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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

Regional Office No. 1
DENR Bldg., Government Center, Sevilla, City of San Fernando,
La Union

MEMORANDUM

FOR : ENGR. METODIO U. TURBELLA
DIRECTOR – EMB

FROM : REGIONAL DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : COMPLAINT LETTER FROM THE RESIDENTS OF
NAGUILIAN, LA UNION REGARDING THE ONGOING
CONSTRUCTION OF A MALL BESIDE THE NAGUILIAN
RIVER.

DATE : APRIL 24, 2019

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For your information.


ENGR. MARIA DORICA NAZ-HIPE, CESE
Regional Director



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April 24, 2019

HON. REYNALDO J. FLORES

Municipal Mayor
Municipality of Naguilian
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Dear Mayor **Flores**:

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INVESTIGATION REPORT ON POLLUTION COMPLAINT

Name of Firm : Expressions Stationery Shop Incorporation
Name of CEO/COO : Mr. Christopher B. Tan
Mailing Address : 2302 Sterling place, Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati City
Metro Manila
Nature of Project : Commercial Building
Project Address : Brgy. Ortiz, Naguilian, La Union
Ownership : Corporation
Date Start Construction : September 2018
Date and Time of Inspection : March 29, 2019; 12:10 PM
Investigation Officer : Engr. Nelson L. Valdez

Person(s) Interviewed	Title	Contact No.
Engr. Froilan S. Florendo, Jr. Engr. Michael S. Alar	Building Official, Naguilian, L.U Project Manger	09173204455

Date Report Prepared: April 24, 2019

A. GENERAL PLANT INFORMATION

- 1.0 Plant Information
1.1 Type of Project: Commercial Building
1.2 Land use of adjoining areas (radial distance)

Land Use		
	200 m.	500 m.
Commercial	x	x
Residential	x	x
Light Industrial		
Medium Industrial		
Heavy Industrial		
Agricultural		x

B. COMPLAINT BACKGROUND:

On February 07, 2019, EMB, Records Section/Central Office received complaint filed by concerned residents of Naguilian, La Union dated January 4, 2019 regarding the on-going construction of a mall beside the river of Naguilian and the bridge. The allegation is that the construction is less than 30 meters from the river bank and the construction will destroy the river and violates environmental laws.

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On March 29, 2019, technical personnel of EMB-1 and in coordination with the concerned building official of Naguilian, La Union conducted on-site inspection on the premises of the project.

C. DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS:

1. The commercial building project is confined in a lot having an area of 1.60 hectares located at Brgy. Ortiz, Naguilian, La Union
2. The project is a one storey building consisting of supermarket, department store, appliance center, activity center, hardware, bank, retail space/shops, coffee shop and fastfood/restaurant. Also, the open space will serve as parking lot and terminal.
3. The project is still at construction phase during time of monitoring.
4. The distance of the construction site to the river bank control project was found to be 38.40 meters.
5. The project is 50% accomplished during time of monitoring.


D. REMARKS:

1. The construction and operation of the Citycenter Naguilian Project is covered with Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) No. ECC-OL-RO1-2019-000 4 issued on January 07, 2019.
2. The allegation that the distance of the project to the river bank is only 30 meters away is not true.
3. The proponent did not violate other environmental laws mandated by EMB since the project is still at construction phase.

E. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Based on the above findings, the proponent did not violate environmental laws being implemented by this Office.
2. To furnish the LGU concerned of the result of the investigation.
3. To notify the complainant of the findings that the project did not violate environmental laws.

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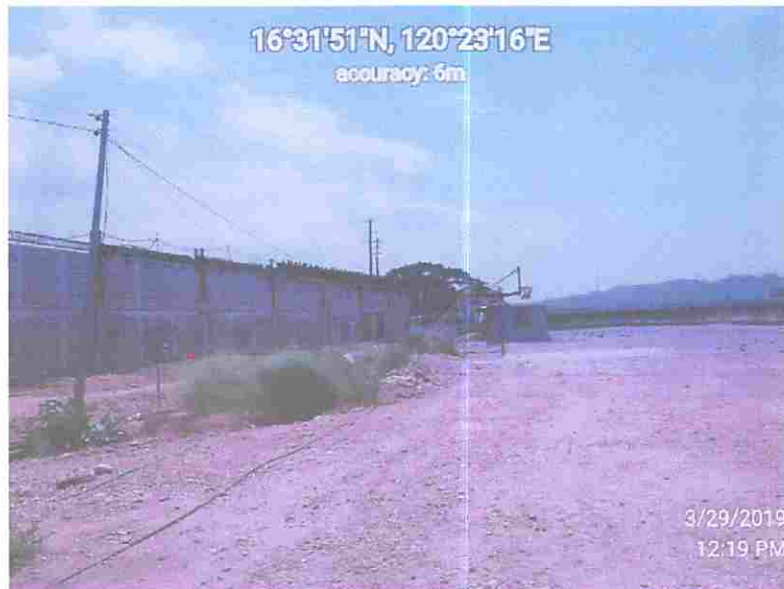

NELSON L. VALDEZ
Engineer IV

Attested by:


ANTONIO L. ESTRADA
Chief, EMED

Approved by:


ENGR. MARIA DORICA NAZ-HIPE, CESE
Regional Director



STATUS OF THE CITYCENTER NAGUILIAN PROJECT
BRGY. ORTIZ, NAGUILIAN, LA UNION



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DISPOSITION FORM

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Nelson For investigation.

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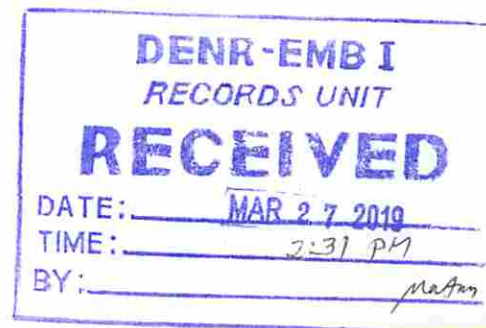
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DATE : MAR 25 2019

May we refer to you the attached letter dated 04 January 2019 from the residents of Naguilian La Union received by the Office of the DENR Secretary on 04 February 2019, and endorsed to EMB last 07 February 2019 regarding the ongoing construction of a mall besides the river of Naguilian.

Related thereto, you are advised to undertake the appropriate action in coordination with the Local Government Unit on the matter. Provide updates on any action taken to the Office of the Secretary.

For compliance.

for: [Signature]
ENGR. METODIO U. TURBELLA

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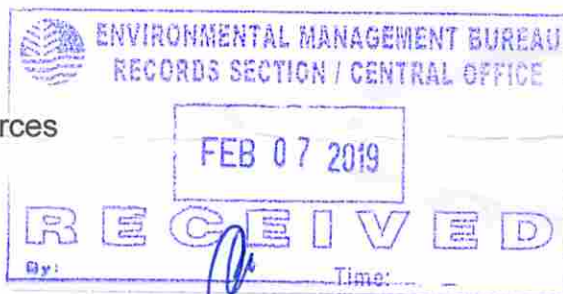
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January 4, 2019
Naguilian, La Union



Hon. ROY CIMATU
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Diliman, Quezon City



Sir.

We the concerned residents of Naguilian, La Union hereby report and complaint to you about the ongoing construction of a mall beside the river of Naguilian and the bridge in violation of existing laws, rules and regulations, The construction is even less than 30 meters from the river bank. The construction will destroy the river and, violates environmental laws. If an ECC permit was issued it is questionable.

We request that the construction be stopped immediately.

Sincerely

Residents of Naguilian, La Union.

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