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

Regional Office No. VIII Tacloban City, Philippines

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IN RE: CANCELLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC-08-030925-0138) OF

BRIGIDA ALDE'S WANTAI PIGGERY FARM PROJECT AT

BARANGAY DISTRICT IV, BABATNGON, LEYTE

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ORDER

This Order is being issued in view of the on-site project validation conducted by technical personnel of this Office upon the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), with Reference No. ECC-08-030925-0138, issued to Ms. Brigida Alde last September 25, 2003 for its Wantai Piggery Farm Project located at Barangay District IV, Babatngon, Leyte.

The validation conducted was aimed at ascertaining the validity of the subject ECC *vis-à-vis* the requirements of existing and new policies.

Facts

On July 13, 2021, technical personnel from the Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division of this Office conducted an on-site project validation upon the Wantai Piggery Farm Project of Ms. Brigida Alde located at Barangay District IV, Babatngon, Leyte.

The validation revealed the following findings:

- That the project has commenced implementation/operation since the ECC was issued.
- 2. That the project, however, has stopped operation for more than five (5) years. The piggery farm is not operational. According to the new owner, the previous owner has already migrated abroad. Currently, the area is used as a training location for TESDA students by SISOFA (Sitio Sogod Farmers Association) headed by the Brgy. Chairman of Brgy. Dist. IV which is the owner of the piggery farm. Trainings for organic farming is conducted in the area. As per new owner, they have plans to re-operate the piggery for the TESDA training also.
- 3. The proponent was advised to secure a new ECC since there will be modifications on the location, design and capacity of the

piggery farm. Based on office records, no submission of the required report from the proponent since the issuance of its ECC.

Based on the foregoing grounds, the validating personnel has recommended for the cancellation of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) issued by this Office for the said project.

Ruling

This Office finds that the ECC should be cancelled because the Project has stopped operation/implementation for more than five (5) years.

Under Paragraph (g), No. 4 of the Revised Guidelines for Coverage Screening and Standardized Requirements of the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System, projects that have stopped operation for more than five years are not required to obtain a new ECC, provided ALL the following conditions are met:

- CMR/CMVR had continuously been submitted or an official request for suspension of the CMR/CMVR had been approved by EMB.
- No request for relief and/or cancellation of ECC had been approved.
- The resumption of operation will not involve expansion of terms of production capacity (volume of output; number of product lines) or area.
- The resumption of operation will not involve changes or medication in technology/ production method or manufacturing process/operation used.
- 5. There is no change in ownership or corporate dissolution.

Otherwise, an application for new ECC has to be filed and approved prior to resumption of operation.

Here, the findings reveal that the project has stopped operations for more than five (5) years. Although the proponent is yet to communicate an intention to resume operations, it is incumbent upon the proponent to show that all the above conditions are met if it intends to resume operations in the future. Accordingly, this Order presents an opportunity for the project proponent to prove that the said conditions were or will be met. Otherwise, the ECC Cancellation is in order.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, this Office finds that Environmental Compliance Certificate, with Reference ECC-08-030925-0138, issued to Ms. Brigida Alde for its Wantai Piggery Farm Project at Barangay Barangay District IV, Babatngon, Leyte is hereby CANCELLED.

The Project Proponent, **Ms. Brigida Alde**, is hereby given an opportunity within a period of **Fifteen (15) days** from receipt of this Order to submit its position/explanation on the matter, the failure of which to do the same shall be deemed a waiver of its right to contest the cancellation and the cancellation shall be deemed final and executory.

SO ORDERED. **0 4** FEB 2022

Tacloban City, Philippines.

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