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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region
1515 DENR by the Bay Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU : The ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer
Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **MINUTES OF THE MEETING REGARDING THE OIL SPILLAGE ISSUE FROM THE SUBMERGED FUEL TANKER MT PRINCESS EMPRESS IN BALINGAWAN POINT, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO**

Respectfully submitted is the Minutes of the Meeting regarding the pressing environmental issue – Oil Spill from the submerged fuel tanker MT Princess Empress in Balingawan Point, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro on February 28, 2023. The said meeting was conducted on March 1, 2023, 9:00am via online platform through Zoom application.

Present in the meeting are the following key officials and representatives from other concerned agencies:

1. Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaya -DENR Secretary
2. Marilou G. Erni, - Chief of Staff and Supervising Undersecretary for Strategic Communications
3. Atty. Jonas R. Leones – Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
4. Gilbert C. Gonzales - OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Luzon and Visayas,
5. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., - Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects, Biodiversity Management Bureau Director in concurrent
6. Lormelyn E. Claudio – MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director
7. Atty. Joe Amil Salino - EMB Regional Director
8. Alan L. Valle – PENR Officer, Oriental Mindoro
9. Rodel M. Boyles - CENR Officer, Socorro Oriental Mindoro
10. Hon. Humerlito 'Bonz' Dolor – Governor, Province of Oriental Mindoro
11. Hon. Henry Joel Teves - Naujan Municipal Mayor
12. CG ENS Kennedy M. Ma-alat – Deputy Station Commander, Philippine Coastguard, Oriental Mindoro
13. Ram Joseph D. Temeña – Representative of the Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRMO)

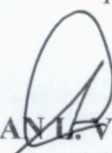


During the meeting, DENR Secretary Loyzaga delivered her message to the partner agencies as well as key officials involved in the issue. Secretary Loyzaga stated that this is a concern on the Environment Management because of the possible contamination of water from the oil spill, concern on Biodiversity knowing that the area is within Verde Island Passage, the extent of the spillage of the oil, concern on the locally managed MPA and its long-term effect to the marine resources and livelihood of the community benefiting in the area. The Secretary also stated that the meeting is an organizational strategy for connections and linkages in order to support the needs/assistance of the people doing the operations in the area. Further, she expressed that the department will look for experts who will identify the extent of the damages of the spillage and also to identify management strategies for the after effect of the situation.

As of the time of the meeting, updates on the said situation were presented by the Philippine Coastguard, Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro and PENRO Oriental Mindoro officials, to wit;

- The BRP Melchora Aquino (MRRV-9702) is closing monitoring and doing the on-site operations in the area.
- The leak of the oil was from the fuel of the machine tanker and not from the loaded oil of the cargo.
- An approximately 6-km long and 4-km wide oil spill was observed in the coastal waters of Balingawan Point, Naujan. Oriental Mindoro as of 6:00am.
- The situation is 10-12 nautical miles from the mainland of the Municipality of Naujan.
- The motor tanker was already fully submerged and still cannot find its exact location.
- The Coast Guard have requested for an aerial surveillance of the area in order to see the extent of the oil spill and the location of the tanker.
- The PCG cannot proceed with operations because of the inclement weather condition as of this time.
- Oil spill containment booms are not yet installed, but tools are already available in the PCG.
- Three (3) locally Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Municipality of Naujan are affected by the oil spill, namely Masaguing Fish Sanctuary, Tujod Fish Sanctuary and Buloc buloc Cove.
- The DENR EMB – PEMU Oriental Mindoro together with the PCG is set to conduct water testing for oil spill assessment and oil spill response operations.

Also discussed in the said meeting are the arrangements for the possible assistance to the team doing the operations and to ask for the roles and responsibilities of each agencies. In addition, The DENR Central Office along with the other Key Officials from Regional and field offices will be attending the first (1st) Provincial Council Meeting of the PDRMO as requested by the Governor, wherein one of the agenda is the status and real-time updates on the situation will be presented during the meeting. The DENR Central Office will be presenting possible organization structure and other plan for the assistance to the operations to the said issue.


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TANKER MT PRINCESS EMPRESS IN BALINGAWAN POINT, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL
MINDORO

March 1, 2023 | thru Online via Zoom

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATTENDANCE

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10. Ederlita U. Labre – Chief, EMB PEMU Oriental Mindoro

Provincial and Municipal Government

11. Hon. Humerlito 'Bonz' Dolor – Governor, Province of Oriental Mindoro
12. Hon. Henry Joel Teves - Naujan Municipal Mayor

Other Government Agencies

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14. Ram Joseph D. Temeña – Representative of the Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO)
15. Chief of Police, PNP Municipal Office of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro

Others Present / DENR Oriental Mindoro Personnel

16. Maricel V. Supleo – Chief, Management Services Division
17. Amor D. Asi - PENRO Chief Conservation and Development Section
18. Delia T. Almarez - PENRO Chief, Regulations and Permitting Section
19. Rick U. Dumadag - PENRO Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section
20. Ricardo T. Natividad - CENRO Socorro Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section
21. Bea Natasha R. Fortu – PENRO Information Officer



I. PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was started at 9:00am via online platform thru Zoom application.

II. BUSINESS PROPER

A. Message of the DENR Secretary

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B. Updates on the Current Situation

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C. Agreements on the Matter

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III. ADJOURNMENT

With no further matters to discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30A.M.

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