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To: **Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III**
Regional Executive Director
DENR Mimaropa

RE: EGS SURVEYOR and GEO RESOLUTION - to conduct Marine Survey for Palawan Resiliency under Transport FOC Project Phase 2

Dear Ms. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III,

We, from **BEN LINE AGENCIES PHILIPPINES INC.**, appointed as agents for the Indonesia flagged research vessel R/V EGS SURVEYOR (IMO 6820983) and Republic of Marshall Islands flagged R/V GEO RESOLUTION (IMO 8835243) owned by EGS Marine Corporation.

The above-mentioned vessels will be utilized to carry out marine route survey covering three (3) point to point segments for the new Proposed Domestic Submarine Fiber Optic Cable Project in Palawan – called Palawan Resiliency under Transport FOC Project Phase 2.

PLDT as the owner has commissioned Wuhan Fiberhome Inc. (Fiberhome) together with its Manila Branch Office. The survey work will be carried out by EGS (Asia) Ltd. as the Survey Contractor appointed by Wuhan Fiberhome Inc. (Fiberhome). The project is expected to run within the Philippines waters for approximately 1.5 months.

On behalf of EGS (Asia) Ltd., we would like to notify your good office for R/V EGS SURVEYOR and R/V GEO RESOLUTION targeted in shore survey to commenced in 2nd week of July while the offshore survey is targeted on mid-July. The survey methodology will only involve Side-Scan Sonar (SSS) at the stern of the vessel within 500m depth area along the planned route. The SSS will be kept at 1/3 of the water column which will have a safe separation from the seabed.





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Attached herewith are the following documents for your review and perusal-

01. Appointment Letter to Benline - *(see attached 0.1 Letter of Appointment to Benline)*
02. Project Description – *(see attached Project Brief)*
03. Project Location – *(see attached Palawan Segments Overview)*
04. Ships Particular *(see attached RV EGS Surveyor and RV Geo Resolution Ships Particular)*
05. Marine Survey Equipment List- *(included in the Project Brief)*

We will revert with Notice to All Mariners (NOTAM) issued by Philippine Coast Guard and MSP issued by the MARINA once available.

In this regard and in the interest of securing the PAMB Resolution/ Clearance, **we would like to request the scheduling of holding the PAMB Meeting on June 24, 2021 (Wednesday), at 1PM?**

With the stricter regulations on public activities in this time of pandemic, we would highly appreciate if we can hold the meeting via Zoom or MS Teams whichever is preferable for your good office.

Your kind acknowledgement and assistance given to the vessel to carry out the marine survey for the new Proposed Domestic Submarine Fiber Optic Cable Project in Palawan will be highly appreciated.

Regards,

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