

# Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

DENR Compound, Jones St. Tacloban City, Philippines

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### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

04 May 2021

DENR-PAB Case No. 08-000021-21-A

STRONG BUILT MINING DEVELOPMENT CORP – MACARTHUR IRON PROJECT CORP. (MAGNATITE SAND

PROCESSING/WASHING PLANT)

Zone 5, Maya, MacArthur, Leyte

Thru: MR. RENE BOY VELASCO

Managing Head

MS. ARLYN PIQUE Pollution Control Officer

Sir/Madame:

This notice is being served upon you for alleged violation of **R.A 8749**, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, based upon the desk review conducted by the Clearance and Permitting Division – Air and Water Permitting Section (CPD-AWPS) of this Office last **26 April 2021** on your online application for Permit to Operate renewal filed last **31 March 2021**.

ACTS CONSTITUTING THE VIOLATION

Finding/s	Prohibited Act/s
Operating without a valid Permit to Operate for the following Air Pollution Source and Control Installations: two (2) units 1000 KW "BAIFA" Diesel Generator Set and one (1) unit 985 KW "CUMMINS" Diesel Engine (Tailings Pump), since 11 February 2021.	Violation of Section 1, Rule XIX of DENR Administrative Order No. 2004-26, and Permitting Procedures No. 8 of Memorandum Circular 2007-003, in relation to Section 47 of RA 8749 and in relation further to Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2019.

Pursuant to Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 02, Series of 2020, otherwise known as the Interim Guidelines of the Pollution Adjudication Board during the Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19, you are hereby required to explain in writing, duly subscribed before a Notary Public, within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof, your defense/position to the alleged violation which is punishable by a fine of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P19,500.00) for every five (5) years of violation of the above cited prohibited act and to show cause why no Order should be issued against you, directing immediate cessation of the project operation.

Please submit a hard copy of your written explanation to this Office, as well as an electronic copy of the same to <a href="mailto:embra@emb.gov.ph">embra@emb.gov.ph</a>, copy furnished <a href="mailto:legalunitembra@gmail.com">legalunitembra@gmail.com</a>, to expedite the submission.

Please be informed that failure to submit the position paper on or before the period prescribed above shall mean a waiver of your right to contest the findings of the report and present evidence on your defense and the case may be decided based on evidence on record.

Please be guided accordingly.

FECIA R. MACEDA
Regional Director

Very truly yours



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Regional Office No. VIII
DENR Compound, Jones St., Tacloban City, Philippines



FOR

THE DIVISION CHIEF

Clearance and Permitting Division

FROM

THE UNDERSIGNED STAFF

Air & Wastewater Permitting Section

SUBJECT

DESK REVIEW REPORT INVOLVING THE STRONG BUILT MINING DEVELOPMENT

CORPORATION-MACARTHUR IRON PROJECT

CORPORATION (MAGNETITE SAND

PROCESSING/WASHING PLANT), LOCATED AT ZONE

5, MAYA, MACARTHUR, LEYTE.

DATE

26 APRIL 2021

### BACKGROUND/ PROCEEDINGS

On 31 March 2021, STRONG BUILT MINING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION-MACARTHUR IRON PROJECT CORPORATION (MAGNETITE SAND PROCESSING/WASHING PLANT), filed an online application (Application No. 110690) for the renewal of its Permit to Operate. This desk review report is hereby prepared on 26 April 2021 for the purpose of issuance of Notice of Violation for operating without a valid Permit to Operate.

#### FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS

Based on the aforementioned application, the following findings were observed:

- STRONG BUILT MINING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION-MACARTHUR IRON PROJECT CORPORATION (MAGNETITE SAND PROCESSING/ WASHING PLANT) has been issued a Permit to Operate on 10 November 2020, with Permit No. PTO-OL-R08-2020-02258 which was only valid until 10 February 2021. Copy of the said permit to operate is attached;
- STRONG BUILT MINING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION-MACARTHUR IRON PROJECT CORPORATION (MAGNETITE SAND PROCESSING/WASHING PLANT) is represented by Rene Boy Velasco (0922 420 4541) as the Managing Head and Arlyn Pique (0908 306 9256) as the Pollution Control Officer;

Reviewed by:

AIKEĘ C. SILLEZA EMS II

Approved by:

Maribel B. MUNSAYAC Chief, CPD

Concurred by:

HENNENCY G. HAYAG, PME OVC-Chief, AWPS

Noted by:

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