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IN RE: **CANCELLATION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE  
(ECC-R08-0909-0025) OF  
JOEL B. CARDONA'S SMALL SCALE CHROMITE MINING  
PROJECT AT BARANGAY CANTOMOJA, SALCEDO,  
EASTERN SAMAR**

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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-R08-0909-0025**, issued to **Mr. Joel B. Cardona** last **October 6, 2009** for its **Small Scale Chromite Mining Project** located at **Barangay Cantomoja, Salcedo, Eastern Samar**.

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 August 16, 2021, technical personnel from the PEMU-Eastern Samar of this Office conducted an on-site project validation upon the **Small Scale Chromite Mining Project** of **Mr. Joel B. Cardona** located at **Barangay Cantomoja, Salcedo, Eastern Samar**.

The validation revealed the following findings:

1. 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 project site was already abandoned. According to the Barangay official of Brgy. Cantomoja, the project was no longer operational for almost 9 years. The inspector was not able to meet the proponent at the time of inspection since the owner's residence is far from the project location, somewhere in Camada, Maydolong, Eastern Samar.
3. No reports were submitted per office records.

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:

1. CMR/CMVR had continuously been submitted or an official request for suspension of the CMR/CMVR had been approved by EMB.
2. No request for relief and/or cancellation of ECC had been approved.
3. The resumption of operation will not involve expansion of terms of production capacity (volume of output; number of product lines) or area.
4. 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-R08-0909-0025**, issued to **Mr. Joel B. Cardona** for its **Small Scale Chromite Mining Project** at **Barangay Cantomoja, Salcedo, Eastern Samar** is hereby **CANCELLED**.

The Project Proponent, **Mr. Joel B. Cardona**, 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



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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.** 04 FEB 2022

Tacloban City, Philippines.

  
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**JOEL B. CARDONA**

Barangay Camada, Maydolong, Eastern Samar