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Project: Palawan Resiliency under Transport FOC Project Phase 2 Subject: Notification of Appointing Agent

Dear Sirs,

The Philippines PLDT Inc. ("PLDT") as the Owner of this new Proposed Domestic Submarine Fiber Optic Cable Project in Palawan – called Palawan Resiliency under Transport FOC Project Phase 2. PLDT has commissioned Wuhan Fiberhome Inc. (Fiberhome) together with its Manila Branch Office. This cable system will provide telecommunication network connectivity within the Palawan Islands and in the Philippines.

A marine cable route survey on the proposed sites will be carried out prior to install the new PLDT Submarine Cable system. The survey work will be carried out by EGS (Asia) Ltd. as the Survey Contractor appointed by Wuhan Fiberhome Inc. (Fiberhome). The EGS Group has their Asia Pacific regional headquarters in Hong Kong as well as offices in the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Australia, Brazil, India, UK and Americas.

The object of the cable route survey in Philippines is to acquire bathymetric at the proposed Areas to confirm the preliminary routes in order to find a suitable routing for cable system design, deployment, survivability and subsequent maintenance. The survey vessel being proposed for this investigation survey is the Indonesia flagged research vessel R/V EGS SURVEYOR (IMO 6820983). The project is expected to run within the Philippines waters for approximately 1.5 months.

EGS (Asia) Ltd. wish to appoint Ben Line Agencies Philippines, Inc. as their in-country Philippine Shipping Agent to support their vessel's survey operation in the Philippines Waters. The appointment of Ben Line is to representing and act on behalf of EGS (Asia) Limited in obtaining the MARINA Permit (Philippine Operational Permit), the notification of Notice to Mariners (NTM) to Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and answering any enquiry in association with the marine survey activities and survey logistics activities and to cover all the aspects of the vessel's operation in around Philippines.

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Thank you for attention.

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