



August 17, 2026

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER JR.

Provincial Vice-Governor

*Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Presiding Officer concurrent
Chairman, Committee on Environment of SP Leyte*

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Dear **Honorable Vice-Governor Javier Jr.**,

Greetings!

We write in connection with the formal commitment of Strong Built (Mining) Development Corporation to inform its stakeholders including government agencies regarding the status of our operations in MacArthur, Leyte.

A. Update on Dredger Withdrawal



As of August 16, the dredger has successfully maneuvered towards the shore traversing 610 meters already from its original position prior its interruption to cross the National highway. Currently the dredger is still moving facing the shoreline at a rate of 30 meters per day with the vessel expected to be on water by August 31, 2026. The vessel's tugboat from Manila has also set-off for Leyte last August 15, 2026.

Figure 1. *Current position of the dredger as of August 16, 2026.*

B. Repair of Damaged NIA canal and IEC at NIA Satellite Office in MacArthur

The company already communicated with NIA MacArthur Satellite Office to furnish a copy of the canal design to facilitate the repair of the damaged NIA canal during the MIPC operations. Currently, the design is still pending release from NIA Central Office.

In line with the company's commitment to inform its stakeholders of its ongoing status and activities, SBMDC representatives successfully held an Information and

Education Campaign session at NIA MacArthur Satellite Office last July 2, 2026. The office responded positively to the initiative and informed the company that their office is open for future collaboration.



Figure 2. *IEC at NIA MacArthur Satellite Office last July 2, 2026*

C. Desilting of Kawayan Creek with MacArthur LGU

SBMDC initiated an inter-agency meeting through the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) inviting the Municipal Engineering Office (MEO), Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), Municipal Administrator, as well as the barangay captains of areas traversed by Kawayan Creek in MacArthur, Leyte last July 22, 2026. The purpose of the meeting was to understand project scope and other requirements in successfully implementing the desilting project. The next meeting will be scheduled once the Municipal Engineering Office is able to come up with the Program of Works and the estimated budgetary requirements for the deliberation of the attending parties.



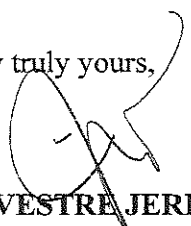
Figure 3. *Meeting with MacArthur LGU on Kawayan Creek last July 22, 2026*

D. Ongoing Community and Social Development Activities

The company is currently in coordination with Villaconzoilo Farm in Jaro, Leyte for a community training involving farmers from host and neighbouring barangays of the mining operations in MacArthur, Leyte. This company initiative is to help improve the land productivity in the area by emulating the best farming practices currently employed by Villaconzoilo Farm. The project is currently in the planning phase pending the approval of Villaconzoilo Farm board of directors.

In addition to the farmer's training, the company is in active coordination with Visayas State University in Baybay City – a leading tertiary institution in the region for agriculture, to explore possible partnerships focusing on environmental and social development projects in MacArthur, Leyte.

Very truly yours,



SILVESTRE JERIC E. LAPAN

President

Strong Built (Mining) Development Corporation