

Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
**Regional Trial Court**  
Branch 163  
Coron, Palawan  
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**BCT TRADING & CONSTRUCTION**  
**and 428 HI-TECH GROUP, INC.,**  
Plaintiff,

-versus-

**CIVIL CASE No. CRN-1084**  
**For: INJUNCTION &**  
**DAMAGES**

**ROBERTO B. MAGALLANES and**  
**JOSE B. MAGALLANES, JR., styling**  
themselves as "SAGIP PALAWAN",  
**PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION**  
**AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL**  
**RESOURCES-MIMAROPA,**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**& HIGHWAYS-MIMAROPA and**  
**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT**  
**of CORON, PALAWAN,**  
Defendants.

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**ORDER**

In this court is a Motion to attend Hearing through Video Conference on September 21, 2023 filed by the plaintiffs through Alampay and Tamase Law Office, averring that they received via e-mail the Notice of Hearing on the Motion to Intervene and motion for Reconsideration. In the same email the parties were advised that if they wish to attend hearing via video conference, appropriate motion should be filed. Hence, they are praying that they be allowed to appear via video conference on the scheduled hearing of this case.

OCA Circular No. 271-2023-A<sup>1</sup> was recently released by the Office of the Court Administrator which provides :

*As such, all issuances on court operations before the COVID-19 pandemic should be fully complied with, except if these have been*

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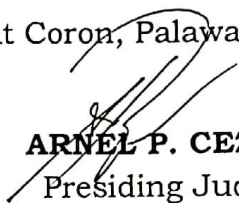
<sup>1</sup> OCA CIRCULAR No. 271-2023-A , SUBJECT : LIFTING OF THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO COVID-19, August 11, 2023

subsequently modified or amended. Utmost priority shall be given to in-court or face to face hearings and the conduct of videoconferencing hearings, if warranted, from home or in other location shall be subject to the provisions of OCA Circular No. 43-2022 dated 1 March, 2022. **Accordingly video conferencing hearings are still allowed but only for cases involving (a) Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL's), except when the presiding judge deems it necessary for the PDL to appear before the court, b) deaf litigants and witnesses, and c) senior citizens, if they have the capacity for the purpose. Also, and among others, the raffie of cases in multi-sala stations should be in-person.**

WHEREFORE, premises considered and there being no showing that the movant is among those allowed for videoconferencing hearings under the said OCA CIRCULAR, the Motion is hereby **DENIED**. In-court or face to face hearing shall be conducted in this case as mandated by the circular issued.

SO ORDERED.

Given this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at Coron, Palawan.

  
**ARNEL P. CEZAR**  
Presiding Judge

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