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Mahal na BAI SAMAL DANI:

Pagbati mula sa Pambansang Komisyon para sa Katutubong mga Mamamayan.

Pinapaabot namin na aming natanggap ng iyong liham na nagpapaalam sa amin ng Letter of Instruction ng iyong konseho patungkol sa mga ipinagbabawal na gawain tulad ng pagtatayo ng mga pader, bahay na gawa sa kawayan o coco lumber, pagtatayo ng imprastruktura, at lahat ng mga inihahandang proyekto nang walang Certificate of Environmental Impacts Assessments (EIA) mula sa DENR, at walang Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) mula sa ICCs/IPs sa loob ng lupang ninuno ng 16 Tribe ng Clan Blaan na matatagpuan sa Purok 16 Clan, Bagong Pag-asa, Barangay Sinawal, General Santos City.

Kaugnay nito, nais naming malaman ang iyong layunin sa pagpapadala ng liham at kung anong mga aksyon ang inaasahan mong makamtan. Ang layunin naming ay tumugon nang naaayon sa iyong mga pangangailangan at gawin ang mga kinakailangang hakbang upang matugunan ang anumang isyu, ayon sa aming itinakdang mga protocol.

Maraming salamat po.

Lubos na sumasainyo,


ATTY. ARTHUR K. HERMAN
Director, Ancestral Domains Office

Binigyan ng sipi:

- ADO/File/Recognition Division
- Records
- OC
- NCIP Region 12





16 CLAN BLAAN TRIBE WATCHMAN COUNCIL OF ELDERS

CUSTOMARY SELF-GOVERNANCE

ADDRESS: PUROK 16 CLAN BAGONG PAG-ASA, SINAWAL, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, MINDANAO ISLANDS
MINISTERIAL CUONCIL SET UP ALEGMENT OF THE CUSTOMARY EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE & JUDICIARY SYSTEM

12 February 2024

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

BO-I JENNIFER PIA SIBUG-LAS
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
Sunnymede IT Center, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

Greetings!

We, the Customary Executive Council, Legislative Council and Judiciary System, we would like to inform Civil Government of Republic of the Philippines from Office of the President, All Agencies, Departments, Local Government Units Office of the City Mayor of General Santos City, DILG, PNP, Punong Barangay of Barangay Sinawal, and all Blaan Indigenous Cultural Communities Indigenous Peoples ICCs/IPs and Barangay Sinawal Peoples Communities of Non-Indigenous Peoples for not allowed anyone to build fencing, bamboo or coco lumber house, building infrastructure and all proposed projects without Certificate of Environmental Impacts Assessments (EIA) issued by DENR and The principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) refers to the right of indigenous peoples to give or withhold their consent for any action that would affect their lands, territories or rights within the native land of 16 Clan Blaan Tribe located at Purok 16 Clan Bagong Pag Asa, Brgy. Sinawal, General Santos City.

That, the Civil Government of Republic of the Philippines adopt Customary laws accordance with Indigenous Peoples Rights Act 1997 (Republic Act No. 8371, CHAPTER IV, SECTION 13. Self-Governance.—The State recognizes the inherent right of ICCs/IPs to self-governance and self-determination and respects the integrity of their values, practices and institutions. Consequently, the State shall guarantee the right of ICCs/IPs to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

This is to clarify matters surrounding the program we are venturing into relative to developing an advocacy Inheritance Descendants of the "KATUTUBONG BLAAN" Since Time Immemorial an Indigenous Cultural Communities Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) for Recovery of Possession of the 16 Clan Watchman Council of Elders in the Inherit Native Land.

Ye shall inherit their native lands according to Republic Act No. 8371-Indigenous peoples rights Act of 1997, Chapter 3, Section 7, paragraph a) Rights of Ownership.- The right to claim ownership over lands, bodies of water traditionally and actually occupied by ICCs/IPs, sacred places, traditional hunting and fishing grounds, and all improvements made by them at any time within the domains.

In this connection, we giving your office our Customary Code from 16 Clan Blaan Tribe Watchman Council of Elders for your references and not to violates or discrimination the rights with authority Blaan Tribe. (See attached CUSTOMARY CODE).

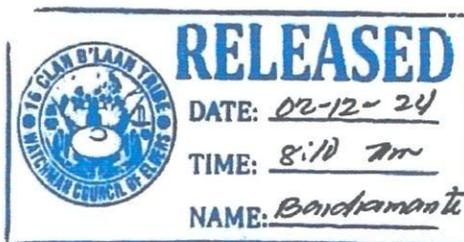
We the sovereign Blaan Indigenous Cultural Communities Indigenous People (ICCs/IPs) of the native land are praying and looking forward to our significant involvement on this matter for our future reference in any difficult situation that may arise.

May we request in accordance with Republic Act No. 11032 (Sec. 4.a) for your positive response upon receipt of this letter within three (3) days.

In D'wata we Trust!

In this courts with praise,


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Royal Envoy NCIP-United Nations
Barrister Practitioner of the Watchman Ministry of Academics
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State buhay anak –ay isang uri ng ritwal sa pamamagitan ng pagpatay ng isang puting manok simbolo na ang relasyon ng parehong partido na nakikibahagi sa kontrahan ay bumalik sa normal at ang pagkakasundo ay nakamtan na. Kasama rin dito ang pangako upang linisin o ayusin ang kanilang nakaraang di-pagkakaintindihan kapareho ng puting balahibo ng manok.

Snafang Klinge – ito ay isang kabayaran para sa kahihyan na ginawa laban sa reputasyon ng ibang tao. "Snafang Klinge" ay nangangahulugan na takpan ang tenga ng mga tao na nakakarinig sa nasabing kahihyan.

Ang pinsala o danyos ng taong nagkasala ay maaaring bayaran sa pamamagitan ng mga sumusunod na kasangkapan o tinuturing na kayamanan ng tribu: tradisyonal na instrument gaya ng agong(falimak), mga alagang hayop na ginagamit sa pagsasaka gaya ng kalabaw, kabayo (kura), baka (safi); mga baril, tabak (fais), arrow (agas), jar/pagsisidlan (namoh), damit gawa ng perlas (takmon).

BLAAN AGREEMENTS.....KASFALA IN BLAAN LANGUAGE

KASFALA refers to a traditional meeting of Blaan elders, a gift exchange ceremony and finally dispute settlement or resolution. It also implies a type of friendship or brotherhood pact, formed through the process of and as a result of dispute settlement or resolution. Dispute arising between two individuals usually males, are brought before the traditional leader, either Fulong or Dato. After the hearing, the details of the dispute, the traditional leader will usually decide upon some form of compensation, which is to be paid or given in the form of gifts to the aggrieved parts. An exchanged of gifts, which is not only serve as compensation but symbolizes the renewed good will between the parties involved in the dispute, usually takes material culture, such as knives and weapons, as well as woman and cash money. The Dato is often required to utilized his own personal wealth in order to satisfy the aggrieved part and settle the dispute. By utilizing his own wealth in order to settle another man's debt relationships and eventually increasing his own personal wealth. The other party to the dispute will eventually be required to repay the kindness and generosity of the Dato by repaying in the form of service or material goods or cash money, the amount of the original dispute settlement, plus some additional gifts. The traditional leader's temporary material deficit will eventually result in an increase, when the debt is repaid, in his own personal wealth and social status.....KASFALA in Blaan tradition is an exchange of material culture, such as knives weapon, woman and cash money.....

BLAAN AGREEMENTS.....KASFALA SA BLAAN LANGUAGE

Ang KASFALA ay tumutukoy sa isang tradisyunal na pagpupulong ng mga matatanda ng Blaan, isang seremonya ng pagpapalitan ng regalo at sa wakas ay pag-areglo o paglutas ng mga hindi pagkakaunawaan. Ito rin ay nagpapahiwatig ng isang uri ng pakikipagkaibigan o kasunduan sa kapatiran, na nabuo sa pamamagitan ng proseso ng at bilang resulta ng pag-aayos o paglutas ng hindi pagkakaunawaan. Ang pagtatalo na nagmumula sa pagitan ng dalawang indibidwal na karaniwang mga lalaki, ay dinadala sa harap ng tradisyonal na pinuno, alinman sa Fulong o Dato. Pagkatapos ng pagdinig, ang mga detalye ng hindi pagkakaunawaan, ang tradisyunal na pinuno ay karaniwang magpapasya sa ilang anyo ng kabayaran, na babayaran o ibibigay sa anyo ng mga regalo sa mga naagrabyado na bahagi. Ang palitan ng mga regalo, na hindi lamang nagsisilbing kabayaran ngunit sumisimbolo sa panibagong mabuting kalooban sa pagitan ng mga partidong kasangkot sa pagtatalo, kadalasang tumatagal ng materyal na kultura, tulad ng mga kutsilyo at armas, pati na rin ang babae at pera. Ang Dato ay madalas na kinakailangan na gamitin ang kanyang sariling personal na kayamanan upang masiyahan ang naagrabyado na bahagi at ayusin ang hindi pagkakaunawaan. Sa pamamagitan ng paggamit ng kanyang sariling kayamanan upang ayusin ang mga relasyon sa utang ng ibang tao at sa huli ay madagdagan ang kanyang sariling personal na yaman. Ang kabilang partido sa hindi pagkakaunawaan ay kakailanganing bayaran ang kabaitan at kabutihang-loob ng Dato sa pamamagitan ng pagbabayad sa anyo ng serbisyo o materyal na mga kalakal o cash money, ang halaga ng orihinal na pag-aayos ng hindi pagkakaunawaan, kasama ang ilang karagdang mga regalo. Ang pansamantalang materyal na deposit ng tradisyunal na pinuno ay magreresulta sa isang pagtaas, kapag ang utang ay nabayaran, sa kanyang sariling personal na yaman at katayuan sa lipunan.....KASFALA sa tradisyon ng Blaan ay isang palitan ng materyal na kultura, tulad ng sandata ng kutsilyo, babae at cash money.....

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