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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Directors**
Environmental Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Policy and Planning Service
Legal Affairs Service

FROM : **The Assistant Secretary**
Field Operations- Mindanao and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : **INVITATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY**

DATE : 10 February 2021

Please find attached the letter dated 10 February 2021, from Representative **GLONA G. LABADLABAD**, Chairperson, Committee on Ecology, inviting DENR to a **Committee Meeting** via Video Conferencing on **18 February 2021 (Thursday) 2:00pm**, with **Meeting ID: 817 0782 3347 Passcode: CEco021821**, to deliberate on the various bills relating to **Philippine Environmental Assessment System**.

Kindly inform this Office of your attendance before the scheduled date of the meeting and submit presentation, comments and/or position paper in hard and soft at the Legislative Liaison Office at telephone number 8920-1761 and e-mail address denrlegislative@yahoo.com, for our reference.

Any query may be coursed through hrep.ecology@gmail.com or to **Ms. Marlyn Panganiban** at **09153998806**.


JOAN A. LAGUNDA, J.D.M., D.F.A.

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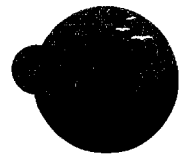
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Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

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February 10, 2021

ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUÑADO
Director
Environmental Management Bureau

Dear **Dir. Cuñado**:

We are pleased to inform you that the Committee on Ecology will hold a hearing on the bills regarding the **Philippine Environmental Assessment System**. The subject House Bills, accessible at www.congress.gov.ph are listed in the attached agenda.

In this connection, may we invite you, or your competent representative, to the aforesaid meeting to share your views and recommendations on these legislative proposals. We would also appreciate receiving your position paper at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted through Zoom videoconference, with details as follows:

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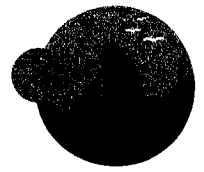
Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

HON. GLONA G. LABADLABAD
Chairperson

For the Chairperson:

ATTY. DILBERT N. QUETULIO
Committee Secretary



February 10, 2021

MS. LOURDES WAGAN

Director
Forest Management Bureau

Dear **Dir. Wagan**:

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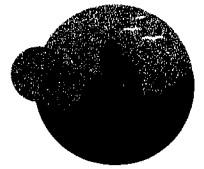
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Chairperson

For the Chairperson:

ATTY. DILBERT N. QUETULIO
Committee Secretary



February 10, 2021

ATTY. WILFREDO G. MONCANO

Acting Director
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

Dear **Atty. Moncano**:

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Chairperson

For the Chairperson:

ATTY. DILBERT N. QUETULIO
Committee Secretary



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on Ecology

18th Congress
2nd Regular Session



COMMITTEE MEETING

18 February 2021 (Thursday) 2:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: **817 0782 3347** * Password: **CEco21821**

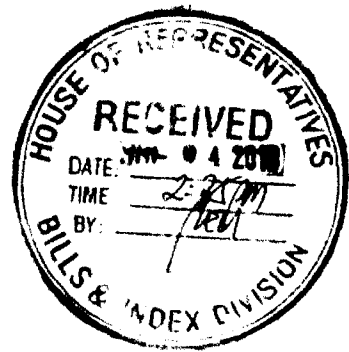
AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARTICIPANTS
- III. OPENING REMARKS
- IV. DELIBERATION ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:
 - 1) **H.B. 1434** - An Act To Establish The Philippine Environmental Assessment System, And For Other Purposes, *by Rep. Luis N. Campos, Jr.;*
 - 2) **H.B. 2279** - An Act Establishing A Comprehensive Philippine Environmental Assessment System, *by Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba;* and,
 - 3) **H.B. 3567** - An Act Amending Section 9 Of Presidential Decree 1586 By Increasing The Penalties Thereof And For Other Purposes, *by Rep. Ramon "Mon-Mon" V. Guico III*
- V. OTHER MATTERS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

House Bill No. 1434



Introduced by Representative Luis Jose Angel N. Campos, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Environmental Assessment System bill seeks to address the present or perceived legal and implementation limitations and weaknesses in the 1978 Presidential Decree 1586 or the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System, a general law which is being implemented through mere administrative orders in encroachment on the powers of the legislative branch. The bill intends to resolve confusions and disagreements among project proponents, agencies, non-government organizations and other stakeholders resulting from differences in the interpretation of the said law by the implementing agency.

Generally, the proposed legislation adopts an Environmental Assessment System which is composed of:

- (a) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for *policies, plans and programs*; and
- (b) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for *projects*.

Under Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), environmental concerns shall already be addressed in the country's long- and short-term policies, plans and programs as early as the conceptualization stage thereof in order to ensure that the Philippines' development will be sustainable.

The proposed measure will retain the EIS System under P.D. No. 1586 but will streamline and rationalize the system. Environmental Impact Assessment will still be required for specific projects, particularly those that are considered critical projects (CPs) or projects which have potential to cause significant adverse impact on the environment.

Those considered as CPs are:

- (a) heavy industries;
- (b) major manufacturing industries;
- (c) major resource extractive industries;
- (d) major infrastructure projects; and
- (e) other similar projects.

The bill proposes that micro-, small- and medium-scale projects be governed by local governments, which will be required to integrate environmental safeguards in their local permitting system and/or complementary environmental assessment policies.

The measure also provides for programmatic EIA for a cluster of projects co-located in an area such as industrial estates, export processing zones, small scale mining, livestock, aquaculture and mariculture projects, or series of projects subdivided into several phases or stages, or projects consisting of several components.

With the Duterteonomics' Build, Build, Build agenda, the Philippines shall experience infrastructure boom with breathtaking \$180 billion infrastructure spending bonanza. We will see policies, plans, programs, and projects for airports, railways, bus rapid transits, roads and bridges, seaports, energy facilities, irrigation systems flood control facilities, among other things. These notwithstanding, the Philippines must see to it that present and future environmental goals are not sacrificed by the said undertakings. This proposed measure will appropriately address such concern.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


REP. LUIS JOSE ANGEL N. CAMPOS, JR.