

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

Regional Office No. VIII Tacloban City, Philippines -o0o-

IN RE: VIOLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE GENERAL CONDITION NO. 4, DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2003-30, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1586

-versus-

FREDERICK JAN T. DY QUARRY EXTRACTION OF CALCIFIED AND AGGREGATE MATERIALS PROJECT

Brgy. San Isidro, Pambujan, Northern Samar

Respondent.

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DECISION

This resolves the Notice of Violation dated 24 September 2021 issued by this Office against Frederick Jan T. Dy Quarry Extraction Of Calcified And Aggregate Materials Project, herein referred to as the "Respondent", for brevity, located in Brgy. San Isidro, Pambujan, Northern Samar for the following violation:

a. Non-submission of Compliance Monitoring Report to this Office, as required under ECC General Condition No. 4

Statement of Facts

An Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) is a decision document issued to the Proponent after thorough review of the EIA Report. It outlines the commitments of the proponent which are necessary for the project to comply with existing environmental regulations or to operate within best environmental practice that are not currently covered by existing laws. It contains specific measures and conditions that the project Proponent has to undertake before and during the operation of a project, and in some cases, during abandonment phase, to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

One of the salient features of an ECC are conditions and restrictions, which the Proponent has conformed to implement mitigating measures for potentially negative impacts and/or

enhancement measures for potentially positive impacts as identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

On 15 June 2021, technical personnel from the Provincial Environmental Management Unit- Northern Samar conducted a compliance inspection upon herein Respondent. The report of the inspection revealed the Respondent's non-compliance with the above-stated ECC Condition. Consequently, the inspecting personnel recommended the issuance by this Office of a Notice of Violation.

On **24 September 2021**, this Office issued a Notice of Violation upon Respondent, and the latter was called to attend a Technical Conference/Hearing on **25 October 2021**. Respondent, however, failed to appear before this Office on the schedule of the technical conference nor to submit a position paper, despite receipt of the NOV last **10 October 2021** by one **Eva Alberio**.

Under EMB Memorandum Circular No. 21, Series of 2020¹, the failure of the Respondent to appear before this Office on the scheduled technical conference shall be deemed a waiver of its right to contest the findings of the investigation and the case shall then be decided based on the available evidence on record.

Hence, the Hearing Officer submitted the case for the Decision of this Office and recommends affirming the alleged violation and the imposition of the corresponding fines thereto.

Issue

Whether or not Respondent submitted a Compliance Monitoring Report, as required by ECC General Condition No. 4.

Ruling

General Condition No. 4 of ECC-R08-1303-0028 requires the submission of a Compliance Monitoring Report to this Office semi-annually to this Office.

In this case, a perusal of the records of this Office will then disclose that no such Compliance Monitoring Reports were submitted by the Respondent. There is likewise no showing to the contrary as the respondent failed to appear before this Office or submit a position paper. Hence, a violation was committed by the respondent.

¹ Supplemental Rules of the EMB Manual of Uniform Procedures for the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREFORE, premises considered, this Office finds the Respondent liable to the violation. Consequently, Respondent is hereby ordered to pay the fine of <u>TEN THOUSAND PESOS (Php10, 000.00)</u> for the violation, an administrative condition in the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and classified as a Minor Offense that will not have a direct significant impact on the environment but can impede or delay compliance against other ECC conditions and/or EMP Commitments which the Proponent is required to comply or can prevent/deter EMB from performing monitoring or audit functions on the Proponent's environmental performance.

This is in accordance with the definition provided for under Section 2.5, Item no. 32, Paragraph (d) (i) (1) of the Revised Procedural Manual for DAO 2003-30, Implementing Rules and Regulations of P.D 1586 or the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System.

The Respondent is hereby given THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM RECEIPT of this decision within which to settle the said amount. Respondent is also enjoined of its compliance, not only with the conditions herein involved, but to all other conditions and restrictions of its ECC.

Otherwise, any similar future infractions shall be dealt with severely in accordance with law or may warrant the suspension/cancellation of Respondent's ECC.

The Legal Officer or any of his authorized representative/s is hereby directed to serve this Order within seventy-two hours from receipt hereof.

SO ORDERED. JAN 2 7 2022

Tacloban City, Philippines.

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC- Regional Director