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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
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Mr. Joselito E. Ablay

BINALAY SMALL SCALE MINING PRODUCER'S ASSOCIATION
Barangay Waso, Llorente, Eastern Samar

Subject: ECC Relief/Cancellation

Dear **Sir/Madame:**

This is with reference to the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), with No. **ECC-R08-1602-0009**, issued by this Office last **February 24, 2016** to **BINALAY SMALL SCALE MINING PRODUCER'S ASSOCIATION** for its **SMALL SCALE MINING PROJECT UNDER MINAHANG BAYAN Project** located at **Barangay Waso, Llorente, Eastern Samar**.

An on-site project validation conducted by technical staff of this Office and as per information from Mr. Cyril Campay, president of Strong K Small Mining Inc. Small Scale Chromite Mining, the project is no longer operational since 2020. An information gathered from the Office of the Mayor of LGU Llorente, Eastern Samar, King Resource Mining Inc., the chromite buyer of this project informed them that their operation was suspended due to incurred financial losses. 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,

[Signature]

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC- Regional Director

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