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Ermita, Manila

SPECIAL TREE CUTTING PERMIT
NO. DENR IV-B MIMAROPA-2013-0007

Pursuant to P.D. 705, as amended, and existing forest laws, rules and regulations, a Special Tree Cutting Permit is hereby granted to:

STA. CLARA POWER CORPORATION
Barangays Balete, Bani and Malvar, Narjan, Oriental Mindoro

To cut trees that will be affected by the construction of the access road (road-right-of-way) of the proposed 8 MW Catuiran Mini-Hydroelectric Power Plant covered by Special Land Use Permit No. DENR IV-B MIMAROPA-00062016-0004, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. To the extent possible, trees to be affected by the construction should be incorporated in the design of the structures to be constructed in order to minimize loss of trees;
2. The permittee shall conduct meetings or public consultations with stakeholders in the area to discuss the importance of the project, removal of trees affected, replacement of trees to be removed/cut, and other related concerns;
3. Issues that will arise from the cutting should be addressed directly by the proponent;
4. Only a maximum of forty-four (44) trees with diameters of 16 centimeters and above shall be authorized to be cut. On the other hand, the thirty (30) trees with diameters below 16 centimeters shall be earth-balled;
5. The tree cutting and earth-balling operations shall be confined only within the approved SLUP area;
6. Prior to the tree cutting and earth-balling operations, the permittee shall submit to the DENR Region IV-B copy furnished the Secretary and the Director, Forest Management Bureau, a Tree Cutting, Earth-Balling, Planting and Transplanting Plan to assure environmental safeguards and survival of trees to be planted and those to be earth-balled;
7. Prior to the tree cutting operation, a placard with dimensions 4 feet by 8 feet shall be installed within the cutting area to inform the public that the tree cutting operations is authorized by the DENR. Such notice of particulars should indicate the name of the permittee, the purpose of the activities to be undertaken and number of trees to be cut/removed;
8. Cutting of trees on strip twenty (20) meters wide (buffer zone for stream bank protection) on both sides of creeks or rivers bordering or traversing subject area is prohibited. In case said twenty meters strip is bereft of trees, same shall be reforested by the permittee;
9. Pursuant to DENR Memorandum Order No. 2012-20 dated 05 November 2012 re: "Uniform Replacement Ratio for Cut or Relocated Trees" the permittee shall replace each tree to be cut of the 100 seedlings, all preferably of indigenous tree species to be planted in a watershed supporting the area in close coordination with the nearest DENR Office in support of the National Greening Program (NGP) and Climate Change initiatives of the government. Replacement planting shall be initiated even prior to tree cutting. The permittee shall maintain the seedlings planted for a period of three years with 80% survival rate;
10. The transplanting of earth-balled trees shall be the obligation of the permittee, to be conducted in an area jointly pre-identified with the DENR. The permittee shall maintain and protect the transplanted trees for a period of at least three (3) years. For every transplanted tree that did not survive after six (6) months, the permittee shall conduct the replacement planting preferably with a seedling/sapling of indigenous tree species at a ratio of 1:100 as prescribed under DENR Memorandum Order No. 2012-02;
11. The tree cutting and earth-balling operations shall be at all times be under the direct supervision of the OIC-RED, DENR, Region-4B and the duly authorized representative(s). Since the trees to be cut are located in a public place, the trees cut and other derivable wood materials shall be turned-over to the nearest DENR office at the expense of the company for proper disposition based on existing guidelines. No commercial disposition is allowed.

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12. It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Executive Director or his or his duly authorized representative to monitor the compliance of permit holder.
13. The DENR shall not be held liable for any unfavorable incident or damage arising during and after the cutting and earth-bolting operation.
14. The permittee shall be required to undertake measures during and after tree cutting and earth-bolting operation; to mitigate the negative impacts (e.g. erosion) of the said activity to the locality and environment;
15. The terms and conditions stipulated in the approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) shall be strictly followed.
16. A terminal report with photographs of accomplishment shall be submitted to the Office of the Secretary copy furnished the Director, Forest Management Bureau after the expiration of the permit, for record purposes and
17. Violation of any of the terms and conditions of the permit shall be sufficient ground for the termination or suspension of the permit. It shall be the process, without prejudice to the principal and subsidiary, in accordance to existing regulations, and one shall comply to a required local official(s) and/or personnel(s).

This permit is effective on the date of issue and expires on **January 22, 2014**

Issued this _____ at DENR Region 4B-MIMAROPA, Roxas, Boulevard, Ermita, Manila.

By the Authority of the Secretary:


EDGARDO O. GALEON
OIC-Regional Executive Director