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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

ATTENTION : *The Chief*
Surveys and Mapping Division

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **CORRECTION AND DELINEATION OF THE METERS AND
BOUNDS OF CAD 800-D, MODULE 2, CASE 29 OF BARANGAY
STA. MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the Memorandum from CENR Officer, CENRO Puerto Princesa City, dated March 22, 2023 regarding the above-cited subject.

This office reads the report and concur with the recommendation.

For information and consideration.

Cc: CENRO Puerto Princesa City

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March 22, 2023

MEMORANDUM


FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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1515 L&S Building, Roxas Blvd.
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THRU : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **CORRECTION AND DELINEATION OF THE METES AND
BOUNDS OF CAD. 800-D, MODULE 2 CASE 29 OF BRGY.
SANTA MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY**

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DATE: 04-18-2023 ON 23-3485

This has reference with the issues and concerns encountered by this office regarding the confirmation of the land classification of lots covered by Republic Act 9145, entitled "AN ACT TO RECLASSIFY A PORTION OF THE LAND UNDER CADASTRAL SURVEY 800-D, MODULE 2, PROJECT NO. 1-LC MAP 203 IN BARANGAY SANTA MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION". Said Act was enacted on May 28, 2001.

Following the procedures in verifying the land classification status of some lots in Brgys. Sta. Monica and Tinguiban, this City, covered by Cad. 800-D, Module 2, Case 29, this office have forwarded our LC verification to the Regional Office for confirmation pursuant to DENR Memorandum Circular (DMC) 2019-10 dated December 11, 2019, which provided for the supplemental procedures on the issuance, processing, and approval of survey authority, survey plans, and public land applications (PLAs) covering lots in the Provinces of Sarangani, South Cotabato and Palawan.

In different dated Memoranda from the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services regarding the confirmation of land classification status, it is noteworthy that lots covered by Cad. 800-D, Module 2, Case 29 are not confirmed as agricultural lands/alienable and disposable lands for reasons that it fall within the purview of R.A. 9145. In fact, we were requested to provide supplemental documents which can be used as basis for verification in compliance with Section 2 of the aforementioned Act, which states that the Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue all the necessary orders, rules and circulars to implement the provisions of R.A. 9145. Further, we were informed that the matter will be forwarded and endorsed to the legal division for legal opinion.

On December 23, 2022, in compliance with the aforementioned instruction to submit supplemental documents, a copy of DENR Memorandum Order No. 2004-03 dated May 22, 2004 was forwarded by this office to the Regional Office thru the PENRO. This DAO serves as guidelines for the disposition of public lands under cadastral survey 800-

D, Module 2, in Brgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, that were reclassified from timberland to agricultural by Republic Act 9145.

However, despite the submission of the said supplemental documents, still the findings of the Regional Office are the same and it appears that the matter was indorsed to the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) by the Regional Office for the verification of its land classification status.

Listed below are the additional information pertaining to Republic Act 9145:

1. Cadastral Survey 800-D, Module 2, Case 29 was surveyed from July 25, 1984 to October 15, 1984 and the same was approved on November 3, 1981, during the time the subject area is still classified as Timberland under Project No. 1, LC Map No. 203 dated December 29, 1923, except that portion covered by Presidential Proclamation No. 16, dated September 11, 1998;
2. Since it appearing from the records of the Office that several applications for titling were filed and received covering portions of land located in Brgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City described under Preliminary Map Data (PMD) No. 3639, consisting about 238 hectares, which per verification has been ascertained to be within Timberland, hence, a CENRO Order dated July 2, 20021 was issued ordering all filed PLAs covering the said area described under PMD No. 3639 rejected, forfeiting whatever amounts have been paid in favor of the government;
3. After the issuance of RA 9145, the processing of patent commenced. Numerous patents were issued. Many lots were recommended for subdivision and subsequently approved by the Regional Office thru the Surveys and Mapping Division and it stopped only when then USEC Demetrio Ignacio issued a memorandum dated May 28, 2015 suspending the issuance of survey authority, conduct and approval of survey of untitled lands and acceptance and processing of public land applications within Palawan.
4. Upon the lifting of the suspension per memorandum dated March 9, 2022 from then Acting Secretary Jim O. Simpulna, CESO I, this office was already flooded by request to follow-up subsisting applications and new intent to apply for patent.

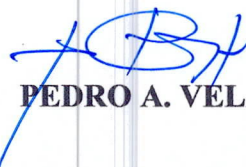
Documents Attached:

1. Memorandum dated February 9, 2022 from DENR-CENRO PPC to the RED regarding request for issuance of clarification on the confirmation of Land Classification status of lots within RA 9145.
2. Memorandum from the Regional Office to the PENR Officer, Palawan attention: the CENR Officer, Puerto Princesa City dated February 14, 2023 regarding the confirmation of the land classification status of 61 lots, all located within the jurisdiction of CENRO Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. This Memorandum shows that lots within CAD 800-D in Barangay Santa Monica are **not confirmed**. The status reflected is "**within R.A. 9145**".
3. Unsigned letter of RED Lormelyn E. Claudio to Undersecretary Peter N. Tiangco, Ph.D. CESO I, Administrator of NAMRIA. The letter is requesting for the verification of the classification status of the subject location as provided under the aforementioned act excluding the area falling under Proclamation No. 16, S 1998 "Reserving and Declaring as Puerto Princesa City Government Center and Nature Park a Certain Portion of the Land of the Public Domain Situated in Barangay Santa Monica and Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City.

This Office is requesting for the conduct of correction and delineation of metes and bounds of CAD 800-D, Module 2, Case 29 situated in Barangay Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City. This is in order to address the ambiguities and different interpretations pertaining to the land classification status.

Likewise, we are reiterating our request for your immediate action on the matter while we are struggling to be compliant with the requirements of the Quality Management System (QMS) and the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 (R.A. 11032) and the ARTA. We are constraints with this unresolved ambiguities.

For your information, record and issuance of clarification.


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