Project Title : **ENERGY SUPPLY BASE MASTER**

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Project Location : Mainaga, Mabini, Batangas

Nature of Project : Energy Supply Base Port Development Project

Implementing Agency : PNOC

Project Description:

The Energy Supply Base (ESB) is a private commercial port located in the municipality of Mabini, Batangas that covers a total area of 19.2 hectares. It was created primarily to provide logistical support such as pier services, warehousing facilities, cargo handling, equipment rental, manpower services, and water bunkering services for the energy industry and has extended its services to other commercial clients pursuant to the grant of a Permit to operate as a private commercial port in 1996 by the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA). PNOC is committed to the upgrading, expansion and uninterrupted operation of the Energy Supply Base (ESB).

Project Status as of 30 June 2023:

The ESB Port Development Project Detailed Feasibility Study, Detailed Engineering Design and Environmental Impact Study were approved by the PNOC Board on February 26, 2021 through Resolution No. 2730 s'2021. With the approval, Management proceeded to bid out Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project.

On October 20, 2021, the Bids and Awards Committee presented for award to the responsive and compliant bidder, the construction of the piers together with other ancillary facilities. However, the Board decided not to award the contract using its prerogative under the Procurement Law. Nevertheless, despite the project not proceeding, Management continued to secure the necessary permits for the development.

The recent developments wherein the Department of Energy recognized the Project's noble objective to support the energy security and self-sufficiency agenda of the government by providing the needed port infrastructure support to offshore wind energy projects in Batangas, Mindoro, Antique and other neighboring provinces, necessitate that the project should proceed. The Port Development Project (PDP) is critical for the transportation, storage and assembly of various components of wind turbines, and operation and maintenance of offshore wind farms. The Department of Energy recently awarded six (6) Wind Energy Service Contracts in the said provinces with a potential capacity of 6.90 Gigawatt (GW).

Thus, on January 20, 2023, the PNOC Board approved Management's request to proceed with the bidding and construction to implement the previously approved ESB Port Development scheme, i.e. **Port Operation with Provision for Warehouse facilities for Energy Logistics Hub and Multi-Purpose Berth for general cargo vessels transporting energy related cargoes (Option 1: Scheme B),** for the expansion/upgrade of the existing port and its facilities and the levelling of the 4.4 hectare hilly area.

As of 30 June 2023, the bidding process for the Construction of New Pier Project, Flattening of the Hilly Area, and Construction Management and Supervision, is ongoing.