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Dear **Atty. Rubiato**:

Environmental Greetings!

This Office is writing upon the instance of a fact-finding investigation conducted by technical and legal personnel from this Office last **16 March 2022** on the Reclamation Projects of the Provincial Government of Samar in **Brgys. Mercedes, Bunuanan, and Guinsorongan, Catbalogan City, Samar**.

The result of the investigation revealed the opinion of the investigating personnel that the project has begun implementation. The findings also disclosed that two (2) separate Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECCs) covering a 35-hectare and 25-hectare reclamation in Brgys. Mercedes to Brgy. Guinsorongan, Catbalogan City, Samar has been issued by the Central Office, Environmental Management Bureau.

Acting upon the recommendation of the investigating personnel, this Office would like to seize this opportunity to inform your office of the fact that the project proponent, Provincial Government of Samar, has already commenced implementation of the reclamation project, as it may be a material consideration under any of the regulatory activities of your office.

For the information and reference of your office. Thank you and best regards.

Respectfully,

**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
OIC- Regional Director