

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

Regional Office No. VIII

DENR Compound, Jones St. Tacloban City, Philippines



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Mr. Jonathan A. Lagaday

Romualdez Street, Barangay Libtong, San Miguel, Leyte.

Subject: ECC Relief/Cancellation

Dear Sir/Madame:

This is with reference to the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), with No. ECC-OL-R08-2020-0065, issued by this Office last May 8, 2020 to MR. JONATHAN A. LAGADAY for its INDUSTRIAL SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION (WITHOUT CRUSHING PLANT) PROJECT located at Arabunog River, Barangay Patong San Miguel, Leyte.

An on-site project validation conducted by technical staff of this Office and during discussion with barangay officials present in the inspection, it was found out that the proponent is having a road right of way issue to the site thus no operation up to this time on the site. The same official said that they will not issue a resolution supporting the operation of the project unless all the necessary permits, relating to the environment and safety are first acquired. The ECC, however, remains to be valid and subsisting, and your compliance with the conditions and restrictions laid down thereunder continues to bind your office, unless otherwise a request for ECC Relief is submitted by the proponent of the project to this Office.

Under Figure 2.5, Flowchart on Request for Relief of ECC, EMB Memorandum Circular No. 002, Series of 2007 or the Revised Procedural Manual for DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-30¹, proponents of projects which has been completed and/or had stopped its operation must prepare and submit a letter request to this Office containing the details of the project, the basis for requesting the relief, including an abandonment, rehabilitation, and/or decommissioning plan, which will be submitted for the approval of this Office. Upon approval thereof, the project proponent carries out the plan and this Office shall thereafter verify the compliance with such plan. Upon conclusion of the verification, this Office shall issue an Order relieving the proponent from compliance with the ECC Commitments or denies the request for relief until the requirement is satisfactorily completed.

On this premise, you are hereby directed to submit a letter-request for ECC Relief, including your abandonment, rehabilitation, and/or decommissioning plan for the project to this Office within thirty (30) days from receipt hereof. Please be informed that your failure to do so and to secure a relief from ECC Commitments shall not affect the validity of the ECC. Accordingly, by reason thereof, you are under obligation to comply with the conditions and restrictions. Otherwise, a corresponding legal liability arises in view of any failure to comply with the same.

For your immediate compliance and guidance.

Respectfully,

OIC- Regional Director

¹ Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System

