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ATTY. PERCIVAL A. ORTILLO, JR.

Municipal Mayor Marabut, Samar RELEASED BY N DATE: 2||u|2022

Dear Mayor Ortillo,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to LGU Marabut's **Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** in **Brgy. Binukyahan** which has been funded by this Office through a financial assistance in year 2019.

On 18 January 2022, personnel from this Office monitored the MRF in order to evaluate its operation. In view of the findings obtained during the monitoring, you are advised to implement the following, to wit:

- Establish an RCA for the temporary storage of residual wastes while access to a Sanitary Landfill is not yet available;
- 2. Properly operationalize the MRF as a storage for sorted recyclable materials;
- Undertake composting at the MRF to divert biodegradable wastes since there is sufficient space available at the MRF compound;
- Provide manpower to maintain and secure the MRF and to conduct the sorting and composting activities. Provide appropriate PPEs for them;
- 5. Provide labels for the compartments inside the MRF;
- Provide an MRF logbook where the quantity of solid wastes received, stored, sold to junkshops and the amount of sales from selling the recyclables will be recorded. Use these data to calculate the actual waste diversion rate of the LGU;
- The SWM equipment should be utilized in order to enhance the waste diversion rate of the LGU; and
- Stop disposing unsegregated wastes at the open pit. Close it, and refrain from further digging open pits.

Moreover, please be reminded to comply with the other mandatory requirements of RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, namely: segregation-at-source and segregated collection, 3Rs, composting, recycling, and proper operationalization of barangay MRFs, and establishment of a Sanitary Landfill.

Thank you and stay safe. God bless.

Very truly yours,

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