

commission for environmental impact assessment

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subject Advice on guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment of land reclamation projects in the Philippines direct phone number +31 30 234 76 04 Utrecht (the Netherlands), 27 September 1999

Dear Mr Ambassador,

The Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in the Netherlands has welcomed your request, dated 18 June 1998, to give advice on guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment of land reclamation projects in the Philippines.

Enclosed, I submit the advice prepared by a working group of the Commission for EIA, supported by DENR.

Besides, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Appendix H of this advice provides the Terms of Reference for the Guidelines document to be prepared. This advice (main text and appendices) is covering all the aspects to be elaborated in the Guidelines document and therefore this advice should be used as a guide for its set up and as a major input for the preparation of this document.
- The Commission offers to review the final draft Guidelines document which will be prepared on basis of this advice.
- The Commission will react positively on a possible request of the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to review the first Environmental Impact Assessment which will be conducted on basis of the Guidelines document.

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- The Commission would like to remain informed and offers to be involved in an advisory capacity in the further development of other projects which have been reviewed by the Commission in May 1998.

In case this advice needs further explanation, the Commission is glad to do so.

With kind regards,

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Chairman of the working group of the Commission for EIA

