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May 16, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR – MIMAROPA

1515 DENR by the Bay Building Roxas, Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

LETTER DATED MARCH 20, 2023 FROM MS. ELIZABETH V.

VILLAMOR RE: REQUEST FOR EASEMENT CLEARANCE

FOR BALABAC ECO RESORT PROJECT

Forwarded is the Memorandum from CENRO Brooke's Point, Palawan dated May 8, 2023 along with the inspection report of FT I RJ Keith Immanuel I. Idlana and FR Jeffrey F. Setias recommending the issuance of easement clearance.

This also to reiterate our Memorandum dated April 26, 2023 requesting for clarification in relation to the issuance of certificate of compliance on allowable easement.

Further, may we also request for legal basis on the previous instructions directing this Office to issue certificate of compliance on allowable easement.

For your information and further instruction/s.

For the PENR Officer:

ONIE B. GANDEZA

OIC-Chief, Technical Services Division In-Charge, Office of the PENRO

Cc:

CENRO - Brooke's Point, Palawan

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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

Brooke's Point, Palawan

May 08, 2023

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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

LETTER DATED MARCH 20, 2023 FROM MS. ELIZABETH

V. VILLAMOR RE: REQUEST FOR EASEMENT

CLEARANCE FOR BALABAC ECO RESORT PROJECT

This pertains to memorandum dated March 20, 2023 of PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc and received by this office on April 03, 2023 referring the aforementioned letter from Ms. Elizabeth V. Villamor, requesting for easement clearance for Balabac Eco Resort Project. Contained in the subject memorandum is the instruction for this office to conduct field inspection and submit report equip with geotagged photos as basis for further action and or issuance of the easement certification.

In line with this, respectfully forwarded herewith is the report of the Balabac Sub-Office personnel which conducted their field inspection on April 25, 2023 at So. Silum-Silom, Barangay Catagupan Balabac, Palawan. During the inspection, it was learned that the Balabac Eco Resort Project is within Alienable and Disposable land and it was titled already. Further, it was observed that the easement zone was free from any obstruction and the cottages build are outside the easement zone.

Likewise, issuance of easement clearance is recommended since no violation were noted and the requesting party are compliant with DAO 2021-07 Section 6, properties adjacent to the shoreline shall be subject to an easement of salvage zone of Twenty (20) meters.

For your information and record.

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April 26, 2023 \$5/4/13

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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Thru

The Chief, Enforcement and Monitoring Section

FROM

Forest Technician I/Team Leader

Forest Ranger

SUBJECT

BALABAC ECO RESORT REQUEST OF EASEMENT SILUM-SILOM. BRGY. **CLEARANCE** SITIO

CATAGUPAN, BALABAC, PALAWAN

On April 25, 2023, an easement was inspected in Sitio Silum-silom, Brgy. Catagupan, Balabac, Palawan. The inspection aimed to ensure that the easement zone along the shoreline is free from any obstructions that may impede the public's right to access the beach. Ms. Elizabeth V. Villamor, a representative from Balabac Eco Resort accompanied the undersigned during the inspection.

Since the Balabac Eco Resort is within alienable & disposable land and titled the measurement of the easement is only 20 meters as stated in DENR Admin Order No. 2021-07, Section 5. Determination of the Required Legal Easement. 5.2. "For Rural Areas-Shall adopt a 20-meter easement for agricultural lands, and 40-meter for forest lands."

The inspection conducted by identifying the Mean High Water Line pursuant to Section 6, which "states that properties adjacent to the shoreline "shall be subjected to an easement of salvage zone of twenty (20) meters measured landward from the Mean High Water Line or interior limit of the shoreline." To document the location of the cottages and the distance from the shore, a geocamera was used for GPS mapping, and a transect line was laid perpendicular to the shoreline (Figure 1).



Figure 1. The undersigned measuring the distance using a transect line

A map was prepared to document the results of the inspection (Figure 2). The map indicated the location of the cottages, the easement zone, and the distance from the shore.

During the inspection, it was observed that the easement zone was free from any obstructions, and the cottages in the area were located outside the easement zone. No violations were noted.

Overall, the inspection was successfully conducted, and the results were documented. The undersigned will

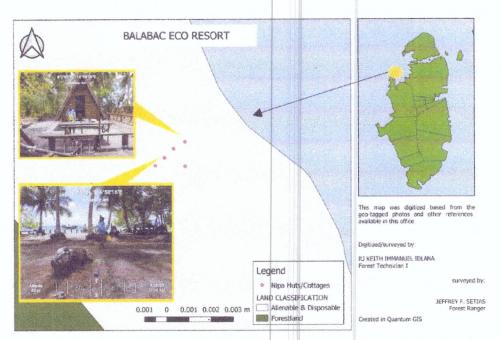


Figure 2. Map showing the location of the cottages/nipa huts from the shore; and the land classification of the area.

continue to monitor compliance with the easement requirements to ensure that the public's right to access the beach is protected.

It would be recommended to be given an easement clearance from the office or other department that issued the certificate.

For his information and record.

RJ KEITH/IMMANUEL I. IDLANA

JEFFREY F. SETIAS

GEO-TAGGED PICTURES OF THE ACTIVITY





