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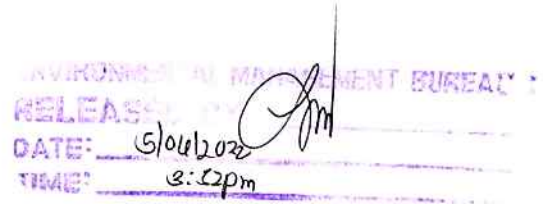
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Sir:

This has reference to the letter dated 25 March 2022 and received by this Office on 18 April 2022 requesting an exemption from securing a Discharge Permit. The letter provides information of the plant's water usage in relation to the operation; wastewater generation; and status of discharge.

Please be informed that Section 14 of Republic Act No. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 provides that the Department shall require owners or operators of facilities that discharge regulated effluents pursuant to the same Act to secure a permit to discharge.

In relation thereto, Rule 14.1 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2005-10 explicitly provides that any person that shall discharge in any manner into Philippine Waters and/or Land shall secure a Discharge Permit.

This is further reiterated in a Memorandum dated 20 June 2018 issued by the EMB Director which clarifies that in the implementation and issuance of Discharge Permits, **all establishments** must secure a Discharge Permit **regardless of volume of wastewater**.

In view thereof, your letter is hereby denied. Please be reminded that operating without a valid Discharge Permit may constitute a violation of Paragraph (c), Section 27 of RA9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004) and in relation to the Pollution Adjudication Board (PAB) Resolution No. 1, Series of 2019 and Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 03, Series of 2021.

This is for your information, guidance, and compliance.

Very truly yours,

*"For and in the absence of the Regional Director"*

**FOR. MANUEL J. SACEDA JR.**

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