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MR. MARZITO R. ALICO
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Alico Resort & Waterpark
Brgy. Blanca Aurora, San Jorge, Samar

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Dear Mr. Alico:

**Environmental Greetings!** 

This has reference to your letter dated **11 January 2022** addressed to Dr. Antonio A. Pino, Provincial Environmental Management Officer of the Provincial Environmental Management Unit- Samar, seeking to "apply for temporary operation", and which was properly endorsed to this Office for appropriate action.

It is the understanding of this Office that what is being requested is for **Alico Resort & Waterpark** to be allowed to temporarily operate, in view of an order issued by this Office against the same establishment to **cease-and-desist** from the operations unless an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) is secured for the project.

Please be informed that while an ECC is not a permit which grants you an authority to to proceed with the project operations, it is nonetheless a requirement essential before you can commence or continue with the project operation, without which you may be further held accountable for operating without an ECC. Thus, this Office maintains that it is within your best interests to stop from the operations while an ECC is absent. Accordingly, your request to be allowed for temporary operation is **denied**.

Otherwise stated, even if you are granted with an ECC, if no business permit is secured from the Local Government Unit concerned which grants you a governmental permission to operate a resort project, you are still not legally permitted to operate the resort project.

For your guidance, reference, and strict compliance.

Respectfully,

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA OIC. Regional Director