

Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES REGION IV – MIMAROPA

March 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR-MIMAROPA Region

1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Blvd.,

Brgy 668, Ermita, Manila

FROM

The OIC, PENR Officer

SUBJECT

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ORDER ON THE CREATION OF FACT FINDING TEAM ON THE REQUEST TO CONDUCT FORMAL INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE WORK ATTITUDE OF ENGINEER II MARY DOMINIQUE B. LAVADIA OF

DENR PENRO OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

This Office would like to request for the issuance of a Special Order on the Creation of Fact Finding Team on the request to conduct formal investigation regarding the work attitude of Engineer II Mary Dominique B. Lavadia of DENR PENRO Occidental Mindoro.

Attached is the draft Special Order of the said request.

For information and issuance of corresponding special order.

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1. Abe R. Francisco - Chair / Chief, Management Services Division

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The team shall ensure that all parties involved will be heard and all facts will be gathered and consolidated in a Completed Staff Work (CSW) with recommendation which will be submitted after the investigation.

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The undersigned, being the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro is requesting that the above named personnel be investigated due to the following grounds (1) Negligence of Duty and (2) Violation of Section 7(b) of RA 6713.

1. NEGLIGENCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY, in 2022 CENRO Sablayan was given targets on Land Survey since we don't have official Geodetic Engineer (GE) to perform the activity we rely on the service of Eng. Dominique Lavadia being the sole GE of the Province. In fairness to her there were surveys that she administered last year. Results of which were submitted in Regional Office spmetime third quarter for approval. Without our knowledge the survey plans that she asked the submitted were returned for reason(s) that only Engr. Lavadia knows. A follow up was made in the SMD. Accordingly, all the survey returns and plans have not been returned since she receives the documents first week of January 2023. Also, the survey plans of Lubang cannot be submitted because it lacks her agnature in spite that all the requirements have been complied.

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Section 7. <u>Prohibited Acts and Transactions</u>. — In addition to acts and omissions of public officials and employees now prescribed in the Constitution and existing laws, the following shall constitute prohibited acts and transactions of any public official and employee and are hereby declared to be unlawful:

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Further, Section 1(c) of Rule X of the Rules Implementing the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Pulic Officials and Employees likewise provides that government officials or employees are prohibited from engaging in the private practice of his/her profession unless authorized by the Constitution, Law or regulations, to wit:

Rule X Grounds for Administrative Disciplinary Action

Section 1. In addition to the grounds for administrative disciplinary action prescribed under existing laws, the acts and omission of any official or employee, whether or not he holds office or employment in casual, temporary, hold-over, permanent or regular capacity, declared unlawful or prohibited by the Code, shall constitute the grounds for administrative disciplinary action, and without prejudice to criminal and civil liabilities provided herein, such as:

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Premises considered, may I respectfully request that Engr. Dominique Lavadia be investigated for the grounds stated above and be subjected to disciplinary action. If warranted.

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