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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
DENR Region IV B  
L & S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Manila

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Field Operations Luzon & Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : **COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ALLEGED ON-GOING  
QUARRYING AT CANTINGAS RIVER LOCATED IN SAN  
FERNANDO, ROMBLON**

DATE : **FEB 06 2023**

Forwarded to your Office is the email dated 25 November 2022 addressed to Mayor Nanette Borda Tansingco of San Fernando, Romblon, copy furnished the DENR Secretary from the residents of San Fernando, Romblon regarding the abovementioned subject.

May we refer the matter to your Office for appropriate action. Furnish this Office and the parties concerned of the actions taken citing document tracking number DENR-ASRMD-2022-031209 for monitoring and record purposes.

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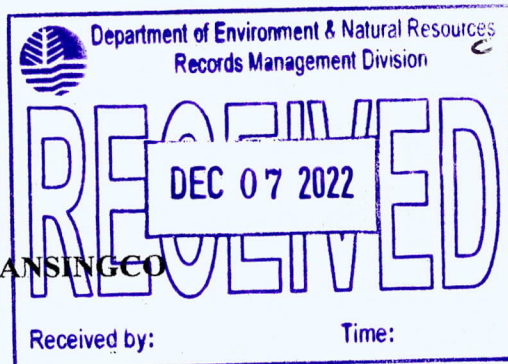
  
**ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I**

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Office of the Secretary

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**Dra. NANETTE BORDA TANSINGCO**  
Municipal Mayor  
San Fernando, Romblon



November 25, 2022

We, the undersigned are residents and taxpayers of San Fernando, Romblon.

As you can see from the attached pictures, there is an **On-going Quarrying** at Cantingas river downstream wherein River Stones are being loaded into and transported by Huge Dump Trucks, **resulting to:**

1. The Quarry Site is being Stripped of its **Natural rocks and Vegetation** leading to flash floods during heavy rains even without typhoons;
2. The Barangay Roads are being Eroded and Destroyed by the Continuous passage of the Loaded Heavy Trucks used in the quarrying; and
3. Even the **Approach Portion of the Concrete Bridge** located at Cantingas is already showing **CRACKS** which will eventually cause the Structural Integrity of Bridge to be Compromised.

**We are therefore Formally Inquiring from your Office** the following:

1. **WHO** is the **Registered HOLDER** of the Quarry Permit?
2. **WHEN** was this **Quarry Permit** Awarded?
3. **HOW** many **Hectares** are legally covered by the Quarry Permit?
4. **WHAT** are the metes and bounds of the **Quarry Area**?
5. For **How many years** was this Quarry Permit Granted?
6. **WHERE** are these Quarried River Stones delivered?
7. For **WHAT PROJECT/s** are these Quarried Stones used?
8. How **MUCH** is the **INCOME** of the Municipality and the Barangay from this Quarry Operation?
9. **WHO WILL PAY** for the destruction of the Barangay Roads?
10. **WHO WILL PAY** if the Concrete Bridge is Destroyed?
11. Was there a **PRINTED SIGNAGE ON THE LOAD CAPACITY LIMIT** for vehicles passing thru that Concrete Bridge?
12. Was there **PERMISSION** from the DPWH to allow heavily-loaded dump trucks to pass through this Bridge?
13. **WHAT Measures** did you or your Office took to **minimize or even prevent**, the **Damage to the Quarry Area, the Barangay Roads and the Concrete Bridge**?

We were PROMPTED to advance these written inquiries because:

1. **"If it is TRUE"** that the quarried stones are being transported to Magdiwang for a Project in that Municipality, **why let San Fernando SUFFER the Destructive Consequences of this quarry operation?** Is this not a **Dereliction of Duty as Chief Executive** of the town you are sworn to serve?



2. As Beneficiary of the quarried stones, will Magdiwang pay for the damages to the Barangay Roads and Concrete Bridge?

It is high time that the Provincial Government must **Strictly Regulate the Quarrying Activities** in each and every Municipality in the Province. This is in line with the pronouncement of the Pres. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. concerning the Priority of Environmental Protection to Lessen the Effects of Climate Change which is the **DIRECT CAUSE of Massive Floods and Landslides**

Therefore, it is hereby suggested that in Every **QUARRY PERMIT** issued by the Province, **there MUST BE A MANDATORY CONDITION that Sand, Gravel and Stones from the Quarry Site MUST BE EXCLUSIVELY USED ONLY WITHIN THE SOURCED MUNICIPALITY.** Non-compliance of which will cause the Permit to be Suspended with payment of Damages or Cancelled Permanently.

Please be reminded that as Taxpayers of San Fernando who are your **Constituents**, we are Entitled under the Law to a **WRITTEN ANSWER WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS** from receipt of this Letter-Inquiry as Mandated under **R.A. 7613, Sec. 5 (a)**. Failure on your part to comply with this Lawful Obligation as a Government Official, We shall have no other option except to file the Proper Charges against you in the proper Forum or Court for violation of pertinent laws.

Hoping to hear from you within the time frame set forth by law.

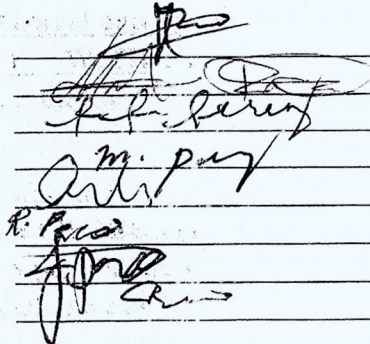
In the name of Transparency and Good Governance,

We are yours respectfully,

Name:

1. David R. Romero
2. Mabini Rada
3. Ricky R. Perez
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5. Darwin Vicente
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