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May 29, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
MIMAROPA Region

**Thru** : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

**FROM** : The OIC-PENRO

**SUBJECT** : **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED SITE VISIT  
AT FLAg AREA OF CATUIRAN HYDROPOWER  
CORPORATION (CHC) LOCATED AT MALVAR, BALITE AND  
BANUTON, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO**

Respectfully submitting herewith, the report of the undersigned on the conducted site visit on May 24, 2023 at the Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) area of Caturiran Hydropower Corporation (CHC) located in Malvar, Balite and Banuton, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

For information, reference and record.

  
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**REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED SITE VISIT AT CATUIRAN HYDROPOWER CORPORATION (CHC), MALVAR, BALITE, BANUTON, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO REGARDING APPROVED FOREST LAND USE AGREEMENT (FLAg)**

The undersigned together with the PENRO RPS Staff and CENRO MES staff conducted site visit on May 24, 2023 at the FLAg area of Catuiran Hydropower Corporation (CHC) with Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) No. 07-2017 located at Barangays Caagutayan and Calangatan of the Municipality of San Teodoro; and Barangay Banuton, Malvar and Balite, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. The approved FLAg area composed of **10.55 hectares** forestland intended for hydropower plant project (6.22 hectares) with road-right-of-way (4.33 hectares) which started on year December 2017 and to expire on December 01, 2042, renewable for another twenty-five (25) years.

The site is approximately thirty (30) kilometers, more or less, from the town proper of Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro. Upon arrival at the river bank of Bagto River in Malvar, Naujan, the team was transferred to a dump truck owned by CHC to reach the other bank of the river wherein the CHC Power plant with their office was located.

It was about 10-minutes before reaching the hydro power plant. A short introduction and briefing about the power plant were conducted headed by the personnel of Catuiran Hydropower Corporation: Engr. Francisco Ferraren, Plant Engineer; Mr. William Mindoro, CHC Environmental Officer; Mr. Allan Alviola, CHEPP Plant Supt.; and Mr. Christopher Padilla, Catuiran Hydroelectric Power Plant (CHEPP) Safety Officer.

The project is an 8MW hydroelectric power plant (2 x 4 MW) with 69KV Transmission Line directly taking off the energy to Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative (ORMECO). The Union Energy Corporation (UEC) and Sta. Clara Power Corporation (SCPC) entered into agreement on March 2, 2012 to establish a joint venture which is Catuiran Hydropower Corporation (CHC). The UEC owns 65% of the outstanding capital of CHC while 35% share for SCPC.

***Comments/Findings:***

1. The CHC has no approved Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP) yet, but was already submitted and deliberated on November 14, 2022 via blended zoom meeting and there are revisions that need to be done based on comments from PENRO, LPDD, Enforcement Division, MGB, and SMD. Revised copy is not yet submitted because, according to Engr. Ferraren there are certain part of the FLAg area which were eroded and they intend to request for amendment. Also, the Bantay gubat is in actual surveying of the eroded area and planning to construct base for bantay gubat.
2. Actual demarcation was stopped for the meantime due to erosion / landslide and the road became non-accessible. Demarcation of tunnel also became an issue because of confusion on where to put the markings considering that tunnel is located underground. Further, Mangyan tribes within the FLAg area opposed on the demarcation leading to





- filing of cases against selected CHC personnel accusing for grave coercion and trespassing. However, the case filed is now dismissed.
3. The team noticed markings / monuments with ("FLAg" embossed on it) on the starting point of the FLAg area located in Balite, Naujan. However, the team wasn't able to reach farther due to landslide on the road-right-of-way and it wasn't safe according to CHC staff.
  4. An approved copy of FLAg map was presented to the undersigned signed by For. Nonito M. Tamayo, CESO IV.
  5. Annual Report was submitted by the proponent according to Engr. Ferraren.
  6. The posted notice regarding the approved FLAg and ECC was only posted on the other side of the FLAg (on the hydropower plant). The proponent was advised to post another on the road-right-of-way side.
  7. Based on actual observation of the undersigned, the FLAg area is being utilized according to approved purpose, Hydroelectric power plant and road-right-of-way.

***Actions taken:***

1. The proponent, thru Engr. Ferraren, was advised to submit report regarding the status of road-right-of-way and submit request for the amendment of FLAg area.
2. The proponent was reminded on the submission of revised CDMP immediately based on comments/findings and agreement reached during the deliberation.
3. The proponent was advised to proceed to the demarcation of boundaries based on the approved FLAg, and if in case amendments be requested and approved, then boundary markings shall be changed. For the meantime, refer to what was approved.
4. The proponent was advised to indicate and reflect on the plan all the improvement and development made within the FLAg area and all that are planned to include within it. These are the salient features that are to be assessed by the DENR every year.

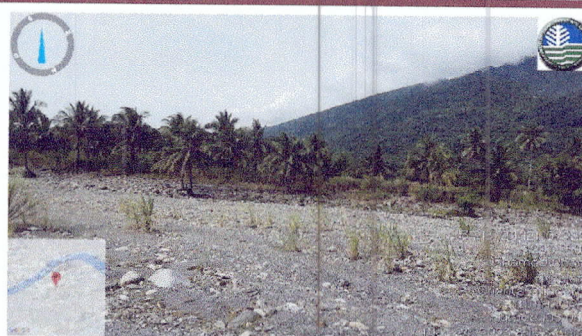
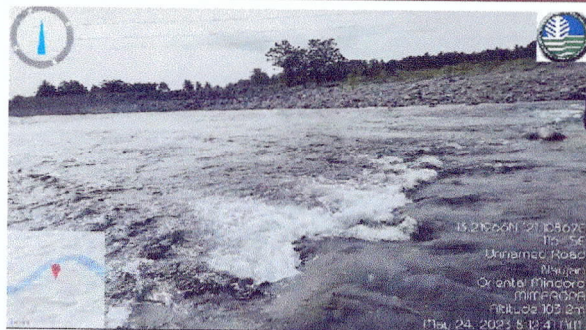


Bagto River





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Signage of the project



Guard House



Catuiran Hydroelectric Power Plant building



Briefings re: the project and assessment based on the agreement



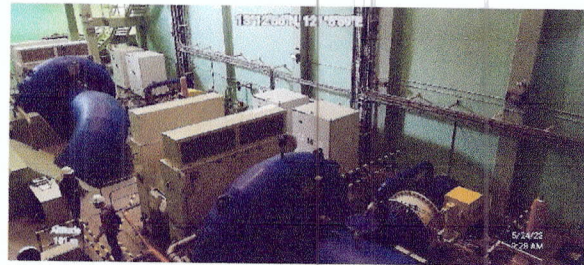
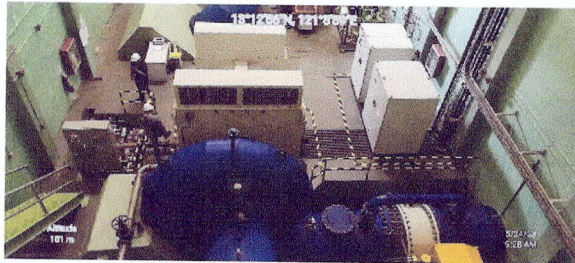




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Battery



Hydroelectric facility (2 trubines)



Engr. Francisco Ferraren of CHC, Ricardo R. Natividad, Chief MES of CENRO Socorro, PENRO  
Alan L. Valle, FT II Kenneth Pudiquet, SI I Dalia G. Bigtas, and For. II Florencio Isabedra, Jr.



Tail Race where the water from the palnt is being discharged





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Engr. Ferraren showing to the team the road connecting to the power plant



Maintained plantation and greenhouse for nursery of CHC



The team riding a dump truck crossing the Bagto River



PENRO Alan L. Valle and the team while walking going to the road-right-of-way (FLAg area)



Road-right-of-way





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The team within the FLAG area (road ROW)



The FLAG monument

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