



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU**  
Regional Office No. VIII  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU**  
**RELEASED BY:** [Signature]  
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**RUBY C. TUAN, JR.**

Regional Manager

National Irrigation Administration, Regional Office VIII  
NIA Road, Marasbaras, Tacloban City, Philippines

Dear **Sir/Madame**,

Environmental Greetings!

This is to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of a letter-complaint dated **28 January 2022** from your office against the **Macarthur Iron Project Corporation** undertaking mining operations under an operating agreement with the **Strongbuilt Mining Corporation in Macarthur, Leyte**.

Please be informed that this Office takes cognizance of the allegations put forth in the letter-complaint. Upon perusing with the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) in issue, however, it was found that the same was issued under the authority of the EMB Central Office. Hence, it was deemed proper by this Office to request for a joint investigation from the latter since any orders, resolutions, notices of violations, which may come as a result of any investigation conducted upon the said ECC, shall have to originate from the EMB Central Office.

As of this writing, this Office is yet to receive an official response from the EMB Central Office. Rest assured that this Office is fully aware of the gravity and urgency of the matter. In the meantime, this Office would like to request in advance for personnel from your office to assist during the conduct of the investigation, as there shall be a need to identify the precise locations, metes and bounds, etc. of the infrastructures and farmlands supposedly affected by the mining operation.

For your information, reference, and consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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