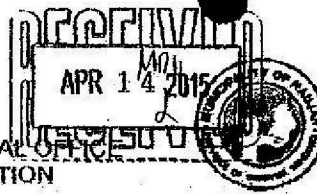




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National Police Commission
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ORIENTAL MINDORO POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE
NAUJAN MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION
Naujan Oriental Mindoro



NMPSE

MEMORANDUM

FOR : Atty. MARK NAVARRO MARCOS _____
Municipal Mayor

THRU : ANGEL MIRANDA NAVARRO _____
Municipal Administrator

SUBJECT : Investigation Report on Numerous Deaths Incidents at Lower
Catuiran Hydro Electric Power Project located in Barangay
Malvar, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro

DATE : April 13, 2015

I. AUTHORITY:

1. Memorandum from Municipal Mayor dated April 10, 2015 with enfaced handwritten instruction of Municipal Administrator "Hepe, Could you facilitate the validation & investigation."
2. PNP - SOP.

II. MATTERS TO BE INVESTIGATED:

3. The circumstances surrounding the Numerous Deaths Incidents at Lower Catuiran Hydro Electric Power Project located in Barangay Malvar, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

III. FACTS OF THE CASE:

4. That on 10th day of April 2015 around 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon, elements of this station led by the COP of Naujan MPS together with the members of Technical Working Group of Municipality of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro headed by Engr. Precy H. Omos, Municipal Engineer, Joery Goreleo, MDRRMC, Melvin Bacay, MENRO and Greg Janda proceeded tat said place to determine the veracity of unverified information from media regarding the incidents of deaths at Lower Catuiran Hydro Electric Power Projects.

5. Investigation shows that on April 4, 2015 at around 8:30 in the morning, a vehicular accident (self incurred) transpired wherein the involved persons were SINAKING LARDIZABAL, 49, years old, married, Tunnel Foremen and JULUIS NAKIHID, 43 years old, married, Outlet Tunnel Manager, both native of Baguio City. Investigation conducted by this station reveals while Sinaking Lardizabal, driving a Kennedy/Military type jeep, colored green with conduction sticker number 038607 together with Julius Nakhid, lone passenger white on their way to surge shaft road, however, a dump truck (Volvo) was currently hauling of tunnel soil, so that, SINAKING stopped and gave way, yet, the engine of said jeep was shut off and began to move backward. The driver of said vehicle applied the brake but due to loose soil and stiff road, said vehicle slipped and the driver lost control that resulted fallen on the slope with estimated seventeen (17) meters high. The driver and the passenger were pulled out from the said vehicle by their co-workers and rushed at MMG Hospital, Catapan City for prompt medical attention. On April 8, 2015, Sinaking Lardizabal was pronounced dead by Dr. Ronald M Cabral, MD of MMG Hospital due to brain hemorrhage acute subdural hemorrhage and his cadaver was brought to Baguio City while Julius Nakhid was

transferred at Saint Lukes Hospital, Quezon City for proper medical attention. (Vol. 1 S. 2015 Blotter Entry Nr: 0012 dtd April 7, 2015/10:10 AM)

6. Relatively, on October 25, 2014 around 2:50 PM, at Caturan Hydro Electric Power Project Barangay Malvar, Naujan Oriental Mindoro, REYNALDO LEGARIA, 41 years old, married, drilling Rig Operator/Lead man of RS Jardin and Associates, a company subcontracted by Sta Clara International Corporation, while in the process of sub soil investigation for finalization of weir design was drown on the river thereat. Investigation shows that before the scheduled blasting Mr. Legaria and his group was advised to secure their equipment and keep away from the blasting area and wait an order to continue their drilling operation. At around 2:50 PM, same date, the group of Mr. Legaria while waiting, they decided to survey the next bore station to be drilled. Mr. Legaria dived on the river holding the rope but was carried away by the rapid current of water and did not surface. Immediately, searched and rescue team of Sta Clara International Corporation conducted retrieval operation. At about 3:49 PM, same date, the cadaver of the victim recovered more or less 70 meters away from the area where he dived. (Vol. 1 S. 2011 Blotter Entry: 1381 dated October 25, 2015/9:00 PM)

7. Another incident was on October 23, 2014 at around 7:50 PM, one RANDY ABAJA, 45 years old, married, general labor of Nitro Asia Company, Inc. engaged by Sta Clara International Corporation for Explosive Supply and Blasting Services and native of Calapan City, this province. After he unloaded the fifty (50) boxes of dynamite (20x300 mm w/ OR#G180) climbed down the Articulated Dump Truck 103 (ADT Volvo Truck) through the adjacent horizontal wooden support of the warehouse' inner front wall, he miscalculated his step and when about to fall down, he was able to grab the cable (sticking out on the wall), however, he did not manage to control himself which resulted to him fall down at the ground and his head crashed into concrete pavement. Victim complained dizziness and pain on his head. Employee of Sta. Clara International Corporation provided first aide before he was brought to Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital for medical treatment but died during medication.


IV. DISCUSSION:

8. The incidents transpired at the vicinity of Caturan Hydro Electric Power Project presently manned by Sta. Clara International Corporation and its Sub-Contractor personnel are purely accident and unpremeditated. This Office did not deny the occurrence of death of some workers in said establishment, however, it was only considered as isolated cases. The death of all victims is not the results of hazardous affects of the above said projects and considered industrial accident. The unverified media report of hazardous affects that cause death of workers is purely hearsay and baseless.


V. RECOMMENDATION:

9. This Office recommends the separate investigation be conducted by other units/agency to determine the veracity of said report and to avoid misconception on bias investigation. The concerned agencies should also inspect the said establishment to assess the safety measures of said project to avoid similar incident in the future.

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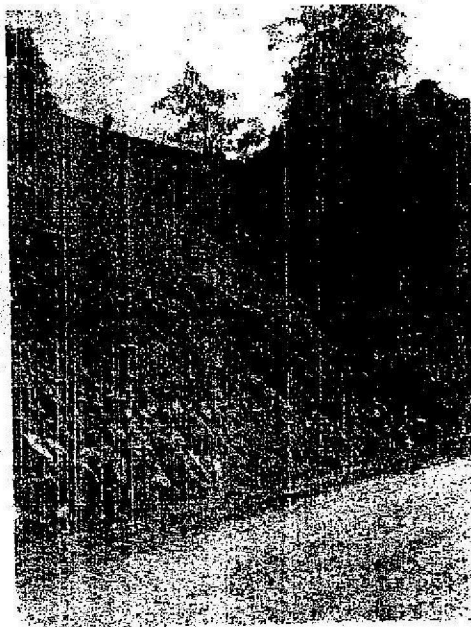
"Photo of the entrance of the tunnel"



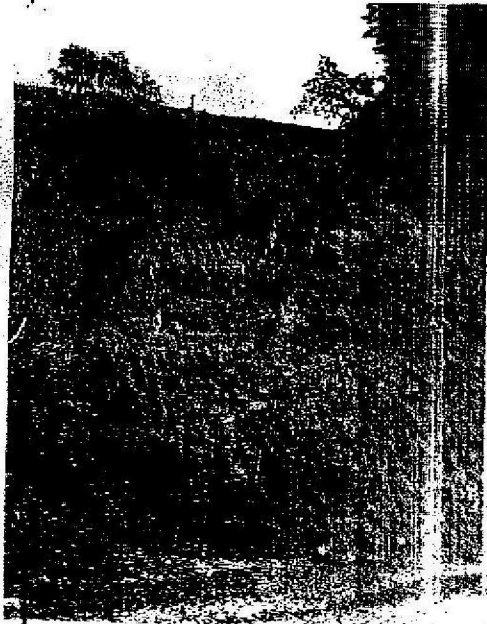
"Photo of the damaged vehicle involved in the vehicular accident dated April 4, 2015"



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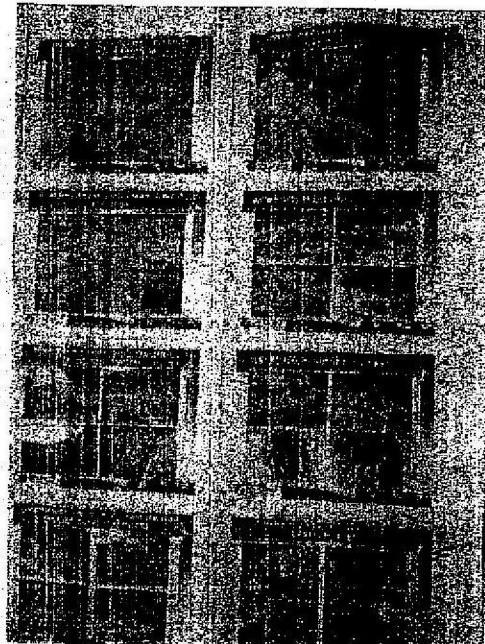
"Photo of the place of incident regarding the Vehicular Accident (Self-Incurred) dated April 4, 2015"



"Photo of the warning signs placed at the entrance of the tunnel"



"Photo of the tire of damaged vehicle involved in the vehicular accident dated April 4, 2015"



"Photo of the actual operation of Catuiran Hydro Electric Power Plant at Brgy. Malvar, Naujan."