REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 163 CORON, PALAWAN

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BCT TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION and 428 HI-TECH GROUP, INC., Plaintiffs,

versus -

CIVIL CASE No. CRN-1084

For: Injunction and Damages

ROBERTO B. MAGALLANES and JOSE B. MAGALLANES, Jr., Styling themselves as "SAGIP CORON PALAWAN", PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES - MIMAROPA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS - MIMAROPA, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF CORON, PALAWAN,

Defendants.

COUNTER-MANIFESTATION

(Re: Manifestation dated 31 March 2023 and Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment/Opposition and Position Paper filed on 10 April 2023 by Defendants Roberto and Jose B. Magallanes)

PLAINTIFFS, by counsel, unto this Honorable Court respectfully states:

1. In the Order of this Honorable Court dated 22 March 2023, defendants Magallanes brothers were given only **5 days from receipt** of plaintiffs' Formal Offer of Evidence within which to file their comment or opposition thereto.

- 2. Defendants Magallanes brothers, through their counsel, were personally furnished a copy of plaintiffs' Formal Offer of Evidence on **27 March 2023**. Therefore, they only had until **03 April 2023** (01 April 2023 falling on a Saturday) within which to file their comment or opposition thereto.
- 3. However, in their Manifestation dated 31 March 2023, the defendants Magallanes brothers merely stated that they will just be consolidating their Comment/Opposition to Plaintiffs' Formal Offer of Evidence with their Position Paper to be filed on 11 April 2023.
- 4. Worse, without the Honorable Court having even acknowledged their previous Manifestation, defendants Magallanes brothers filed their Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment/Opposition and Position Paper, asking for further extension of time to file their Comment/Opposition to plaintiffs' Formal Offer of Evidence, which period had actually already expired on **03 April 2023**.
- 5. Considering the foregoing, the defendants Magallanes brothers, having failed to file their comment or opposition to plaintiffs' Formal Offer of Evidence within the period granted to them until **03 April 2023**, have already waived their right to file the same.

Respectfully submitted.

Makati City, for Coron, Palawan, 11 April 2023.

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EXPLANATION

This is to certify that prior to the filing of the foregoing COUNTER-MANIFESTATION with this Honorable Court through electronic mail and registered mail, copies of the same would already have been served by personal service as well as electronic mail upon counsels for defendants Roberto B. Magallanes and Jose B. Magallanes, Jr., by registered mail and electronic mail upon the counsel for PRA, and via registered mail upon the other parties. This mode of **filing and service** were resorted to in view of the distances involved and manpower limitation. It is not in any way intended to delay these proceedings.

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