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January 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Taytay, Palawan

FROM : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON THE MISCELLANEOUS LEASE APPLICATION OF PLDT, INC. FOR SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT IN BARANGAY SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN.**

Returned herewith is your Memo dated November 18, 2022 received by this office 27th of January, 2023 recommending rejection and or cancellation of the PLDT's Miscellaneous Sales Application.

Be informed that in consonance with the Regional Memo instruction dated July 29, 2022 for the proponent to apply for the Foreshore Lease under (item (b) of Sec. 59 of Public Land Act). However, considering that the proposed Submarine Cable Project of PLDT is **submerged underwater** falling under **item (c) of Sec. 59 of same Act** such as "Marshy lands or lands covered with water bordering upon the shores or banks of navigable lakes or rivers which deems to be applied under **Miscellaneous Lease** instead of Foreshore Lease Application. Hence, this office forwarded a memo dated August 22, 2022 together with the CENRO Puerto Princesa City memo (hereto-attached) of same date to that office for reference purposes.

In view hereof, under Article XI, Sec. 2 of the Constitution that all natural resources are owned by the state and pursuant to E.O. 192 the DENR is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources. Hence, the recommendation of the issuance of rejection and or cancellation order for the PLDT Miscellaneous Lease Application could not be favorably given due course. Advice the proponent to push through the application for the Miscellaneous Lease covering the particular area subject of the proposed submerged underwater Submarine Cable Project of the PLDT excluding the covering area of the Beach Man Hole (BMH).

For your record and strict compliance.


FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

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August 22, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Taytay, Palawan *7/9/6/22*

FROM : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **APPLICATION FOR TENURIAL INSTRUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT OF PLDT, INCORPORATED LOCATED IN BARANGAY NAPSAN, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY**

Furnishing herewith a copy of this office memo of even date addressed to the CENRO of Puerto Princesa City regarding these office instructions in addition with the Regional office memo instructions dated July 29, 2022 relative to the above subject.

It is informed that similar concerns under item 3 of the instructions with regards to same application for tenurial instrument for the proposed domestic submarine cable project of PLDT, Incorporated is lodged within that office territorial jurisdiction. Hence, it is advised to conform on the same instructions thereto stated.

For your record and compliance.

F. B. Cayatoc
FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

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January 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO : The OIC-Community Environment and
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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON THE MISCELLANEOUS
LEASE APPLICATION OF PLDT, INC. FOR SUBMARINE
CABLE PROJECT IN BARANGAY SIBALTAN, EL NIDO,
PALAWAN**

Furnishing herewith a copy of this office return memo of even date including its attachments to the CENRO Taytay, Palawan in response with their recommendation for the issuance of rejection and or cancellation order of the PLDT's Miscellaneous Lease Application covering the area of their proposed Submarine Cable Project.

At this juncture, for having a similar application for Miscellaneous Sales covering of the area for the proposed domestic submarine cable project of PLDT, Incorporated is being filed within that office territorial jurisdiction. Hence, it is advised **to conform on the same instructions** thereto stated.


For your record and compliance.


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August 22, 2022

MEMORANDUM

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Natural Resources Officer
Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **APPLICATION FOR TENURIAL INSTRUMENT FOR THE
PROPOSED DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT
OF PLDT, INCORPORATED LOCATED IN BARANGAY
NAPSAN, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY**

Referred is the memo dated July 29, 2022 of the DENR MIMAROPA, Regional Executive Director, **Lormelyn E. Claudio**, CESO IV received 15th of August 2022 by this office with three (3) specified instructions in relation to the above subject.

Under item no. 2 of Regional memo instruction is for the proponent to apply for a Foreshore Lease. However, under item (b) of Section 59 of the Public Land Act is about Foreshore which by definition is covered and uncovered by the highest tide, hence Foreshore Lease Application deems inappropriate.

Moreover, the area subject for application falls under item (c) of same Act, as "Marshy lands or **lands covered with water bordering upon the shores** or banks of navigable lakes or rivers and to be applied under **Miscellaneous Lease** instead of "Foreshore Lease Application" (Emphasis supplied).

It is advised that extent of the submarine fiber optic cable area traversing towards municipal waters of San Vicente, Palawan from beach manhole (BMH) built within portion of the road of Barangay Napsan, Puerto Princesa City to be applied will be solely within the jurisdiction of the City's territorial waters of Puerto Princesa.

In view of the above, aside from the Regional memo instructions, please require applicant to provide maps with technical descriptions identifying the actual area, its metes and bounds and other necessary documents as reference thereof.

For your information, record and compliance.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Community Environment and
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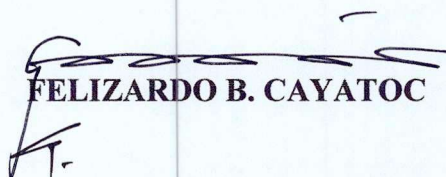
FROM : The Provincial Environment and
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January 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON THE MISCELLANEOUS
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CABLE PROJECT IN BARANGAY SIBALTAN, EL NIDO,
PALAWAN**

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
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November 18, 2022

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON THE MISCELLANEOUS
LEASE APPLICATION OF PLDT, INC. FOR SUBMARINE
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Respectfully forwarded is the report dated November 17, 2022, of Special Investigator I Jones Manoel Y. Lafuente pertaining to the two existing Miscellaneous Lease Applications of PLDT, Inc. represented by Mr. Johnrie F. Grijaldo under MLA No. 045312-001 and MLA No. 045312-002 for Sibaltan Beach Manhole (BMH) and Teneguiban Beach Manhole (BHM) both located in Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

The supplemental report of the Special Investigator states that the proposed site for BMHs is far-off from the shoreline or foreshore area and the construction of the project is either on the foreshore area nor salvage zone. Accordingly, the Teneguiban BMH is situated within the barangay road while the Sibaltan BMH is located within the patented Lot 239, PLS-31 (Plan F-53376).

In view of the above-mentioned circumstances and considering that the Domestic Submarine Cable project was covered by Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC-R4B-22022-0008), this office concurs with the recommendation of Special Investigator I Jones Manoel Y. Lafuente on the issuance of rejection or cancellation order for the PLDT Miscellaneous Lease Application. This office has no objection on the said project and issuance of certificate is recommended, thus, the proponent is enjoin to seek consent/clearances from the community and other concerned agencies.

For information and further instruction.

CONRADO M. CORPUZ
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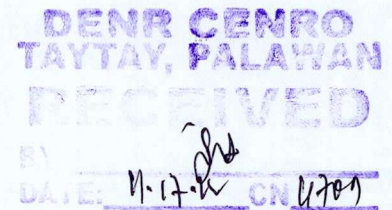
November 17, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

FROM : Special Investigator I

SUBJECT : **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON THE MISCELLANEOUS
LEASE APPLICATION OF
PLDT, INC. FOR SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT IN
BARANGAY, SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN**



In connection to the two (2) existing Miscellaneous Lease Applications of PLDT, Inc. represented by Mr. Johnrie F. Grijaldo (Mr. Johnrie, for brevity) under MLA No. 045312-001 and MLA No. 045312-002 for Sibaltan Beach Manhole (BMH) and Teneguiban Beach Manhole (BMH), respectively. A supplemental report is respectfully submitted with the following information, to wit:

BRIEF BACKGROUND

1. On September 21, 2021, the staff from the Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) - El Nido inspected the Proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Projects composed of Sibaltan BMH and Teneguiban BMH of Wuhan Fiberhome International Technologies Philippines, Inc. commissioned by PLDT in relation to the request of Mr. Johnrie - Permitting Project Manager of PLDT, Inc. Based on the result of the inspection, it was outside the jurisdiction of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) and the said projects are within Alienable & Disposable Land per GIS projection. The said report was then forwarded to the Office of the CENRO dated September 30, 2021, recommending the proponent to secure permits and appropriate tenurial instruments prior to the implementation and construction of the project;
2. On September 22, 2021, Mr. Johnrie submitted a letter, requesting a site survey to determine whether or not they are required to apply for a Foreshore Lease Application (FLA) or Miscellaneous Lease Application (MLA) on their two (2) projects situated at Brgy. Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan. On October 14, 2021, the undersigned conducted an investigation and inspection in relation to the request letter of Mr. Johnrie. The purpose of the request is to determine whether to apply for FLA/MLA or not since the proposed construction of BMH is away from the shoreline or foreshore area with an approximated distance of 120 m and 163 m. The undersigned recommends the issuance of certification specifying that the proposed BMH is outside the easement zone;
3. On November 19, 2021, Mr. Johnrie sent a letter to the CENR Office, requesting a recommendation on what should be the proper documents/permits to comply with the mangrove management in Palawan. The said letter was then forwarded to the PENR

Office dated December 1, 2021, requesting advice on the proper tenurial instrument that the proponent should apply to on the proposed project. The PENR Office then returned the memorandum relative to the letter of Mr. Johnrie dated November 19, 2021, advising that the practical application for the project is a Miscellaneous Lease Application considering it is fronting the Alienable and Disposable land and outside ENTMRPA;

4. On March 22, 2022, Johnrie sent a letter, requesting a site inspection of the said area in compliance with the issuance of Survey Authority on the two (2) BMHs. On April 19, 2022, the undersigned investigated and inspected the area. As per result of the investigation, Teneguiban BMH is located within the barangay road adjacent to Lot 210 and Lot 218, Pls-31 with approximated distance from the shoreline of One Hundred Sixty-three (163) square meters while the Sibaltan BMH is located within the patented Lot 239, Pls-31 (Plan F-53376) and approximately One Hundred Twenty (120) meters from the shoreline. In addition, the proponent had applied for Provisional Permit Application (PPA) under PPA No. 045312-132 and PPA No. 045312-133 for Teneguiban BMH and Sibaltan BMH, respectively.

COMMENT

The location of the BMHs is far-off from the shoreline or foreshore area and the construction of it is neither on the foreshore area nor salvage zone. The Teneguiban BMH is located within the barangay road while the Sibaltan BMH is located within the patented Lot 239, Pls-31 (Plan F-53376). The BMHs are buried 2.57 meters beneath the ground and connected with cable up to the landing point which may fall within the foreshore area but buried two (2) meters beneath the ground. In shallow depth (depth less than 200m), the cable shall be buried 1.5-2.0 meters below the seabed, and in deep water (depth of more than 200m), the cable shall rest on the seabed.

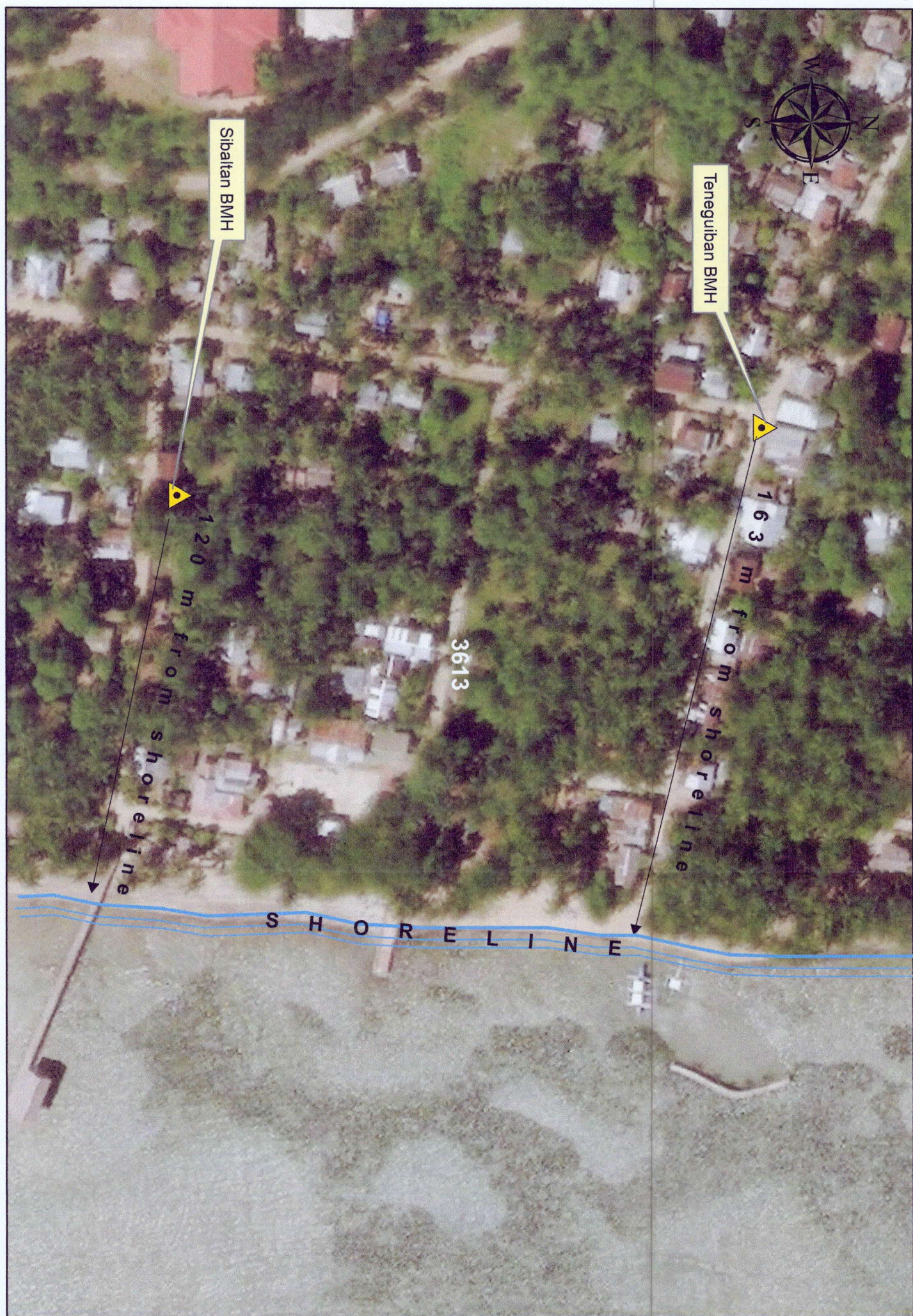
As stated, the Domestic Submarine Cable will not affect the foreshore area since BMHs are all constructed away from the foreshore area, and the cable wire will traverse only below the ground and underwater. Hence, the project was covered by Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC-R4B-2202-0008) dated February 11, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the foregoing premises, the undersigned recommends the order of rejection or cancellation of the Miscellaneous Lease Application of PLDT, Inc. represented by Johnrie F. Grijaldo considering that their Beach Manhole is constructed within the titled property and barangay road and clearly not on foreshore area or salvage zone.

For information, consideration, and further instruction.


JONES MANOEL Y. LAFUENTE





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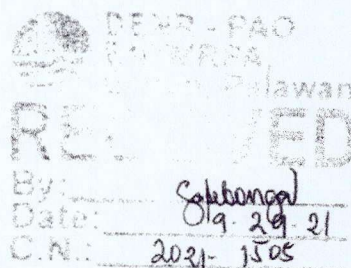
September 29, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Protected Area Superintendent
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area
El Nido, Palawan

FROM : ENTMRPA Personnel
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area
El Nido, Palawan

SUBJECT : **INSPECTION REPORT ON PROPOSED DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT OF PLDT INC. LOCATED AT BARANGAY SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN**



This is in regard to the request of Mr. Johnrie Grijaldo, authorized representative of Wuhan Fiberhome International Technologies Philippines, Inc. commissioned by PLDT, to conduct inspection on the Proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Project located at Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

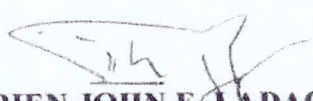
With the inspection conducted dated September 21, 2021, the said project having two (2) beach man holes (BMH) was located at Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan particularly in Tiol Tiol street (referred as Sibaltan BMH) and Rizal Street (referred as Teneguiban BMH). The said points connects from the said Barangay to Municipality of Busuanga thru interlinking route.

The said project is also outside the jurisdiction of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) and the proposed beach man holes (BMH) is identified within the Alienable and Disposable land classification thru GIS.


Based on the results, the team recommends as follows:

1. Inform the proponent thru letter that the proposed project is outside the jurisdiction of ENTMRPA;
2. The said project will be installed underwater and requires excavation along coastal areas, thus it is also recommended to secure permits and possible appropriate tenurial instrument at CENRO Taytay prior to implementation of the project.

For information, record and further instruction.


NORRIEN JOHN E. LADAO
Park Ranger


STEVEN JOHN B. ANDAO
Park Ranger


HERSON Y. CALIAO
Bookkeeper II



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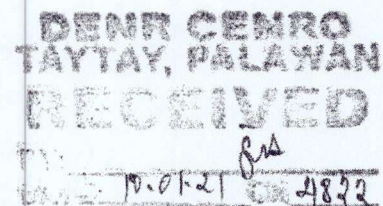
September 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC-Community Environment and
Natural Resources Office
Taytay, Palawan

FROM : The Protected Area Superintendent
El Nido - Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

SUBJECT : **INSPECTION REPORT ON PROPOSED DOMESTIC SUBMARINE
CABLE PROJECT OF PLDT INC. LOCATED AT BARANGAY
SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN**



Forwarded is the report of park rangers and staff dated September 29, 2021 pertaining to the inspection report on the above said project.

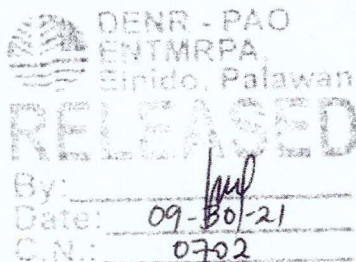
Proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Project of Wuhan Fiberhome International Technologies Philippines, Inc. commissioned by PLDT Inc. involves laying down of submarine cables and having five (5) beach man holes (BMH) across the province. In El Nido, there will be two (2) BMH located at Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

Based on the report, the proposed site is outside the jurisdiction of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) identified as Alienable and Disposable (A&D) thru GIS projection. Submarine cables are also not within ENTMRPA.

This office recommends the proponent to secure permits and appropriate tenurial instrument at CENRO Taytay prior implementation and construction. This office will also inform the proponent thru letter on the result of this inspection.

For information, record and further instruction.

For the PASu:



JENUEL P. CASEL
PMF/Assistant PASu
In Charge, ENTMRPA-PAMO

September 22, 2021

Alan Valle

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Dear Sir Valle:

On behalf of PLDT Inc., Wuhan Fiberhome International Technologies Philippines, Inc. (FiberHome) was commissioned by PLDT to carry out the permitting requirements of the proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Project - Area 2 in Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

As of this writing, we have already secured a Certificate of Land Status from your good office on one of our BMH Location from the area mention above, from that states that the location for the Beach Manhole is within the Alienable and Disposable (A&D) area.

However, since this is a submarine project, we will be using a foreshore area for our cables to the BMH.

Together with this letter is a short and informative presentation about this project for your initial reference and guidance.

Sibaltan BMH - (Tiol Tiol Street,Barangay Sibaltan El Nido,Palawan)	11°15.817'N	119°33.765'E
Teneguiban BMH - (Rizal Street,Purok 1-A,Sibaltan,El Nido,Palawan)	11°15.896'N	119°33.826'E

In line with this, may we request from your good office to conduct a site survey that will determine if we are still required to apply for the FLA or MLA for the said location or it is still within the A&D. We understand that this request will lead to the finalization of the right to enter, occupy or develop the area. We are willing to comply all the necessary procedure if needed.

Should you have any further inquiries, please feel free to contact the details below:

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SAQ Supervisor
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Very truly yours,

[Signature]
MR. JOHNRIE GRIJALDO
Permitting Project Manager



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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Region IV- MIMAROPA
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
5312 Taytay, Palawan

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

FROM : Special Investigator I

SUBJECT : **INSPECTION REPORT ON THE PROPOSED
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INC. IN BARANGAY SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

DATE : October 26, 2021

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Respectfully submitting is the inspection report of the undersigned pertaining to the request of PLDT Inc. on the proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Project situated in Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

RECORDS VERIFICATION

The subject lot of this investigation is the barangay road adjacent to Lot No. 203, Pls-31 covered by Free Patent No. 045312-08-23108 of Jaime D. Lajallab issued on January 18, 2008 covering an area of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-four (1,154) square meters; and Lot 239, Pls-31 covered by Plan F-53376. Both lots are portion of Lot 3613 Cad 841-D located in Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

PROCEEDING/ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Upon receipt of your instruction, the undersigned conducted actual investigation on the subject lot. The following were undertaken:

1. That on October 7, 2021, the undersigned had made coordination with Judjie Ann Sellado, SAQ Supervisor of Fiberhome Philippines, Inc., on the date of inspection.
2. That on October 14, 2021, the undersigned conducted investigation and inspection on the area assisted by Judjie Ann Sellado with coordination from the Punong Barangay of Sibaltan.

FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATION

After the conduct of investigation, the undersigned found the following:

1. The purpose of the request is to determine whether to apply for Foreshore Lease Application/Miscellaneous Lease Application or not;
2. There are two (2) proposed Beach Manhole (BMH): the Teneguiban BMH and Sibaltan BMH;
3. Teneguiban BMH is located within the barangay road adjacent to Lot 203, Pls-3 which is approximately One Hundred Sixty-Three (163) meters from the shoreline while Sibaltan BMH is located within Lot 239, Pls-31 and approximately One Hundred Twenty (120) meters from the shoreline (**map attached**);

4. The dimension of the BMH is 2.2 m x 2.5 m with 2 meters depth. This project will not affect the passageway of the people since the BMH is buried on the ground;
5. In support to this, a barangay resolution was created showing no objection and favorably endorsing to different agencies the said project (**copy attached**);
6. The subject lots is **outside military reservation and El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA)** per Presidential Proclamation No. 32, dated October 8, 1998.

In view of the above-mentioned circumstances, **the undersigned recommends the issuance of certification specifying that the proposed BMH is outside the easement zone.** Attached are geo-tagged photographs of the subject lot based on the conducted inspection and investigation dated October 14, 2021.


JONES MANOEL Y. LAFUENTE



Location of Teneguiban BMH



Location of Sibaltan BMH

Photo showing the conducted of ground investigation on the request of PLDT, Inc. for their proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Project situated at Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan

November 19, 2021

ENGR. ALAN L. VALLE

OIC, DENR – Community Environment and Natural Resources Office

National Highway, Pob. Tayta, Palawan

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Dear CENRO Valle:

Greetings!

Fiberhome Phils., Inc. is commissioned by PLDT Inc., to carry out the permitting requirements of the proposed Domestic Submarine Cable Project - Area 2 in Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

This project involves cable laying which will utilize the foreshore and coastal area, thus, mangroves are being considered.

In line with this, we would like to request a recommendation on what should be the proper document/permit/clearance we need to secure to comply with the mangrove management in Palawan. We understand that this request will lead to the finalization of the right to enter, occupy or develop the area and we are willing to comply all the necessary procedure if needed.

Rest assured that no mangroves will be affected during the construction and implementation of the project.

Should you have any further inquiries, please feel free to contact the details below:

Ms. Virhannah Laica Glindo

SAQ Officer

CP No.: 0968-641-3729

E-mail: vl.glindo101@fiberhome.com

Very truly yours,



JOHNRIE GRIJALDO

Permitting Project Manager

Fiberhome Phils., Inc.

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December 1, 2021

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The OIC, Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2021 OF MR. JOHNRIE
GRIJALDO REQUESTING FOR RECOMMENDATION ON
WHAT TENURIAL INSTRUMENT IS SUITABLE ON UTILIZING
FORESHORE AND COASTAL AREA FOR THEIR PORPOSED
DOMETIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT-AREA 2 LOCATED
IN BARANGAY SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

**DENR PENRO
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BY: *[Signature]*
DATE: *12.2.2021* CN: *21-11866*

Respectfully forwarding the letter dated November 19, 2021 of Mr. Johnrie Grijaldo requesting for recommendation on what tenurial instrument is suitable on utilizing foreshore and coastal area for their proposed domestic submarine cable project-area 2 located in Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

Please be informed that based on the inspection report of the Protected Area Management Office-El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (PAMO-ENTMRPA), the proposed area is within Alienable and Disposable land based on the GIS map. The said project will be installed underwater and require excavation along the coastal area of Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.

In view hereof, respectfully request for an advise on appropriate tenurial instrument the proponent should apply for proposed area.

For information and consideration.

For and in the absence of the CENRO:

[Signature]
ALEXANDER E. MANCIO
SEMS/Chief, RPS

In-Charge, Office of the CENRO *[Signature]*

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BY: *[Signature]*
DATE: *DEC 01 2021* *3692*



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MIMAROPA REGION
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

December 6, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Taytay, Palawan

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2021 OF MR.
JOHNRIE GRIJALDO REQUESTING FOR
RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT TENURIAL
INSTRUMENT IS SUITABLE ON UTILIZING
FORESHORE AND COASTAL AREA FOR THEIR
PROPOSED DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE
PROJECT-AREA 2 LOCATED IN BARANGAY
SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN

Returned is your memorandum relative to the above subject, considering that the subject area is fronting alienable and disposable block and found outside of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA), the filing of Miscellaneous Lease Application is practical subject to required clearances from other government agencies.

For the PENRO:

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JOHNNY P. LILANG
Supervising ECOMS/Chief TSD
In-Charge, Office of the PENRO

Doc. Ref. No. : 11866
TSD-RPS/DFD

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March 22, 2022

ENGR. ALLAN VALLE

DENR – Community Environment and Natural Resources Office

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Dear CENRO Valle:

Greetings!

This is in connection with the PLDT's Domestic Submarine Cable Project - Area 2 located in Brgy. Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan. We submitted the Survey Authority Request Letter along with the requirements last 15 March 2022 for our MLA (Miscellaneous Lease Agreement) application as proper tenurial instrument for our project.

In line with this, may we request from your good office to conduct a site inspection for the said area as part of the compliance of Survey Authority that will be used for the Survey Plan of Sibaltan BMH and Teneguiban BMH cable route. We are willing to comply all the necessary procedure if needed.

Should you have further clarifications, please feel free to contact the details below:

Ms. Virhannah Laica A. Glindo

SAQ Officer

Mobile No.: 09686413729

E-mail: vl.glindo101@fiberhome.com

Very truly yours,



MR. JOHNRIE GRIJALDO

Permitting Project Manager



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Environmental Management Bureau
Regional Office No. IV – B MIMAROPA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(Issued under Presidential Decree 1586)

ECC-R4B-2202-0007

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE PROPONENT, **PLDT, INC.**, represented by **CHRISTIAN PHILLIP "JJAN" R. REMIGIO**, is granted this Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), for the proposed **DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT AREA 2 DFON2-SEG-30b** located at **Barangay Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan** and **Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan**, by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB).

SUBJECT ONLY to the conditions and restrictions set in this ECC and in the attached document labeled as Annexes A and B.

This Certificate is issued with the following details:

The ECC covers the **Domestic Submarine Cable Project Area 2 DFON2-SEG-30b** with a total cable length of **114.638 kilometers** located at **Barangay Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan** and **Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan** with geographical coordinates of **12° 7.936' N Latitude; 119° 55.848' E Longitude** and **11° 15.815' N Latitude; 119° 33.767' E Longitude**, respectively.

Project components/ facilities enumerated to wit:

(1). **Submarine Cable** – *Telecommunication fiber optic cables in the seabed and buried under the beach and near shore areas – 114.638 kilometers;*

(2). **Beach Manholes (Land Site A and Land Site B)** – *The BMH will have a dimension of 2.0 m width, 2.4 m length, and 2.57 m depth with an excavated volume of 12.336 m³ per manhole in Barangay Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan will connect to the beach manhole in Barangay Sibaltan, El Nido, Palawan.*

The project shall operate and maintain its submarine cable and support facilities as contained in the submitted **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** and **Environmental Management Plan (EMP)**.



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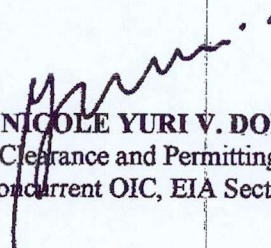


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This Certificate is issued in compliance with the requirements of Presidential Decree No. 1586, and in accordance to DENR Administrative Order (D.A.O.) No. 2003-30. Non-compliance with any of the provisions of this Certificate shall be a sufficient cause for the cancellation of this Certificate and/or imposition of a fine in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for every violation thereof without prejudice to imposition of fines and penalties under other environmental laws. The EMB, however, is not precluded from reevaluating and correcting any deficiencies or errors that may be found after issuance of this Certificate.

Issued at EMB-R4B, 1515 L and S DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila, this 11 February 2022.

Recommending Approval:


EnP. NICOLE YURI V. DORADO
OIC, Clearance and Permitting Division
and concurrent OIC, EIA Section

Approved:


JOE AMIL M. SALINO
Regional Director



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Annex A

I. CONDITIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

All commitments, mitigating measures and monitoring requirements, contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed (**Domestic Submarine Cable Project Area 2 DFON2-SEG-30b**) particularly in the Environmental Management Plan/ Environmental Monitoring Plan, including any modifications and/or additional information as approved by the EMB, shall be instituted to minimize any adverse impact of the project to the environment throughout its implementation, which shall include among others to wit:

1. That the proponent shall ensure that the project implementation shall **NOT COMMENCE** unless all required/clearances from the concerned government agencies are secured. EMB shall be advised when all the permits/clearances are secured and when will be the actual date of project implementation;
2. That the proponent shall conduct an effective Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Program to inform and educate all stakeholders, especially its contractors, workers, and local residents about the mitigating measures embodied in its EIS, the conditions stipulated in this Certificate and the environmental and human safety features of the project for greater awareness, understanding and sustained acceptance of the project. The program shall be submitted to EMB-4B (MIMAROPA Region) on an annual basis;
3. That the proponent shall strictly manage all external, traffic problems, excessive surface runoff, dust, soil erosion, accidental spillage and health hazards identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and, in case of emergency episodes, appropriate response activities shall be immediately undertaken for the protection of the workers/ personnel, host and nearby communities and the receiving environment;
4. That preservation and easement retention of natural drainage/waterways shall be undertaken and should conform with the provisions of the DENR Administrative Order No. 97-05 (Procedures in the Retention of Areas within certain distances along the Banks of Rivers, Streams, and Shores of Seas, Lakes, and Oceans for Environmental Protection). If disturbed, a replacement drainage system shall be constructed within two (2) months from the disturbance;
5. That the solid waste management scheme as provided in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) shall be continuously implemented from the start of the project construction as well as the operation.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Further administrative conditions for the grant of this Certificate shall be strictly complied:

6. The project operations shall conform to the provisions of RA 6969 (Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990), RA 8749 (Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999), RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000), and RA 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004) and other relevant policies, rules and regulations;





7. That the proponent shall set-up a competent Environmental Unit (EU) with a Pollution Control Officer, within sixty (60) days from the issuance of this Certificate and shall be duly accredited by this Office in accordance with DAO No. 02, series of 2014 (Revised Guidelines for Pollution Officer Accreditation). The Environmental Unit (EU) shall competently handle the environment-related aspects of the project. In addition to the monitoring requirements as specified in the Environmental Management Plan/ Environmental Monitoring Plan, the EU shall have the following responsibilities:
- 7.1 Monitor actual project impacts vis-à-vis the predicted impacts and management measures in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Report;
 - 7.2 Recommend revisions to the EMP/EMoP, whenever necessary, subject to the approval of EMB-4B (MIMAROPA Region);
 - 7.3 Ensure that data gathered during monitoring activities are properly documented, assessed, evaluated and reported to EMB-4B (MIMAROPA Region) in accordance with the standard formats;
 - 7.4 Ensure that monitoring and submissions of reports to EMB-4B (MIMAROPA Region) are carried out as required;
 - 7.5 Regular submission of the following reports:
 - 7.5.1 a semi-annual ***ECC Compliance Monitoring Report*** within fifteen (15) days at the end of each semi-annual reporting period. The CMR must be provided with supporting documents and in accordance with the prescribed format stipulated in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of P.D. 1586;
 - 7.5.2 Submit a ***Quarterly Self-Monitoring Report*** within fifteen (15) days at the end of each quarter. The SMR must be in accordance with the prescribed format of the ***Self-Monitoring Report (SMR)*** pursuant to DAO 2003-27;
 - 7.6 Submit an Abandonment Plan at least two (2) months prior to the abandonment activities. It shall include identification of "hot-spots" or areas of environmental concern, its rehabilitation, clean-up, remediation, and monitoring based on risk-based corrective action (RBCA). The project location, after clean-up and rehabilitation may be used for other purposes, subject to consultation with relevant government agencies (LGU, DA, HLURB, etc.) and the DENR;





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8. That the proponent shall allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the proposed mitigating/enhancement measures during the operation, maintenance and abandonment phases of the project;
9. That health and sanitation practices shall be observed in all phases of the project. Safety & personal protection equipment/devices shall always be provided to all employees/workers within the premises of the project site to protect them from related occupational and health hazards and risks;
10. That a billboard containing this message: **"Notice to the Public, DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECT AREA 2 DFON2-SEG-30b of PLDT, INC. has been issued an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC-R4B-2202-0007) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau MIMAROPA Region on FEB 11 2022."** shall be installed at all entry and exit points and in the perimeter of the project site facing the road to inform the general public within thirty (30) days from receipt of the ECC;
11. That a copy of the ECC shall be posted in a conspicuous location at the field office of the project site clearly visible to the public and shall be adequately framed or otherwise protected against damage and at the barangay bulletin board of the host barangay(s) within thirty (30) days from receipt of the ECC;
12. That the proponents shall ensure that contractors have knowledge on Coastal Resources Management in order not to cause damage to marine natural resources (i.e., coral reefs, sea grasses, etc).
13. That any **authorized DENR MIMAROPA and / or EMB personnel** with proper identification card (ID) and travel/mission order, shall be allowed unconditional access to conduct an on-the-spot inspection and monitoring during project implementation without the need for prior notice to the proponent to oversee compliance to the ECC; a list and number of people or personnel to be deployed by the proponent during the aforesaid activity should be at the minimum or as needed only.



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II. RESTRICTIONS

1. That **NO** construction or development shall be allowed on the applied area (BMH area and Cable Alignment/Route) without **VALID** Tenurial Instrument;
2. That no other activities should be undertaken other than what was stipulated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Should there be an expansion of the project beyond the project description, construction of other structures beyond those stated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); or any change in the activity or location, shall be made subject to a new Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) requirements;
3. That the proponent shall plant an equivalent area of the project with appropriate tree species and shall coordinate with PENRO/CENRO concerned for area identification within **thirty (30) days** after the project implementation. And the status of compliance shall be included in the semi-annual submission of CMR;
4. That the proponent shall submit actual footage of cable installation process to BMB and EMB MIMAROPA;
5. That the proponent shall reroute the cable layout in the deep areas to avoid disturbance of the *mesophotic coral* communities; and shall ensure that contractors have knowledge on Coastal Resources Management in order not to cause damage to marine natural resources.
6. That no corals and marine flora shall be affected during the time of construction and cutting of mangroves shall be strictly prohibited;
7. That in case of transfer of ownership/management of this project, these same conditions and restrictions shall apply and the transferee shall be required to notify this Office concerned within fifteen (15) days as regards the transfer of ownership/management; and
8. That the proponent (**PLDT, INC.**) shall be accountable for any misrepresentation and failure to state material information in the submitted documents.

The conditions stipulated in this Certificate shall be deemed final within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof and all conditions and restrictions set forth above shall be complied with by the herein grantee. This ECC is deemed expired if not implemented within five (5) years from the date of issuance and the proponent shall have to apply for a new ECC if it intends to pursue the project.

Non-compliance with any of the provisions of this certificate shall be a sufficient cause for the cancellation or suspension of this certificate and/or imposition of a fine in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP50,000.00) for every violation thereof.





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Annex B

PROJECT ASSESSMENT PLANNING TOOL

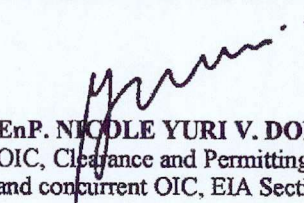
For the assistance of the Proponent, LGUs and other concerned government agencies (GAs) in the management of the project and for better coordination in mitigation on the impacts of the project on its surrounding areas and to the environment.

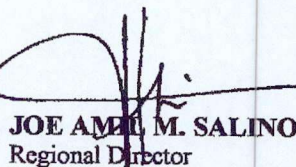
By way of recommendation, the following have been taken notice of by this Office and are providing these recommendations to the parties and authorities concerned for proper action and integration into their decision making-process.

Regulatory Conditions		
1. The proponent shall comply with, but not limited to the following: 1.1 P.D. 856 or the Sanitation Code of the Philippines; 1.2 P.D. 442 or the Labor Code of the Philippines including occupational health and safety; 1.3 R.A. 6541 or the National Building Code of the Philippines including adequate storm drainage system and other flood control measures and compliance to the Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness; 1.4 P.D. 705 & DAO 97-05;		DOH DOLE-Bureau of Working Conditions Municipal Planning & Dev't Office/Building Official/BFP/LGU Concerned DENR Sector concerned
2. That all appropriate construction, operational and resource-use permits/clearances from other national and local government agencies concerned shall be secured pertaining to the implementation of the project. Likewise, the proponent shall notify this Office of the reckoning date of project operation.		(i.e. NTC, PMRB, PNP, LGUs, DPWH, DOH, NWRB, HLURB, MGB, DA, DAR, DOLE, DTI, etc.)
3. Preference of employment shall be given to qualified local residents. Adequate public information for jobs available to local residents in the area shall be provided;		DOLE
4. Strictly comply with the conditions/requirements enumerated in the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) Clearance prior to project implementation.		PCSD
Environmental Planning Recommendations for the Proponent		
2. Close monitoring of the project should be undertaken by the proponent to maintain a high level of safety and efficiency at all phases of the project and to immediately address any environmental hazard that may take place.		Proponent

For dissemination and proper action of the parties concerned.


ENGR. JOSE REYNATO M. MORENTE
EIA Review Committee Chair


EnP. NICOLE YURI V. DORADO
OIC, Clearance and Permitting Division
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