Republic of the Philippines Fourth Judicial Region REGIONAL TRIAL COURT Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro Branch 39

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In Re: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION OR TITLING OF LAND UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 11573.

Case No. LRC-22-23518
PETITION FOR JUDICIAL
CONFIRMATION OR
TITLING OF LAND

SORIANO M. DEL MUNDO,

Petitioner.

MANIFESTATION AND INITIAL COMPLIANCE

The Petitioner, through the undersigned counsel, unto this Honorable Court, respectfully states that:

1. On April 19, 2023, the undersigned received an *Order* dated April 11, 2023 from this Honorable Court directing Petitioner to comply with the fifth requirement in its *Order* dated February 2, 2023, specifically:

"Certifications from the Land Management Bureau (LMB), Community Environment and Natural Resource Office (CENRO), and the Land Management Services (LMS), as the case may be, copy furnished the LRA:

> a. That the lot subject of the application or any portion thereof is not covered by any kind of public land application or land patent;

- b. That the lot is not covered by previously approved isolated survey; and
- c. That the lot is within the area classified as alienable and disposable land of public domain."
- 2. On April 27, 2023, the undersigned requested from the LMB a *Certification* in order to comply with the *Order* dated February 2, 2023. On even date, the LMB issued a *Letter* stating that due to the razing of its office last May 2018, it cannot ascertain whether the subject lot is covered by any kind of public land application or land patent, or previously approved isolated survey, and whether it is within the area classified as alienable and disposable land of public domain, as it cannot confirm the existence of documents containing the records of the subject lot. A copy of this *Letter* is attached here as Annex "A."
- 3. In the same *Letter*, the LMB referred the DENR-CENRO of Brgy. Pasi, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro (CENRO Socorro) as the agency which can issue the certifications required by this Honorable Court.
- 4. On May 10, 2023, the undersigned sent a *letter* to CENRO Socorro requesting the subject certifications in order to comply with the thirty (30) day period given by this Honorable Court. A copy of this *Letter Request* dated May 8, 2023 is also attached here as Annex "B." This *Letter Request* was also sent to the e-mail address of CENRO Socorro at cenrosocorro@denr.gov.ph on May 15, 2023, to ensure prompt receipt. A print-out of the e-mail thread evidencing the electronic service of the *Letter Request* is attached here as Annex "C."
- 5. No action was taken by the CENRO Socorro with regard this request as of this writing, and despite the former's receipt of the said *Letter Request*. A copy of the private courier tracking receipt of the *Letter Request* is attached here as Annex "D."
- 6. Nevertheless, the undersigned sent a Letter¹ to the Land Registration Authority (LRA) Docketing Section attaching copies

¹ This *Letter* dated May 22, 2023 and was sent to the *Land Registration Authority* on even date. A copy of this *Letter* is attached as Annex "H."

of Survey Plan Mli-045211-02-A-D issued in favor of Mr. Del Mundo, with the annotation on its bottom left portion identifying the subject lot as "alienable and disposable" and the Geodetic Engineer's Certification on the middle right hand portion of the same document, broth bracketed for easier recognition. A copy of Survey Plan Mli-045211-02-A-D with the bracketed portions is attached here as Annex "E."

- 7. In addition, the undersigned furnished the LRA copies of *L.C. Map No. 1184*, which declared approximately all parts of the Municipality of Puerto Galera as alienable and disposable, including the lot subject of this case. A copy of this *L.C. Map No. 1184* is attached here as Annex "F."
- 8. The *L.C. Map No. 1184* was issued pursuant to Section 1827 of the Revised Administrative Code and on the basis of *Forestry Administrative Order (FAO) No. 4-320*, dated September 7, 1935. *FAO No. 4-320* is the formal declaration issued by former DENR Secretary Eulogio Rodriguez declaring the Municipality of Puerto Galera as alienable and disposable and which placed Oriental Mindoro under the control of the Bureau of Lands for administration and disposition, subject to private rights. A copy of *FAO No. 4-320* is also attached here as Annex "G."
- 9. This initial compliance is made upon the pronouncements of the High Court in the case of *Republic v. Spouses Reynaldo Dela Cruz*,⁴ which enunciated that the CENRO Certifications must be supported by approval of the DENR Secretary which declare the lands subject of judicial confirmation as classified and within alienable and disposable land of the public domain, to wit:

"It is not enough for the PENRO or CENRO to certify that a land is alienable and disposable. The applicant for land registration must prove that the DENR Secretary had approved the land classification and released the land of the public domain as alienable and disposable, and that the land subject of the application for registration falls within the approved area per verification through survey by the PENRO or CENRO. In addition, the applicant for land registration

² Bracketed as Annex "E-1."

³ Bracketed as Annex "E-2."

⁴ G.R. No. 220868, June 15, 2020.

must present a copy of the original classification approved the by DENR Secretary and certified as a true copy by the legal custodian of the official records. These facts must be established to prove that the land is alienable and disposable."

(Emphasis supplied.)

10. Since the requested certifications will need sufficient support, the submission of the abovementioned documents ensure compliance with the requirements under the *Order* dated April 11, 2023. Furthermore, the current inaction of CENRO Socorro should not frustrate this Honorable Court's *Order*, to the prejudice of herein petitioner.

Respectfully manifested.

Quezon City for Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro: May 22, 2023.

SALUMBIDES & DELOS SANTOS

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Community Environment and Natural Resource Office (CENRO) Pasi II, Socorro Oriental Mindoro	

EXPLANATION:

Copies of this *Manifestation with Initial Compliance* were filed and served to the above-named by licensed courier due to time and distance constraints possed by the panel with

distance constraints posed by the pandemic.

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SUBJECT:

Status of MLI-045211-02-A-D in the name of Soriano M. del Mundo situated in Pola, Oriental Mindoro



MS. MARIE ADORACION P. DACQUEL

A4th Floor the West Wing Bldg. West Avenue, Brgy. Bungad Quezon City

Madam::

This refers to your letter dated April 27, 2023, requesting for status of MLI-045211-02-A-D situated in Pola, Oriental Mindoro in the name of Soriano M. del Mundo.

Please be informed that we cannot ascertain whether the said lot/s are not covered by any kind of public land application or land patent or previously approved isolated survey and is within the area classified as alienable and disposable land of public domain for the reason that our Office was razed by fire last May 28, 2018 and we cannot confirm the existence of the folder/s it there are any, containing the records of the lots subject of your request.

It is suggested that similar request be made to DENR-CENRO, Brgy. Pasi, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro with email address at compsecontoia denr. 20 v.ph and contact numbers (043) 288-8517 regarding your request.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ENGR. VIC Chief, Records and Knowledge Management Division

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ANNEX B"

Case Reference No. A22-014

May 8, 2023

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICE (CENRO)

Pasi II, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro E-mail: cenrosocorro@denr.gov.ph

GENTLEMEN:

We write on behalf of our client, *Mr. Soriano M. Del Mundo*, who is the lawful owner and possessor of a parcel of land situated at White Beach, Brgy. San Isidro, Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro. It has an aggregate area of Nine Hundred and Five square meters (905 m²) identified under *Approved Survey Plan Mli-045211-02-A-D*, and classified under the same document as "inside alienable and disposable area" by virtue of *Proj. No. 11, L.C. Map No. 1184*. A copy of this *Approved Plan* (with the specific annotation of its alienable and disposable character bracketed therein) and *L. C. Map No. 1184* are attached in this letter for your easy reference.

The said classification under *L.C. Map No. 1184* was made pursuant to Section 1827 of the Revised Administrative Code on the basis of Forestry Administrative Order (FAO) No. 4-320, dated September 7, 1935. The *L.C. Map* declared approximately all parts of the Municipality of Puerto Galera as alienable and disposable, including our client's property. A copy of *FAO No. 4-320* is also attached here for your reference.

Furthermore, *Mr. Del Mundo* has been in open, actual, continuous, and notorious ownership and possession of the aforementioned land since April 2002 and has accordingly declared the land for taxation purposes. This land has also been classified as suitable for commercial use, per *Tax Declaration No.* 2015-110009-01994 issued in our client's favor. A copy of this *Tax Declaration* is attached here, for your perusal.

We hereby seek your issuance of a *Certification* which confirms and states the following:

(1) That the land identified in *Approved Survey Plan Mli-045211-02-A-D* is not covered by

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any kind of public land application or land patent;

(2) That the same land is not covered by previously approved isolated survey; and

(3) That the lot is classified as alienable and disposable land of the public domain.

We make this request in compliance with the *Order* of the Regional Trial Court of Oriental Mindoro Branch 39 dated February 2, 2023, and upon endorsement by the Land Management Bureau (LMB) in its *Letter* dated April 27, 2023. Copies of the aforementioned *Order* and *Letter* are hereto attached for your reference.

As we are aware that this requested transaction is within the mandate of your office to provide efficient and corrupt-free services per Section 21 of *Executive Order 192*, your timely assistance is sought as the said *Certification* is also required by the aforementioned Regional Trial Court.

For the Firm,

MARÍE ADORACÍON P. DACQUEL

ANNEX B-

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Request for Certification

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Mon, May 15, 2023 at 10:15 AM

To: cenrosocorro@denr.gov.ph

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Community Environment and Natural Resource Office (CENRO) Pasi II, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro

Gentlemen:

A blessed day!

Please see the attached *Letter* dated May 8, 2023 requesting for Certifications in connection with the property owned by our client, *Mr. Soriano M. Del Mundo*, located at White Beach, Brgy. San Isidro, Puerto Galera.

The same Letter was sent via licensed courier to your good office last May 10, 2023.

We look forward to your favorable response on this matter.

Best regards,

MARIE ADORACION P. DACQUEL

Associate Attorney



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BATANES	Air/Sea	3-5
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NORTH LUZON	Land	1-2
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MINDANAO	Air/Roro	3-6
PUERTO PRINCESA	Air/Sea	2-3
BATANES	Air/Sea	4-6
CORON	Air/Sea	3-4
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PUERTO PRINCESA	Air/Sea	4-7
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- l. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1927 or to d Administrative Code, I hereby declare as agricultured and place under the sentral of the Bureau of Lands for stration and disposition in accordance with the Public aws, subject to private rights, if any there belo, and to additions hereinafter specified, those portions of the passes main situated in the Municipality of Puerto Galera, Proport Mindoro, containing an area of 5,768 hectares more and disignated and described as alienable and disposable can of Forestry Map No. L. C.-1184, approved on September 5.
- 2. There are reserved as timber lands from the areas declared agricultural lands, a strip of 15 meters in wid he center line of any public trail therein used for right and outlet for timber and other forest products, and of 20 meters in width, along each bank of any stress for rotection.
- of the timber existing in the areas herein declared agrical lands shall continue to be subject to the Forest and al Revenue Laws and Regulations, and the present license ure holders of licenses which may be granted by the Director of Lands, for purposes of such us on, shall have the preferential right in the utilization h existing timber, and also shall have the right to constant maintain logging trails as timber outlets.

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ANNEX

Director of Forestry



SALUMBIDES & DELOS SANTOS

Commercial Law and Litigation



Case Reference No. A22-014

May 22, 2023

LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY (LRA)

EAST AVENUE COR. NIA ROAD QUEZON CITY

ANNA E. CORTEZ

CHIEF, PUBLICATION OF NOTICES SECTION DOCKET DIVISION





We write on behalf of our client, Mr. Soriano del Mundo, who is the Petitioner in the case titled In Re: Petition for Judicial Confirmation or Titling of Land under Republic Act 11573, docketed as Land Registration Case No. LRC-22-23518 (LRA Record No. E-ORD-2023000002) pending before the Regional Trial Court Branch 39, Oriental Mindoro.

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- b. That the lot is not covered by previously approved isolated survey; and
- c. That the lot is within the area classified as alienable and disposable land of the public domain.

We initiated a formal request for the aforementioned documents from the *Land Management Bureau (LMB)* on April 27, 2023. The LMB promptly acknowledged this and advised us to direct a similar inquiry to the *Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)* of Pasi, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro. This course of action was suggested as the LMB was unable to verify the availability of the requested documents due to a fire that razed its office last May 2018.

We have attached a copy of the communication received from the LMB as *Annex "B"* and a *Letter* dated May 8, 2023 addressed to the CENRO for the same request is likewise attached, as *Annex "C"*.

Our request to the CENRO has not been acted upon, as of writing. Nevertheless, we furnish this good office a copy of *Survey Plan Mli-045211-02-A-D*, which was issued in favor of *Mr. Del Mundo*, with the annotation on its bottom left portion identifying the land as "alienable and disposable" bracketed as *Annex "D-1"* and the *Geodetic Engineer's Certification* on the middle right hand portion of the same document, bracketed as *Annex "D-2."*

To further support *Survey Plan Mli-045211-02-A-D*, we are also attaching a copy of *L.C. Map No. 1184*, which was made pursuant to Section 1827 of the Revised Administrative Code and on the basis of

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Forestry Administrative Order (FAO) No. 4-320, dated September 7, 1935.

The *L.C. Map* declared approximately all parts of the Municipality of Puerto Galera as alienable and disposable, including our client's property. A copy of the L.C. Map is also attached here as *Annex "E,"* for your reference.

Similarly, FAO No. 4-320 which is the formal declaration issued by then DENR Secretary Eulogio Rodriguez declared the Municipality of Puerto Galera as alienable and disposable and placed it under the control of the Bureau of Lands for administration and disposition, subject to private rights is also attached here as *Annex "F."*

We trust that these documents suffice the requirements necessary for our client's application for judicial titling, pending before the Regional Trial Court of Oriental Mindoro, as we await certifications relevant to the subject lot from the CENRO.

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