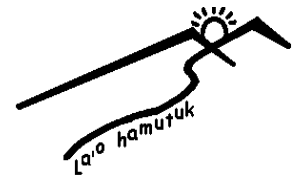


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Sr. Antonio Lelo Taci, M.Sc., Director
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Dear Sr. Antonio,

Thank you for inviting La'o Hamutuk to participate in the workshop last Thursday on the draft regulations for Decree-Law 5/2011 on Environmental Licensing. As many people mentioned, one of the most important aspects is the implementation of this Decree-Law and its regulations.

In order to better understand this process, and to participate in the ADB consultations next week, we are interested to know about Environmental Licensing processes that have been conducted in the nearly three years since Decree-Law 5/2011 came into force.

Could you please provide the following information:

1. A list of applications for Category A Environmental Licenses, including project, proponent, date and current status.
2. Recommendations of the Evaluation Committees on each application.
3. Copies of all Category A Environmental Licenses which have been issued.
4. A list of Category B licenses which have been issued, including project, proponent and date.

According to Article 38 of the Decree-Law, the Environmental Authority maintains a register which is available to the public and contains all of this information.

If it is easier for us to come to your office than for you to answer these questions, please let us know when would be a convenient time. We would appreciate receiving the information in time to analyze it prior to the Stakeholder Workshop on 29 January.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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