

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



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## **DENR MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 2023- 04

SUBJECT:

AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF DMO NO. 2023-01, OR THE ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR PROJECTS APPLYING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) WHICH ARE WITHIN OR WITH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PROTECTED AREAS (PAs) AND/OR RAMSAR SITES

In order to facilitate the effective and efficient processing of ECC applications, clearance from the Office of the Secretary is no longer required prior to the approval of the technical scoping checklists, except for:

- 1. Projects located inside or within Three (3) kilometers from Protected Areas (PA), Initial Component, or RAMSAR sites;
- 2. Projects located inside or within One (1) kilometers of properties in the Philippine Registry of Cultural Properties; and
- 3. Projects located inside or within One (1) kilometer of National Historical Shrines and Landmarks

All technical scoping checklists pursuant to DMO 2023-01 shall include:

- 1. A description of the proponent including its corporate and capital structure, registered and beneficial owners, officers, list of previous projects, and source of funding to complete the project and perform its commitments under the ECC;
- 2. If applicable, the proponent's commitment to perform avoidance, mitigation, and rehabilitation, as well as the corresponding mitigation and compensatory activities to be conducted for the natural and built environmental impact caused should the project be within or near the PAs, Initial Component, RAMSAR Cultural Property, National Historical Shrine or Historical Landmark sites;
- 3. If applicable, the incorporation of the protection of the PAs, Initial Component, RAMSAR Cultural Property, National Historical Shrine or Historical Landmark sites in the Social Development Plan (SD)/Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- 4. The proximity and potential environmental impacts of the project on the PAs, Initial Component, RAMSAR Cultural Property, National Historical Shrine, or Historical Landmark sites within ten (10) kilometers from the project; and
- 5. The source of water and power source to be used by the project during its development and operational stages.

All other provisions of DENR Memorandum Order No. 2023-01 shall remain in force. Further, the EMB Central Office shall conduct validation to EMB ROs of their compliance with this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid unless revoked in writing.

MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA Secretary

