

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

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28 March 2022

THE MANAGING HEAD CORSIGA AGRI ENTERPRISE Brgy. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon, Leyte RELEASED ATE: 4000/2022

#### Dear Sir/Madame:

This Office is writing upon the instance of an Order issued by this Pollution Adjudication Board, thru this Office on 13 March 2020, a copy of which is hereto attached as Annex "A", finding Corsiga Agri Enterprise liable for a violation of Paragraph (c) and Paragraph (m) of Section 27 of R.A 9275, thereby imposing therein a fine amounting to Thirty-Nine Thousand Pesos (Php39, 000.00) for both violations.

The records, however, will reveal that you are yet to settle the fines above-mentioned before this Office. Henceforth, please consider this letter as a formal **DEMAND** against you to settle the fine amounting to **THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND PESOS** (**Php 39,000.00**) before this Office **within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof**. Otherwise, this Office shall be constrained to explore all legal rights, including but not limited to, the filing of the appropriate civil, administrative, and criminal charges before the regular courts.

FAIL NOT UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW.

Respectfully,

ENGR. REYNA) 100 B. BARRA OIC- Regional Director

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# Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources POLLUTION ADJUDICATION BOARD DENR Compound, EMB Building, Visayas Avenue

ANNEX" A "

Diliman, Quezon City

IN THE MATTER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT CASE

DATE 3|13|2020 // MM TIME: 2:39pm

FOR: Violation of R.A 9275 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations

-versus-

**CORSIGA AGRI ENTERPRISE** 

Brgy. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon, Leyte

Respondent

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### ORDER

For consideration before the Board is the **Notice of Violation**<sup>1</sup> issued last **21 November 2017** by the DENR- Environmental Management Bureau Regional Office No. VIII against **Corsiga Agri Enterprise**, herein referred to as "Respondent" for brevity.

Records of the case reveal that on 17 August 2017, a regular monitoring inspection was conducted by personnel of this Office upon the facilities of Respondent. As a result of the said inspection, Respondent was found allegedly to be operating without a Waste Water Discharge Permit and has failed to submit a Self-Monitoring Report, in violation of Paragraph (c) and Paragraph (m), respectively, of Section 27, R.A 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.

In addition, Respondent's failure to submit a self-monitoring report was also cited as a violation of a general condition on Respondent's ECC. In view of the alleged violations, a Notice of Violation was issued against Respondent. In a technical conference conducted last 19 December 2019, the violations were affirmed and a fine in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10, 000.00) was imposed against Respondent for violation of an ECC Condition. Respondent paid the fine last 18 January 2018. The violations cited under Section 27 of R.A 9275 were ordered to be elevated to the DENR-Pollution Adjudication Board which has

1 Annex "A"

CORSIGA AGRI ENTERPRISE Brgy. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon Leyte Notice of Violation dated 21 November 2017 JOEL 4. / TIXLE OH
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jurisdiction in the computation of the corresponding fines and the imposition thereto by the DENR Secretary, pursuant to Section 28 of R.A 9275.

Under Section 28 of R.A 9275, such violations may be fined in the amount of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (Php 10, 000.00) but not more than Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00) per day of violation, which shall be determined by the DENR- Pollution Adjudication Board (PAB) and imposed by the DENR Secretary, pursuant to Section 28 of R.A 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.

On 01 July 2019, the DENR- Pollution Adjudication Board issued Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2019, which delegated to the EMB Regional Offices the determination of permitting and other administrative violations, such as the failure to secure the discharge permit and failure to submit a self-monitoring report confronting herein respondent, and the imposition of fines thereto.

Under PAB Resolution No. 01, Series of 2019, for permitting violations of the Clean Water Act (R.A 9275), and considering that an establishment is required to pay a discharge permit fee annually, a fine of **Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 19, 500.00)** shall be imposed for **every year of violation**.

While for failure to submit the self-monitoring report, a fine of **Nineteen**Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 19, 500.00) shall also be imposed against the establishment for every failure to submit the said report within the prescribed period.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, the Board hereby resolves to impose upon Respondent a fine amounting to NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP19, 500.00) under R.A 9275 and its existing rules and regulations, for operating without a waste water discharge permit. A fine of NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP19, 500.00) is also hereby imposed against Respondent for failure to submit the Self-Monitoring Report.

Respondent is directed to pay a total fine of THIRTY NINE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 39,000.00) for the two violations, at the Environmental Management

CORSIGA AGRI ENTERPRISE Brgy. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon Leyte Notice of Violation dated 21 November 2017 Bureau located at DENR Compound, EMB Building, Jones St. Brgy 02, Tacloban City, Philippines, within a period of Fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

The Legal Officer or his duly authorized representative is directed to serve this Order within seventy two (72) hours from receipt hereof.

SO ORDERED.

Tacloban City, Philippines. MAR 1 3 2020

By authority of the Secretary:

LETECIA R. MACEDA Regional Director