Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

Fourth Judicial Region Branch 163, Coron, Palawan

BCT TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION AND 428 HITECH GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

- versus -

Civil Case CRN-1084 For: Injunction & Damages

Postmaster/Teller

ROBERTO B. MAGALLANES AND JOSE B. MAGALLANES, JR., ET AL.

Defendants.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AD CAUTELAM¹

(to file ANSWER to the Complaint-in-Intervention)

Defendant PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (PRA), by counsel, respectfully states:

- 1. During the 21 September 2023 hearing, the Honorable Court directed the defendants in this case to file their respective Answers to the Province of Palawan's (Province) Complaint-in-Intervention within fifteen (15) days from receipt. PRA received a copy of the said pleading on 27 September 2023. Thus, based on the Honorable Court's directive, PRA has until 12 October 2023 within which to file its Answer to the Complaint-in-Intervention.
- 2. Although the Province practically adopted the Plaintiff's Complaint and witnesses, undersigned will need more time to confer

¹ This *Motion* is being filed without prejudice to PRA's "Motion for Partial Reconsideration (of the 21 September 2023 Order)" filed via registered mail last 6 October 2023 and is still pending resolution of the Honorable Court.

with PRA and determine if there is a need to present additional evidence/witnesses.

3. Under the 2019 Amendments to the Rules of Civil Court, the judicial affidavits of the witnesses intended to be presented shall be attached to the Answer. Section 6, Rule 7 states:

Section 6. Contents. – Every pleading stating a party's claims or defenses shall, in addition to those mandated by Section 2, Rule 7, state the following:

- (a) Names of witnesses who will be presented to prove a party's claim or defense;
- (b) Summary of the witnesses' intended testimonies, provided that the judicial affidavits of said witnesses shall be attached to the pleading and form an integral part thereof. Only witnesses whose judicial affidavits are attached to the pleading shall be presented by the parties during trial. Except if a party presents meritorious reasons as basis for the admission of additional witnesses, no other witness or affidavit shall be heard or admitted by the court; and
- (c) Documentary and object evidence in support of the allegations contained in the pleading. (Emphasis supplied)
- 4. Section 11, Rule 11 of the same amended rules allows for an extension of the Answer:

Section 11. Extension of time to file an answer. – A defendant may, for meritorious reasons, be granted an additional period of not more than thirty (30) calendar days to file an answer. A defendant is only allowed to file one (1) motion for extension of time to file an answer.

A motion for extension to file any pleading, other than an answer, is prohibited and considered a mere scrap of paper. The court, however, may allow any other pleading to be filed after the time fixed by these Rules.

5. Hence, PRA respectfully prays that it be given an additional period of 30 days from 12 October 2023, or until 11 November 2023, within which to file its Answer.

6. This *Motion* is prompted solely by the foregoing reasons and is not intended to delay the proceedings in the above-captioned case.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, PRA respectfully prays that it be given a period of 30 days from 12 October 2023, or <u>until 11 November 2023</u>, within which to file its Answer.

Other equitable reliefs are likewise prayed for.

Quezon City for Coron, Palawan, 10 October 2023.

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EXPLANATION

Due to constraints in time, distance and manpower, copies of the foregoing *Motion* shall be filed and served to the other parties by REGISTERED MAIL, personal service not being practicable under the circumstances. A copy of this Motion is being filed and served electronically via EMAIL in accordance with A.M. No. 10-3-7-SC/A.M. No. 11-9-4-SC April 11, 2023 - RE: GUIDELINES ON SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC COPIES OF PLEADINGS AND OTHER COURT SUBMISSIONS BEING FILED BEFORE THE LOWER COURTS PURSUANT TO THE EFFICIENT USE OF PAPER RULE.

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I, **PEDRO V. MARIANO**, of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, with office address at 3rd Floor, MWSS Administration Building, Katipunan Avenue, Old Balara, Quezon City, after being duly sworn to, depose and say:

That on 10 October 2023, I served a copy of the following pleading/paper:

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In Civil Case CRN-1084 entitled "BCT TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION AND 428 HI-TECH GROUP, INC., vs. ROBERTO B. MAGALLANES AND JOSE B. MAGALLANES, JR., ET AL." pursuant to Section 3, 4, 5 and 10, Rule 13 of the Rules of Court, as follows:

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PEDRO V. MARIANO Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10 October 2023, affiant personally appeared before me and exhibited to me his ID No. 126.

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