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Dear **RED Mirasol**,

Greetings!

Rule V, Section 1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (RA 9003) mandates the establishment of Regional Ecology Centers (REC) that shall provide technical expertise, information, training, and networking services for the implementation of the provisions of RA 9003. In compliance, a MIMAROPA REC was established. However, it has come to the attention of the members of the MIMAROPA REC that fewer and fewer members have been attending the quarterly meetings, resulting in the MIMAROPA REC not having concrete decisions and accomplishments that can assist the LGUs in the implementation of RA 9003.

In consultation with the members of the MIMAROPA REC who continued to attend the quarterly meetings and in view of the passing into law of the Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022 (RA 11898), it has been decided that a reconstitution of the REC will effectively address these problems.

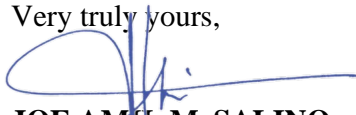
As such, with the EMB MIMAROPA being tasked under RA 9003 to establish and lead the operation of the MIMAROPA REC, we are pleased to extend an invitation to the **Department of Environment and Natural Resources - MIMAROPA Region** (as part of transformation) to become a member of the MIMAROPA REC. The undersigned greatly believes that the membership and participation of your agency in the MIMAROPA REC will significantly help our mutual objective of a stronger implementation of RA 9003 within the MIMAROPA Region.

In addition to inviting your agency to join the MIMAROPA REC, we are also in the process of finalizing our Memorandum of Commitment (MoC) which will outline the shared principles, goals, and expectations for all the member agencies. In view hereof, attached to this correspondence is the draft version of the MoC. We kindly ask that you review the document and provide your feedback no later than **14 August 2024**. We highly value your input and would appreciate your comments and suggestions to ensure that the MoC reflects our collective vision and commitment.

Should you wish to have parts of the MoC revised or for any inquiries, you may inform this Office by getting in touch with the OIC of the EMB MIMAROPA – Ecological Solid Waste Management Section, Ms. Ashley Denise Adora L. Ignacio, through mobile number: (0915) 961-1422 or via email at ashley_ignacio@emb.gov.ph.

Thank you for considering this invitation. We are hoping for your utmost cooperation on this matter as we push for a stronger implementation of RA 9003 for a cleaner, more sustainable, and more environmentally friendly MIMAROPA.

Very truly yours,



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