAC Resolution No. 9-2021 dated July 15, 2021 which stated and resolved the following:

Be it resolved, as this Body hereby resolves in its meeting duly assembled on July 15, 2021 "to exclude Lumintao River from the list of rivers for the dredging activities in the Province of Occidental Mindoro to be evaluated by the IAC in view of the DPWH Dredging Clearance and approved Dredging Plan issued to Bluemax Tradelink Inc. in 2018 or prior to the issuance of DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-12. Also, Bluemax Tradelink Inc. has already been undertaking desilting activities in Lumintao River, Rizal, Occidental Mindoro and has a Memorandum of Agreement with the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro prior to the issuance of the above Administrative Order. Therefore, Bluemax Tradelink Inc. may commence with the implementation of large scale dredging operation in Lumintao River, subject to the issuance of an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) by the EMB."

The said Resolution stated that Lumintao River has been excluded from the list of rivers to undergo evaluation by the IAC which is applicable only for new applicants, the IAC concluded that Bluemax may commence with the implementation of large scale dredging operation subject to the issuance of ECC.

On May 26, 2022, attached as **Annex "B"**, we have furnished your good office copy of large scale ECC of Bluemax for Dredging / Desilting issued on May 24, 2022 by EMB pursuant to DAO 2020-12 and in compliance with the condition of the said resolution.

On the offshore issue raised by Bluemax, is a general concern of all proponents, letter has been sent to your office received on Oct 13, 2022, attached as **Annex "C"**, which IAC has discussed / resolved in a meeting on August 15, 2022 is in consistent with Section 2 of DAO 2020-12 resolved by IAC Resolution 17-2022 being circulated to the IAC members for signature.

Having complied the above, we humbly seek your support and guidance as we coordinate our implementation of large scale dredging operation.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

CLARK S. ZAPATA
CEO/President

Cc: **RED LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**, DENR Region IV-B, Ermita Manila
RD GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE, MGB Region IV-B, Ermita Manila
RD JOE AMIL M. SALINO, EMB Region IV-B, Ermita Manila
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Province of Occidental Mindoro
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ANNEX A

RESOLUTION NO. 09
Series of 2021


WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-12 with the subject of Rationalizing Dredging Activities in Heavily-Silted River Channels within the Province of Occidental Mindoro pursuant to the DENR-DPWH-DILG-DOTC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 Series of 2019;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (c) Title VII of the above-mentioned Administrative Order states that *"The inter-agency committee shall have the following powers and functions: b. Shall propose policies and programs to rationalize the dredging operations."*


WHEREAS, to provide immediate and adequate assistance to our countrymen affected by floods due to the heavily-silted river systems in the Province of Occidental Mindoro, it becomes imperative for this Body to issue resolutions that will create an operating structure for dredging operations in said province;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of MGB Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble, duly seconded by other members present, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as this Body hereby resolves in its meeting duly assembled on July 15, 2021, *"to exclude Lumintao River from the list of rivers for the dredging activities in the Province of Occidental Mindoro to be evaluated by the IAC in view of the DPWH Dredging Clearance and approved dredging plan issued to Bluemax Tradelink, Inc. in 2018 or prior to the issuance of DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-12. Also, Bluemax Tradelink Inc. has already been undertaking desilting activities in Lumintao River, Rizal, Occidental Mindoro and has a Memorandum of Agreement with the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro prior to the issuance of the above Administrative Order. Therefore, Bluemax Tradelink, Inc. may commence with the implementation of a large scale dredging operation in Lumintao River, subject to the issuance of an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) by the EMB Central Office."*

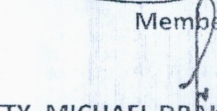
APPROVED AND SIGNED this 15th day of July 2021 at the Rockwell Aruga Serviced Apartments, Waterfront, Makati City.

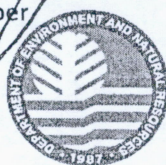

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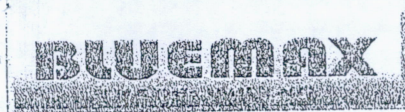

MA. LOURDES G. FERRER
Vice-Chairperson


ENGR. ARTHUR D. PASCUAL JR.
Member


ENGR. GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Member


ATTY. MICHAEL DRAKE P. MATIAS
Member





ANNEX **B**

May 26, 2022

HON. EDUARDO B. GADIANO

Chairperson, Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) and
Provincial Governor, Province of Occidental Mindoro
Provincial Capitol Building, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

Attention: The Secretariat
Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) on the Restoration of
The Occidental Mindoro Rivers and Tributaries

Dear Governor Gadiano,

We are pleased to inform the IAC that Bluemax Tradelink Inc., (BTI) has been granted Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for large scale dredging project in Lumintao River, Occidental Mindoro pursuant to DAO 2020-12. Attached are updated and BTI certified copies of:

1. ECC for Dredging and Desilting Project as final requirement to commence large scale dredging operation pursuant to IAC Resolution No. 09 Series of 2021.
2. Dredging Clearance issued in February 2018 by the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways
3. Certificate of Accreditation as an accredited trader and retailer of sand and gravel and other loose or unconsolidated materials first issuance on 2018 being renewed every 2 years.
4. Mineral Processing Permit issued on 2017 renewable every 5 years by Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Mimaropa Region.
5. ECC for Mineral Processing Plant

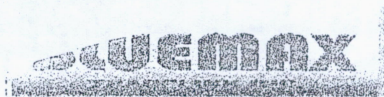
We are formally coordinating with your good office our preparation for large scale dredging operation.

Thank you for your kind support.

Sincerely yours,

CLARO S. ZAPATA
CEO/President

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HONOURABLE EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Chairperson, Inter-Agency Committee and
Provincial Governor, Province of Occidental Mindoro
Provincial Capitol Building, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

Attention: The Secretariat
Inter-Agency Committee on the Restoration
Of the Occidental Mindoro Rivers and its Tributaries

Dear Governor Gadiano,

Thank you for your endorsement letter sent to Environmental Management Bureau (EMB Region III) dated December 21, 2021 for our application and issuance of Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the large scale dredging project in the heavily-silted river of Lumintao, including the areas starting from coastline and deltas to upstream has been declared as river dredging zone pursuant to DAO 2020-12.

The ECC has been issued to Bluemax last May 2022 covering the DPWH approved dredging plan, to include / extend the ECC to the river delta and offshore to remove sand bars, deepen the offshore, and for navigational channeling, we've been advised by EMB Region IV-B to get an Authorization from IAC in a form of resolution allowing Bluemax to conduct Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on the river delta and offshore area.

Once again, we thank you in advance for your support and immediate action.

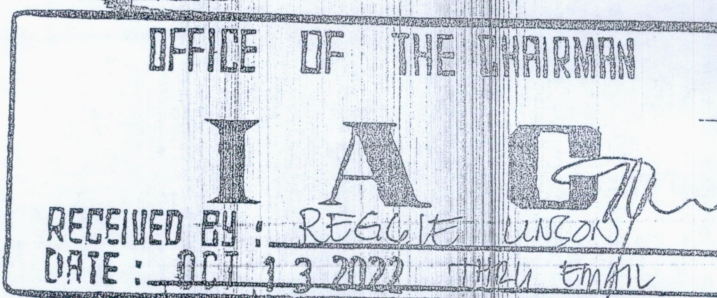
Sincerely yours,

BLUEMAX Tradelink Inc.

CLARK S. ZAPATA
CEO/President

cc IAC Members:

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ANNEX C

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