



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

DEC. 18 1989

DENR SPECIAL ORDER)
NO. 1161 :
Series of 1989)

SUBJECT: Creation of a Special Team to investigate the operations of Zamboanga Wood Products, Inc.

In order to determine the validity of the complaint forwarded by the Western Zamboanga Peninsula Subano Association contained in their Resolution No. 1, S. 1989, a special investigating team is hereby created composed of the following:

Mosib D. Lomondot	- Forest Management Bureau
Ignacio Evangelista	- Forest Management Bureau
Eusebio Ibanez	- Indigenous Cultural Affairs Division, SCO

The herein Special Team shall immediately conduct an investigation on the alleged various violations of the company and shall submit a report on their findings within ten (10) days after completion of the investigation.

Expenses incidental to the investigation are chargeable against the funds of their respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


VICTOR O. RAMOS
Undersecretary for Field Operations

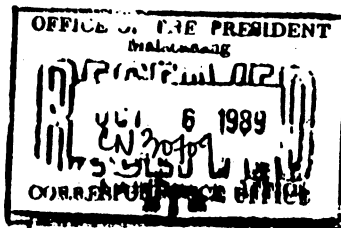
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CRUSADERS ASSOCIATION FOR PEACE
AND PROSPERITY IN THE PHILIPPINES INC.
SAN ROQUE, ZAMBOANGA CITY

WESTERN ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SUBANO ASSOCIATION
ROSELLER T. LIM, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR



RESOLUTION NO. I

WHEREAS, Zambowood Ind., engaged in logging operation whose permit has already expired was granted an extension for three months by DENR effective August 1, 1989 to cut a total of three thousand cubic meters of logs;

WHEREAS, Zambowood is now conducting a relogging operation at RT Lim, Zambo. del Sur and part of Siocon, Zambo. del Norte to cut the remaining allowable big trees situated along river and creek lines will totally denude the forest which presently have already resulted to floods on the low lands during heavy rain submerging the rice fields and overflowing the national highway and bridges;

WHEREAS, as a result of Zambowood logging operation, the rivers of Tupilac, and others in RT Lim, Zambo. del Sur, Kipit river of Labason and Lituban of Siocon all of Zambo. del Norte is no longer clear, muddy and polluted affecting the health and welfare of the populace residing in the area and the growth of the fish and prawns in the fishpond;

WHEREAS, Zambowood management has not conducted reforestation after several years of operation and has tolerated the entry of kaingeros inside its concession have compounded the problem of denudation and erosion;

WHEREAS, Zambowood has tolerated the entry of unlicensed gold miners that need timbers to support their tunnels have further compounded the problem of denudation of the forest;

WHEREAS, Zambowood have allowed the establishment of ball mills in fact Zambowood likewise have constructed one to process and extract the gold mineral by using mercury have endanger the lives of fish eating populace in the area;

WHEREAS, Zambowood management at Malubal, RT Lim, Zambo. del Sur has imposed road fee/road right of way fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) per truck load of forest product during the duration of the expiration of its logging permit, now has raised the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) monthly for haulers payable to its Manila office is a direct manifestation of its tolerance to illegal activities of forest poachers;

WHEREAS, Zambowood management has closed its gate leading to the nine barangays in the mountain area refusing the entry of hauling truck unless they pay the ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) road fee has resulted to extreme hardship and other expenditure on the part of the farmers who has to transport their farm product to the townside some 37 kilometers away is further manifestation and repressive acts of its resident Manager Mr. Ernie Carlos over the poor people in the mountain areas majority of which are Subanons and Kalibogans;

WHEREAS, the hill tribes who were pushed to the hills by the arrival of christian settler in the area has to fight poverty for survival and some of the hill tribes as per intelligence reports have joined the subversive while other have supported and symphatized with the hope that the injustices to them imposed by dome people and forces of circumstances which up to now have not been resolved by the slow reaction of the government;

WHEREAS, Zambowood has violated the logging operational plan submitted to the DENR by cutting logs in areas outside the operational plan and has started hauling log effective last monday 18 Sept. 1989 without the presence of SENTRO scaler is indicative that the management would cheat the government since they need at least eight thousand (8,000) cubic meters;

WHEREAS, Zambowood have likewise violated its bargaining agreement with the labor union by hiring new employees and laborers;

WHEREAS, Zambowood has contracted with REPUTABLE SECURITY AGENCY who employed members of the defunct CHDF as security guard even without the benefit of a security guard training and worse said former CHDF brought their CHDF issued firearm with them, hence, these security guard are now illegally possessing s and firearms;

WHEREAS, the CRUSADERS ASSOCIATION AND the WESTERN ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA Subano Association are both committed to help the government in the national recovery and development program and in the peace and order campaign, the lives of thousands of its member are directly affected ;

NOW, THEREFORE, the joint meeting of the two associations held at the residence of Mr. Silvestre Mudai, President of the Subano Association at RT Lim, Zambo del Sur this 17th day of September, 1989, adopt, as it hereby adopts to petition to Her Excellency, Madame President Corazon C. Aquino to:

(1) Immediately order the Honorable Secretary of DENR to cancel the logging extension of Z mbowood at Malubal, RT. Lim, Zambo. del Sur and its complete shutdown , and for Zambowood to ceased the illegal collection of ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) road right of way fee and to open its gates for the free passage of vehicle ;

(2) Order DENR to require the gold miners to secure the mining exploration permit, timbering permit, and to maintain a log book for its daily production and sales as basis for their annual income tax;

(3) DENR to require the ball millers to construct at least a series of three septic tank to safeguard the escape of mercury to the rivers;

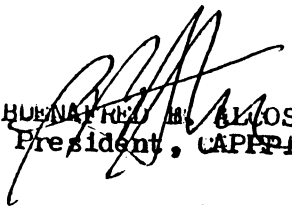
(4) DENR to cancel the rattan concessionaires permit and issue rattan cutting permit to rattan cutters either individually or collectibly and to imposed the payment of forest charges :

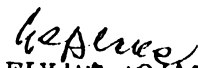
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RESOLVED, moreover that copies of the resolution shall be provided to the different chapter of the two associations.

RESOLVED, finally to furnish copies of the resolution to the President of the Philippines, Secretary of DENR, OIC Executive Director of the DENR, Region IX, and Commander of Southern Command AFP.

Promulgated and signed this 17th day of September 1989.


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President, CAPPI


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