

# 'LACK OF BUDGET'

ASMGH in danger of 'operational collapse', says Gov. Javier

By EVA ABAJENCIA

**THE premier provincial government-owned hospital in the Province of Antique is in danger of "operational collapse" due to lack of budget.**

This was revealed by Governor Paolo Javier four days after he assumed office.

He noted that the budget of Angel Salazar Memorial General Hospital (ASMGH) in San Jose, Antique is nearly depleted.

ASMGH needs an additional budget of P229,385,478.86 million, otherwise the hospital is on the verge of operational collapse, said Javier.

He added that the approved budget for the hospital in 2025 was Php 248,166,448.00 intended for the entire 12 months. The governor, however, learned that during the first half of 2025, under the previous administration of Governor Rhodora Cadio, a total of P228,423,765.84 was already spent.

This means, ASMGH has a remaining budget of P19,742,682.16 for July to December.

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GOVERNOR PAOLO JAVIER

## City gov't strengthens traffic enforcement for public safety

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

MAYOR Raisa Treñas issued Executive Order No. 008 directing the Iloilo City Police Office - Traffic Management Unit (PNP - TMU) to work with the Iloilo City Traffic and Transportation Management Office (TTMO) to enhance traffic enforcement and maintain public safety in Iloilo City.

This order focuses on apprehending violators of the following:

\* Parking Ordinance - parking is prohibited in areas with "NO PARKING" signs, intersections, near fire

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Lori Fundal Pilatan (3rd from left) poses with a fan, Veronica Pelobello, during her guesting at Talking Point hosted by veteran talkshow host Tonette Toledo together with Filoteo "Ting" Palmares III, son of the late Governor Rafael "Nono" Palmares.

## Lori Fundal Pilatan launches new books, charity org

LORI Fundal Pilatan, a poet and an independent writer who hails from Passi City and now based in Canada, and Filoteo "Ting" Palmares III recently graced the longest running talkshow

in Western Visayas, Talking Point.

Pilatan announced to the public the launching of her two new books: "Rising Above Challenges and Adversities: A Family's

Journey" which is a book about the author's family and "Filoteo Palmares Sr.: The Grand Old Man of Passi" on July 12, 2025 at the City of Passi Arena.

Ting Palmares, son of the late Governor Rafael "Nono" Palmares and grandson of Filoteo Palmares expressed gratitude to Pilatan for giving honor to the first and longest serving mayor of Passi.

The two books are now available and can be accessed through Amazon.

Lori Fundal Pilatan has so far published nine books through Kindle Direct

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Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Manuel Bonoan administers the oath of office of Engr. Rodney Gustilo as the full-fledged Assistant Regional Director of the Department of Public Works and Highways - Negros Island Region (DPWH-NIR). Engr. Gustilo's wife Mavi witnessed his oath-taking. (see story on page 2)

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## LACK OF BUDGET... (from page 1)

Javier said that he can request for a supplemental budget but around Php 59 million is only allowable.

"We still have to pay the previous Accounts payable as of March 31, 2025 amounting to Php 190,760,582.78 pertaining to consignment of medicines at ASMGH," Javier said.

He lamented that because of the situation he will be forced to reduce the number of job order workers in the hospital based on the recommendation of the heads.

Javier said he will try to look for other budget sources in order to sustain the operation of ASMGH since health services is very vital for the Antiqueños.

"We have to prioritize our hospitals because this concerns the health of our people, our hospitals should always be ready in cases of emergencies just like what happened to the students in Brgy. Pis-anan, Sibalom," Javier said.

Meanwhile, Javier said that by August he will start implementing the subsidy of P500 monthly for power consumers who regularly pay their electric bills promptly and who do not have arrears.

Moreover, the governor also issued an order for moratorium on quarry operations in the province.

"There will be no new application for quarry operators, no renewals for expired permits, but for those with existing and unexpired permits they can continue to operate," Javier said.

Based on the Annual Production Report of the Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) as of January to December 2024 the Gross Revenue amounted to a total of Php 28,207,995.16 while the total net Revenue share of the Province is Php 10,516,947.66.

## LORI FUNDAL... (from page 1)

Publishing.

Interviewed by program hosts Tonette Toledo and Jhey R Villava, Pilatan said that she is a self-made writer who was inspired by the books that she read.

While working as a caregiver in Canada, she started writing poems and books taking inspiration from her experiences in caring for the elderly and walking alongside people during their most vulnerable time.

Her 42 years stay in Canada also prompted her to establish the Pilatan Clan Charity Incorporated (PCCI) which will be launched alongside the book launching.

The royalties from her book sales will go toward supporting their charity which aims to help their poor "kasimanwa".

"I strongly believe that God gave me this gift to help those less fortunate than I am. We are not wealthy family, but I believe that while we can't change the world, we can change one life at a time," she said, adding "I also hold Mother Teresa's words close to my heart: 'It's not how much we give, but how much love we put in giving.'"

## Primelectric, ACWA Power ink deal to explore Renewable Energy projects in WV, Palawan

In a move poised to reshape the energy landscape of the Visayas and Palawan, Primelectric Holdings, Inc. and ACWA Power Company of Saudi Arabia formally signed a

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hydrants, sidewalks, and other dangerous or obstructive locations.

\* Anti-Modified Muffler Ordinance - The use of noisy mufflers that contribute to noise pollution is prohibited.

\* Miscellaneous Traffic Violations - This includes reckless driving, disregarding traffic signals, overloading, driving without a license, unauthorized use of sirens, the placement of unauthorized "reserve" signs, and others.

In terms of enforcement procedures, citation ticket stubs are distributed to PNP personnel. Upon issuance of citation tickets, violations are endorsed to the TTMO and violators must settle their accounts within 72 hours of the citation ticket. PNP personnel must also testify in all cases concerning apprehensions made during their contract.

In her statement, Mayor Treñas stressed that the PNP - Traffic Management Unit and the Traffic and Transportation Management Office (TTMO) enforce the said ordinance, as it serves not just a law, but a call for the well-being of everyone.

"Discipline on the road reflects our respect for each other and our love for the city. If we want a peaceful and organized Iloilo City, it must start with each of us. Therefore, I earnestly request your cooperation," said Treñas.

# Engr. Rodney Gustilo takes oath as full-fledged ARD of DPWH-NIR

**Engr. Rodney Gustilo has officially taken his oath as the full-fledged Assistant Regional Director of the Department of Public Works and Highways – Negros Island Region (DPWH-NIR), marking a significant milestone in the establishment of the newly formed regional office.**

Sworn in before DPWH Secretary Manuel Bonoan, ARD Gustilo now joins the pioneering leadership team tasked with steering the infrastructure development of the Negros Island Region, which includes eight engineering districts and Siquijor Island. The regional headquarters is based in Dumaguete City.

In an interview with Talking Point producer Tonette Toledo, Gustilo shared his vision of enhancing connectivity and accessibility across the region. He emphasized the importance of upgrading road networks to provide safer, faster, and more scenic routes for motorists and tourists

alike—an initiative he believes will fuel economic growth and regional integration.

Before his promotion, Gustilo served as the District Engineer in Kabankalan City, where his innovative leadership and service excellence gained recognition. His track record of implementing effective infrastructure programs played a key role in his elevation to regional leadership.

"Transformation and change begin when action and application take root, and when strong relationships are built with co-workers and the community," Gustilo said, underscoring his commitment to collaborative governance and responsive public service.

His appointment is seen as a promising development for the newly created DPWH-NIR, which is set to play a vital role in shaping the infrastructure landscape of the Negros Island Region.



**RENEWABLE ENERGY PUSH:** Primelectric Holdings President Roel Z. Castro and ACWA Power Chief Investment and Development Officer Thomas Brostrom sign a joint study agreement, marking a strategic collaboration on renewable energy exploration. The ceremonial signing, held recently in Manila, was witnessed by top executives from both companies.

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RE: Application for Third Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations to effect additional vessel

SOLIDNORTH REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORP.  
Applicant.

Case No. MRO VI 17-092  
3<sup>rd</sup> CPC Amendment

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ORDER

This refers to the application for Third Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:


ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:  
CATICLAN/TABON, MALAY, AKLAN TO CAGBAN PORT/TAMBISAAN, BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA

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The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.  
The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.  
The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **22 July 2025 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.  
The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution /decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.  
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:  
  
**(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

Copy furnished:  
Applicant Balabag, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila  
Phil. 6<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City  
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development**  
*Kagawaran ng Pananahang Pantao at Pagpapalad ng Kalusuran*



**N O T I C E**

Notice is hereby given that **Oceanfront Properties, Inc.** (Developer) has filed with the Department a sworn registration statement for the sale of subdivision lots at **BORACAY NEWCOAST VILLAGE** located at Brgy. Yapac, Malay, Aklan specifically described as the following:

LOT NO.	AREA (SQ. M.)	TITLE NO.
Lot 30, Block 7, Pcs-06-006162	15,101.00	087-2013000498
TOTAL	15,101.00	

All papers relative thereto shall upon request and payment of processing fee, be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.


Iloilo City, Philippines, July 04, 2025.

**(SGD.) CRISTIE Y. REYES, EnP.**  
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RE: Application for ISSUANCE of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

CESAR P. CASIDSID  
Applicant

Case No. MRO VI 25-033  
CPC NEW

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ORDER

This refers to the application for issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED  
BORACAY ISLAND AND NEARBY ISLETS SURROUNDING BORACAY ISLAND WITHIN THREE (3) NAUTICAL MILES (DAY-TIME NAVIGATION ONLY)

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MBca "REBOOT CPC-2"	10.70	WOOD	Tourist/ Guest	26-30pax – P 8, 500 31-40pax – P 9, 500.00 41-50pax – P 12,000.00

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.  
The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.  
The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **22 July 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.  
The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution /decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:  
  
**(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

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7. not be related to any member of the present Board or their duly-authorized representatives, within fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity; and,

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File No. F2025-155

RE: PETITION FOR EXTRA JUDICIAL  
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED,

**EXQUISITE LENDING SERVICES INC.,**  
**ANTIQUE BRANCH, represented by**  
**HELEN GRACE P. BAUTISTA, Branch**  
**Manager,**  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

**CECILE A. TALAGTAG,**  
Mortgagor.  
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**SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL  
AUCTION SALE**

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure sale under *Act 3135, as amended*, filed by mortgagee **EXQUISITE LENDING SERVICES INC., ANTIQUE BRANCH**, represented by its Branch Manager, **HELEN GRACE P. BAUTISTA**, with office at G/F Horace Lim Bldg., Solana St., San Jose, Antique, against mortgagor **CECILE A. TALAGTAG**, of legal age, widow, Filipino, and a resident of Canipayan, Valderrama, Antique to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness, which is as of 28 February 2025 amounts to Phil: Pesos: **Three Hundred Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two only (Php331,172.00)**, exclusive of penalties and other charges fees relative to foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **01 August 2025**, at 10:00 o’clock in the morning, or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Sheriff, RTC, Branch 64, Zaldivar Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

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“A parcel of land (Lot No. 1761-G, CSD, Cad. 942-D, Valderrama Cadastre) including all improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Canipayan, Valderrama, Antique. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2, by Lot 1761-F; on the NW., along lines 2-3, by Lot 1780; on the NE., along lines 3-4, by Lot 1761-H; and on the SE., along line 4-5-1, by Lot National Roads. Containing an area of Two Hundred Four (204) square meters, more or less.”

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **08 August 2025** at the same time and place abovementioned without further notice.

San Jose for Bugasong, Antique, 24 June 2025.

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OIC, Clerk of Court-VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

**(SGD.) RAMIL P. MARTINEZ**  
Sheriff IV

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RUTH I. ALGALLAR** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **“MA. RUTH”** to **“RUTH”** in the Birth Certificate of **MA. RUTH INSULAR** who was born on **October 27, 1951** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Abundio Insular** and **Salvacion Josa**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

**(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 14, 2025 & July 21, 2025

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of San Dionisio

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **RICHELLE JOY C. LATIGAR** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of sex from **“MALE”** to **“FEMALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RICHELLE JOY LASADAS CABUGNASON** at **San Dionisio, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Rogelio H. Cabugnason** and **Llany P. Lasadas**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office.

**(SGD.) MARY JEAN G. DEMONTEVERDE**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/July 14, 2025 & July 21, 2025

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late **Maria Marlene Exmundo Arnesen, namely: EVELYN EXMUNDO** - of legal age, single, Norwegian Citizen and formerly natural born Filipino Citizen and with address at Oslo, Norway, **KELLY LUNA** - of legal age, widow, American Citizen and formerly Natural Born Filipino Citizen and with address at 51 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cubao Socorro, Quezon City, **JOSEPHINE MARTINEZ** - of legal age, married to Olimpio Martinez, American Citizen and formerly natural born Filipino Citizen and a resident of Camaley, Binmaley, Pangasinan, and **SUSAN ORZALES** - of legal age, Filipino, legally annulled and a resident of Lot 2, Block 4, Fatima Village, Tagbac, Iloilo City, all herein represented by their Attorney in fact **PHIL OLIVER EXMUNDO ORZALES**, per Special Power of Attorney dated July 7, 2025 notarized by **Notary Public Nelson C. Oberas** under Doc. No. 163; Page No. 34; Book No. 248; Series of 2025, of legal age, Filipino, married and a resident of Lot 2, Block 4, Fatima Village, Tagbac, Iloilo City, have executed a **DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS IN FAVOR OF SUSAN EXMUNDO ORZALES** dated July 7, 2025 notarized by Notary Public **Nelson C. Oberas** under Doc. No.164; Page No. 34; Book No. 248; Series of 2025, involving following Bank Accounts and Safety Deposit Box, in her name under:

1) **BDO Time Deposit Account Number 349906614131**, General Luna Branch, Iloilo City with money worth **Php1,067,497.12**

2) **BDO Optimum Account No. 3360138974** with money worth **Php113,708.30**

3) **Safety Deposit Box No. 38** with **BDO General Luna Branch** with addressed at General Luna St., Iloilo City, containing unspecified items therein.

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SPEC. PRO. NO. 916

IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION  
OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE  
OF LIVE BIRTH OF JOSE RONALD S.  
PANIZAL, HIS DATE OF BIRTH FROM  
“APRIL 10, 1969” TO “APRIL 10, 1970”

JOSE RONALD S. PANIZAL,  
Petitioner,

versus

MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF  
TIGBAUAN, ILOILO, AND THE  
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,  
Respondents.  
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AMENDED ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Amended Petition for Correction of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth of **Jose Ronald S. Panizal**, filed by the petitioner **Jose Ronald S. Panizal** through counsel, praying that an Order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Tigbauan, Iloilo to correct his date of birth from **10 April 1969** to **10 April 1970** in the Certificate of Live Birth.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on **18 August 2025** at 10:00 in the morning, so that any person having objection to the petition may personally appear and file his/her opposition on or before the scheduled date of hearing.

Counsel for the petitioner is hereby directed to submit a list of exhibits intended to be marked for jurisdictional purposes at least five (5) days before the initial hearing date.

Issue Summons to the Local Civil Registrar of Tigbauan, Tigbauan, Iloilo, and to the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, Philippines, or any of the authorized representative of the said Office in Regional Office VI at J. Villanueva Building, Iznart Street, Iloilo City.

Let this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo, and be posted in three (3) conspicuous public places before the date of hearing.

Furnish copy of this Order to the Office of the Solicitor General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Provincial Prosecutor’s Office, the Local Civil Registrar of Tigbauan, Iloilo, Atty. Gerrylin Camposagrado and the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

**7 July 2025.**  
Guimbal, Iloilo, Philippines.

**(SGD.) NELITA JESUSA A. BACALING**  
Presiding Judge

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sustainable energy solutions to our communities,” added Castro.

“Our joint effort is a testament to our commitment to secure a clean, stable, and affordable power future for the islands we serve.”

Once viable projects are identified and agreed upon, both companies plan to proceed to development and investment phases, potentially introducing large-scale renewable energy installations and cutting-edge storage systems into the region’s energy mix.

“By bringing together ACWA Power’s global expertise and Primelectric’s deep understanding of the local market, we are not only fast-tracking the rollout of clean energy projects in this part of the Philippines but also driving technology transfer, and contributing to long-term economic growth and community development,” said Thomas Brostrom of ACWA Power.

“This partnership reflects our shared commitment to building a more sustainable and resilient future for the region.”



Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court  
**6<sup>th</sup> MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT**  
(Pandan-Libertad-Caluya)  
Pandan, Antique  
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Special Proceedings Case No. **01-2025-P**

FOR:

**Petition for the Allowance  
of a Will & for Issuance of  
Letters Testamentary with  
the Will Annexed**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
TO APPROVE THE WILL OF  
EVA D. VARUA (Deceased),**

**MARIA AGNES RODRIGUEZ**  
**Represented by Arlene B. Marcaida,**  
***Petitioner,***

X-----X

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

A verified PETITION dated April 3, 2025 was filed on May 8, 2025, by Maria Agnes Rodriguez (herein represented by her attorney-in-fact, Arlene B. Marcaida), through counsel, was admitted by this Court on May 12, 2025. Hence, this notice of hearing.

The Petition states that:

1. Maria Agnes Rodriguez is of legal age and a resident of 8 Brigandoon Avenue, Glenmore Park New South Wales 2745. She is represented in this petition by Arlene B. Marcaida, of legal age, a resident of Purok 6, Nauring, Pandan, Antique, with a Special Power of Attorney dated February 20, 2025 (Exhibit “B” of the Petition);

2. That on August 29, 2021, the testatrix Eva D. Varua, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, died at her place of residence in Centro Sur, Pandan, Antique (Exhibit “C” of the Petition),

3. That Eva D Varua, prior to her demise, executed a holographic will at Centro Sur, Pandan, Antique on December 12, 2017 (Exhibit “D” of the Petition);

4. That the holographic in the possession of the petitioner’s counsel, Rommel C. Bellones, has been submitted in Court:

5. That in said holographic will, Eva D. Varua, bequeathed the following properties with respective market/zonal values, to her devisees, namely:

a. Ma. Agnes G. Varua - Lot No. 2698, located at Bagumbayan, Pandan, Antique, under Tax Declaration No 12-0005-00180;

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONSUELO MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO** consisting of **one-half (1/2) conjugal share** in the following parcels of land: **Lot 3 Block 3, Psd-06-004481**, being a portion of Lot 2414, Jaro Cadastre, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-69038** situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (156) SQUARE METERS, more or less** and **Lot 3, Pcs-06-000429**, being a portion of Consolidation and Subdivision of Lot 1410-D and Lot 1410-E, Psd-27248 covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-62195** situated in Molo, Iloilo City with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (444) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **MANUEL LIM TAN-TIONGCO, MARLA ANN MELLIZA-TAN TIONGCO, CARY MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO, CEDRIC PAUL MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO, CYRUS JOHN MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO, MYRA SOFIA TAN-TIONGCO TAN, and MAREE BARBARA MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO**. That, **MANUEL LIM TAN-TIONGCO** waived absolutely and unconditionally his rights and interests over the said parcels of land including the residential houses built thereon in favor of his co-heirs as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARK C. JURILLA** per Doc. No. 115, Page No. 24, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2024.



b. Gorgonio G. Varua - located at Talisay;

c. Jose G. Varua - Lot No 96, located at Nauring, Pandan, Antique;

d. Andrew V. Ballicas - Lot No. 5991, located at Talisay, Pandan, Antique, under Tax Declaration No. 12-0023-00090;

e. Ramon V. Ballicas - Lot No. 4177, located at Talisay, Pandan, Antique, under Tax Declaration No. 12-032-0363; and

f. Tito D. Varua - The fruits of the lots during his lifetime

6. That Eva D. Varua died without outstanding debts thus, the executor will only need to execute the provisions of the will;

7. That Eva D. Varua did not name any executor/ administrator in her holographic will, and

8 That letters testamentary be issued to Arlene B. Marcaida, a resident of Nauring, Pandan, Antique, Filipino, a distant relative and the current caretaker of the estate of Eva D. Varua, a person of known probity and integrity, not having been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and who possesses all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to act as executrix of the last will and testament of Eva D. Varua.

Let the hearing for probate and allowance of the Holographic Will of Eva D. Varua be set on **August 19, 2025 at 8:00 in the morning at 6<sup>th</sup> MCTC, Pandan, Antique office** at which time, date and place, all concerned may appear to contest the probate and allowance thereof, showing cause if any why said will should be disallowed.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks previous to the hearing dated set herein, in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Antique, and furnish with a copy of this Order the petitioner and all devisees named in said will at their respective addresses if known.

Finally, let a copy of this Order be posted at the Bulletin Board or any conspicuous place in front of the Municipal Hall, Pandan, Antique; courtroom of the 6<sup>th</sup> MCTC, Pandan, Antique and at Brgy. Hall of Brgy. Centro Sur, Pandan, Antique.

**SO ORDERED.**

Pandan, Antique, Philippines, May 22, 2025.

**(SGD.) MARIA THERESA P. ALDON**  
**Presiding Judge**


NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025




**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ELIGIO M. GAZO and PATRIA J. GAZO** consisting of parcels of land **Lot 2652**, situated in Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67982** with ana rea of **Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight (5,578) square meters** and **Lot 2483** situated in Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67504** with an area **Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Six (12,606) square meters** are adjudicated to heirs **RAMON J. GAZO, LILIBETH G. PETROLA, MARTIN J. GAZO, INOCENCIA G. SARAOS, MARGIE J. GAZO and ELIGIO J. GAZO, JR.**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 31, Page No. 7, Book No. 20, Series of 2025.

NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025



Department of Transportation  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
**Regional Office VI**  
MRO VI Bldg., De La Rama Street  
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



RE: Application for RENEWAL of  
Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)  
pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and  
its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

**ANTONIO OCZON**  
Applicant

**Case No. MRO VI 16-104**  
**CPC Renewal**

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**ORDER**

This refers to the application for Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED			
JETTY PORT, CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN to MANOCMANOC, BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN & VICE VERSA (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)			
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service
MBca 'JUN JUN 3 "	5.28	WOOD	CARGO
MB "PEARL 2"	22.88	WOOD	CARGO

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.  
The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.  
The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted **30 July 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.  
The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution /decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

**(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA**  
Regional Director

Copy furnished:  
Applicant, Caticlan, Malay, Aklan  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila  
Phil.6<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City  
File

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MICHAEL JOSE ORTEGA III** consisting of a **Savings Account Deposit** with **Philippine Veterans Bank** is adjudicated to heirs **JENNY B. ORTEGA** and **JAEZEN MARIE B. ORTEGA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ELMER R. CAMARISTA** per Doc. No. 410, Page No. 83, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late **Teresita J. Baron** have executed a **DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS** dated April 21, 2025 notarized by Notary Public **Atty. John Paul L. Oberas** under Doc. No. 31; Page 8; Book No. 1; Series of 2025 executed by the heirs, namely: 1) **Ester Regina Baron-Servando** and 2) **heirs of Nestor J. Baron** (deceased), involving a parcel of land covered by **TCT No. T-72565** and identified as **Lot 860-A-1** located in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **six hundred ten (610) square meters, more or less**; whereas **Ester Regina Baron-Servando and Wilsona M. Baron**, widow of **Nestor Baron**, waive their entire rights on the said property in favor of heirs-children of the late **Nestor Baron**, namely: **Sarah Jane M. Baron, Jan Hermo M. Baron, David Lester M. Baron, and Aliya Regina M. Baron**, all residents of 9 M.H. del Pilar St., Jaro, Iloilo City.

NE/July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

**EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses CEFERINO CANTUA and AMELITA TANALEON** known as a parcel of land (Lot 4400, Psc-40, Case No. 4), situated in Barangay Igawayan, Jordan, Guimaras covered under **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-27083** with an area of **FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN (48,314) SQUARE METERS** is adjudicated to heirs **LILIA CANTUA DA-AYON, CEFERINO T. CANTUA, JR., LUVENIA CANTUA ESTEMBER, NENITA CANTUA GALECIO, GENER T. CANTUA, and RIGEL KENT T. CANTUA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RALF OWEN F. DE LA CRUZ** per Doc. No. 334, Page No. 68, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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Search operations are scheduled to begin soon in Taal Lake, for the remains of at least 34 missing cockfight gamblers. A suspect turned whistleblower, Julie “Totoy” Patidongan, said that the missing men had been ordered dumped there by his own group, which had, at the top, businessman Charlie “Atong” Ang.

Said group also includes actress Gretchen Barretto and members of the Philippine National Police, Patidongan alleges. Ang and Barretto have denied their involvement, even as the Justice Department has already tagged them as suspects.

The PNP Chief, General Nicholas Torre III, has also confirmed they are looking into at least 15 of their personnel in relation to the case. Patidongan, who is now in protective custody of the Police, has also claimed that Ang had been paying a high-ranking cop some P2 million monthly. He also said a former judge acted as a fixer; the Supreme Court is launching its own probe.

The number of personalities involved could go higher as the investigation expands, authorities

say.

The “sabungeros” case started in 2021-22, with reports of abductions in places such as Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Manila, and Bulacan. For years, however, the families of the missing men heard nothing about the case; it was only until Patidongan surfaced last month, with his explosive allegations, that the public took notice of the case’s developments.

The case sparks interest because of the tragedy of obscurity when one is a simple citizen with no power, money, or influence, never mind the brazen nature of the abductions.

It occasions indignation because of the brutality of the deaths. Patidongan said the men, punished for cheating in the games, were strangled, tied to sandbags, and then dumped into the lake. Nobody deserves this kind of end.

It awakens our collective anger. Personalities

could be so powerful as to operate with impunity to cause the deaths. Worse, they could work as an entrenched and organized group to carry out their heinous acts.

The case of the sabungeros should drive our sustained vigilance. Today we are aghast as we follow developments in the case. Soon, however, other issues will take over, and media attention will shift to newer stories. What, then, will become of the case, and of the justice that the sabungeros deserve? How will closure ever come to their families?

Taal Lake is a scenic location that is both a tourist attraction and a source of livelihood for many Filipinos. May we never allow it to be an ugly reminder of how the powerful lord it over the system. May the calm not be mistaken for dark secrets can remain at the bottom indefinitely. ([manilastandard.net](http://manilastandard.net))

## Getting to the bottom

## Editorial

## MVP of nation-building

Nation-building in the Philippines is more often seen as the primary responsibility of government-entrusted to elected and appointed public officials who are expected to craft and enact laws, deliver social services, and uplift the lives of Filipinos. While this perspective is widely held, it only captures part of the bigger picture.

Beyond the spotlight of politics and its dominance of public discourse, the true strength of our nation lies in the everyday contributions of institutions and individuals whose quiet, steady and consistent efforts keep the country moving forward.

They are found in power lines that keep the lights on for millions of homes and industries, in the water pipes that sustain life, in the train lines that transport people and goods, and in the mobile and internet signals that keep Filipinos connected -whether islands or oceans apart every single day.

Nation-building thrives in the jobs that support Filipino families -allowing parents to send their children to school, and in time, paving the way for children to care for their aging parents.

Truly, progress demands partners and in the realm of nation-building, history has shown how the private sector has been a vital partner of the government in accelerating economic development.

Among the business leaders who has consistently shown commitment in working to uplift the lives of Filipinos is Manuel V. Pangilinan or MVP. While he often

steers clear of the political spotlight, MVP has shown through decades of work in the private sector how business leadership anchored in nationalism and service can be a powerful force for nation-building.

Through the companies he leads, MVP has helped create livelihood for tens of thousands of Filipinos across different industries. From line crews to engineers, healthcare professionals, and service workers —MVP has shown that nation-building doesn’t have to start at the halls of government offices but can begin by providing a family with a reliable source of income so they can live with dignity.

The breadth of MVP’s reach is a testament to the vital role the private sector plays as a partner of the government in building the country regardless of political color. From energy to telecommunications, transportation, infrastructure, water, healthcare, agriculture, and even sports —the work MVP has done in the private sector goes beyond business, these are the backbone of daily life.

When you switch on the light, chances are it’s through Meralco. When you turn on the faucet, your water service can be from Maynilad. When you send a text message or go online, you can do so through PLDT or Smart. Whether you’re a commuter or a motorist, chances are you have utilized the Light Rail Transit-1 and/or roads built by Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation.

MVP represents a rare class of business leaders who

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By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

are defined by principle —working for the benefit not just of shareholders but society as a whole. I am a personal witness to this as a decades-old employee of Meralco, where we have embraced the culture of “malasakit”.

Nation-building is a collective journey, shaped by the efforts of many. Yet every so often, we encounter individuals whose unwavering dedication and meaningful contributions shine so brightly, they become beacons of hope and inspiration. Recognizing them is not about accolades, but in the hopes that they could inspire younger Filipinos to continue believing, dreaming, and working for a better Philippines. MVP is one of them.

MVP’s remarkable career is testament to what can be achieved when leadership is guided by hard work, integrity, and a deep sense of love and responsibility to the country. He sets a precedent and shows how the private sector has the potential to drive meaningful change and can be a powerful force for good, helping shape a future that is built on purpose, progress, and national pride.

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Spl. Civil Action No. 22-35155

For: Expropriation with Urgent  
Prayer for Issuance of  
Writ of Possession

National Grid Corporation of the Philippines  
Plaintiff,

-versus-

Heirs of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and  
Julia Gambon or Their Heirs of Unknown  
Identities and Whereabouts;

Florenio D. Gubatanga, Jr., and  
Conrado G. Barbo, and

All other persons with claims or interest  
Over Lot No. 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore,  
Lapaz, Iloilo City,

Defendants.

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ORDER

The Manifestation with Ex-Parte Motion for the Publication of Summons filed by the plaintiff, through counsel, is **NOTED**.

Acting on the Ex-Parte Motion for the Publication of Summons filed by the plaintiff, in view of the Affidavit of John Nelson B. Quebrar, employee of the NGCP, designated as Right of Way Assistant for the Visayas Right of Way Division, stating that despite diligent and exhaustive efforts of his team, they could not ascertain the exact whereabouts of the registered and declared owners of Lot 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and finding the reasons stated therein to be well-taken, the relief prayed for is hereby **GRANTED**.

The plaintiff is granted leave to serve summons for: a) Heirs of Eustaquio and Julia Gambon; b) All persons who may have Claim or Interest over Lot No. 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, together with a copy of the Complaint, Notice to Take Possession, and this Order, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, an to submit proof of compliance thereof **within thirty (30) days from publication**.

Pursuant to Sec. 22, Rule 14 of the Rules of Court, the plaintiff is further directed that copies of the summons and the Complaint, as well as this Order, be sent by registered mail to the last known address of the above-mentioned defendants and submit proof of compliance thereof.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines June 11, 2025.

(SGD.) NESTLE A. GO  
Acting Presiding Judge

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
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For:

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Prayer for Issuance of Writ  
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National Grid Corporation of the Philippines,  
Plaintiff,

-versus-

Heirs of Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia  
Gambon of Their Heirs of Unknown  
Identities and Whereabouts;

Florenio D. Gubatanga, Jr., and  
Conrado G. Barbo; and

All Other Persons with Claims or interest  
Over Lot No. 3426, Located in  
Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City,

Defendants.

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SUMMONS

TO:

HEIRS OF EUSTAQUIO HOFILEÑA and JULIA GAMBON  
All Persons who may have claim or interest over  
Lot No. 3426, Located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required, within **sixty (60) days** after publication, exclusive of the day of service, to file with this Court, and Serve on the plaintiff/s your **ANSWER** to the Complaint and its annexes, copy of which is hereto attached. You are reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002, **to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead alleged grounds thereof as defenses in the Answer**. If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiff will take judgment by default against you and this Court may grant the relief applied for in the complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND under the seal of this Court, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. ZAREMELLE D. ADAME-GUMBAN  
Clerk of Court V

Republic of the Philippines  
Regional Trial Court  
6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Region  
Branch 33  
Iloilo City

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
Plaintiff,

-versus-

HEIRS OF SPOUSES EUSTAQUIO HOFILEÑA AND JULIA  
GAMBON OF UNKNOWN IDENTITIES AND WHEREABOUTS;

FLORENIO D. GUBATANGA, JR., AND CONRADO BARBO;  
AND

ALL OTHER PERSONS WITH CLAIMS OR INTEREST OVER LOT  
NO. 3426, LOCATED IN BRGY. INGORE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY,  
Defendants.

X-----/

Special Civil Action  
No. 22-35155  
For: Expropriation  
With Urgent Prayer for Issuance  
of Writ of Possession

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by counsel, respectfully states:

1. NGCP is a private corporation created and existing under Philippine laws, with principal office address at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. It may be served with notices and other court processes through its Right-of-Way Department – Visayas Division, Banilad Power Complex, Nasipit, Talamban, Cebu City, and copy furnished the afore-mentioned principal office.

2. Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9511, NGCP was granted a franchise to operate, manage and maintain, and in connection therewith, to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through a high-voltage back-bone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, systems operations, and other activities that are necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of a transmission system and to construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and refurbish the present nationwide transmission system of the Republic of the Philippines.

3. Under Section 4 of the same law, NGCP was granted the power of eminent domain, subject to the requirements of the Constitution and existing laws, viz:

“SEC. 4. Right of Eminent Domain. — Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, the Grantee is authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain insofar as it may be reasonably necessary for the construction, expansion, and efficient maintenance and operation of the transmission system and grid and the efficient operation and maintenance of the subtransmission systems which have not yet been disposed by TRANSCO. The Grantee may acquire such private property as is actually necessary for the realization of the purposes for which this franchise is granted: Provided, That the applicable law on eminent domain shall be observed, particularly, the prerequisites of taking of possession and the determination and payment of just compensation.”

4. NGCP’s basic critical mandate is to transmit high voltage electricity generated by the generating plants of power producers to the various distribution companies and electric cooperatives across the country. This crucial mandate plays a vital role in ensuring the steady and reliable delivery of electricity to the public. Given the indispensable nature of its operations, NGCP’s mandate is imbued with public interest.

5. Defendant **Florenio Gubatanga, Jr.** is of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Brgy. Ticud, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where he can be served with summons, notices and court processes. He is impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1, Rule 67 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure because he claims ownership of the improvements found on the property subject of this Amended Complaint

6. Defendant **Conrado Barbo** is of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Brgy. Ticud, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where he can be served with summons, notices and court processes. He is impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1, Rule 67 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure because he is the current tenant and/or occupant of the property subject of this Amended Complaint as well the one claiming ownership of the structure found therein.

7. Plaintiff cannot ascertain the exact whereabouts of defendants heirs of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

8. NGCP likewise cannot ascertain the existence, identities, and whereabouts of all other persons who may have any rightful claim or interest over the property subject of this Amended Complaint, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

9. The above-mentioned unknown claimants and interest-holders are impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1,<sup>1</sup> Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and Section 14,<sup>2</sup> Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure, because NGCP cannot determine with certainty the identities of all persons who have the exclusive ownership of the property herein sought to be expropriated, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. NGCP undertakes to cause, by way of motion for leave of court, the service of summons to them, as well as to the named defendants above whose whereabouts are unknown, by publication pursuant to Section 16,<sup>3</sup> Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure.

10. In order to meet the increasing demand for electricity in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras and to support the continuing growth and development in the area, there is a need for NGCP to construct a new transmission system that will suit the present and future power requirements therein. Without this new transmission system, the power requirements in the aforementioned region will not be supplied, leading to power outages.

11. Owing to this necessity, NGCP must immediately construct the transmission line, substations and other facilities that will transmit uninterrupted power to the distributors of electricity in the aforesaid area. This undertaking is for the use and benefit of the public and is known as the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project (the Project).

<sup>1</sup> Section 1. *The complaint. —* The right of eminent domain shall be exercised by the filing of a verified complaint which shall state with certainty the right and purpose of expropriation, describe the real or personal property sought to be expropriated, and **join as defendants all persons owning or claiming to own, or occupying, any part thereof or interest therein**, showing, so far as practicable, the separate interest of each defendant. If the title to any property sought to be expropriated appears to be in the Republic of the Philippines, although occupied by private individuals, or if the title is otherwise obscure or doubtful so that the plaintiff cannot with accuracy or certainty specify who are the real owners, averment to that effect shall be made in the complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Section 14. *Unknown identity or name of defendant. —* Whenever the identity or name of a defendant is unknown, he may be sued as the unknown owner, heir, devisee, or by such other designation as the case may require; when his identity or true name is discovered, the pleading must be amended accordingly.

<sup>3</sup> Section 16. *Service upon defendant whose identity or whereabouts are unknown. —* In any action where the defendant is designated as an unknown owner, or the like, or whenever his or her whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, within ninety (90) calendar days from the commencement of the action, service may, by leave of court, be effected upon him or her by publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

12. The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) approved the Application filed by NGCP for the approval of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, docketed as ERC Case No. 2017-110RC in a Notice of Resolution,<sup>4</sup> promulgated on 6 February 2024, a pertinent portion of which provides:

“Notice is hereby given that the Commission, after due deliberation and evaluation, in a Regular Commission Meeting held on 17 April 2024, **RESOLVED** the following matters:

“1. NGCP’s proposed Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project in the instant *Application* amounting to Two Billion Three Hundred Twenty Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Pesos and Seventy-Six Centavos (Php2,320,645,725.76) is hereby APPROVED, subject to optimization based on its actual use and verified expenses incurred during the reset process for the subsequent regulatory period, following the procedures stated in the Rules in Setting the Transmission Wheeling Rates (RTWR), as amended, and other relevant issuances of the Commission. The project cost indicated herein is solely for the purpose of determining the permit fee;



“x xx”

13. Given the foregoing, there is genuine necessity and urgency to immediately construct and implement the Project which is intended to accommodate the entry of the 40 MW Sibunag Wind Power Plant which will result in increased power supply and transmission towards Panay and reliability and flexibility of the grid in the area. Hence, the immediate completion and energization of the said project are critically important.

14. The Project's route commences at NGCP's existing Iloilo Substation inBrgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and stretches via overhead transmission line towards theIngore Cable Terminal Station in the same barangay. Itthen proceeds via submarine cables towards theSawang Cable Terminal Station inBrgy. Sawang, Buenavista, Guimaras, and continues via overhead transmission line towards the projectedZaldivar Substation in Brgy. Zaldivar, Buenavista, Guimaras, where it terminates.

15. The determination of the areas to be affected by the construction of the Project, which includes the property subject of this Amended Complaint, was the result of an in-depth study by the engineering group of the NGCP. It included the survey and re-survey of the areas to be affected and spot mapping thereof to determine the terrain, suitability of the soil, tower deflections, and other technical and social factors. The choice of the areas to be affected as well as of the path of the transmission lines is neither arbitrary nor whimsical. Varying factors are always considered, such as, but not limited to the integrity of the line and the grid, the cost, and the ease of maintenance of the transmission lines.

4 ANNEX “A” – ERC Notice of Resolution.

16. The route of the Project was established by NGCP in good faith, taking into account all the mentioned paramount technical considerations, to cause the least possible damage to the affected localities, avoiding as far as practicable urbanized, commercial and public areas, thereby making it the least burdensome to the general public and all the landowners in the area, taken as a whole. The selection of the route and the taking of the properties affected by it, including the property subject of this Amended Complaint, are in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of **Sumulong vs. Guerrero, G.R. No. 48685, September 30, 1987**, wherein it was held:

“x xx Absent a clear showing of fraud, bad faith, or gross abuse of discretion, which petitioners herein failed to demonstrate, the Court will give due weight to and leave undisturbed the [expropriator]'s choice and the size of the site for the project. The property owner may not interpose objections merely because in their judgment some other property would have been more suitable, or just as suitable, for the purpose. The right to the use, enjoyment and disposal of private property is tempered by and has to yield to the demands of the common good. x xx.” (Bracketing and replacement supplied.)

17. To fully implement and complete the project, NGCP needs to immediately take, by voluntary acquisition or expropriation, properties, or portions thereof, that are affected or traversed by the Project. It is genuinely necessary to take the properties traversed by the transmission line project because the transmission line would physically occupy the affected properties, through its construction and through its operation and maintenance after it is energized. The high voltage of electricity that would be transmitted by the transmission line requires that its transmission/power line corridor be cleared of occupants and of both natural and man-made obstacles for its proper operation and maintenance, and for the safety of people, properties and the transmission line itself. This public use of the affected properties necessitates their taking.

18. The genuine necessity and public use for which the taking of properties for the transmission line project of NGCP are in accordance with the rulings of the Supreme Court, particularly in the cases of **The Manila Railroad Company vs. Mitchell, G.R. No. 19280, March 16, 1923 (En Banc)**,<sup>5</sup> and **MORE Electric and Power Corporation vs. Panay Electric Company, Inc., G.R. No. 248061, September 15, 2020 (En Banc)**,<sup>6</sup> and **National Power Corporation vs. Benjamin Ong Co, G.R. No. 166973, February 10, 2009**.<sup>7</sup>

19. In the exercise of its right of eminent domain, NGCPintends to expropriate aportion of a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 3426**, a private property located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. As indicated in the pertinent portion of the Index Map,<sup>8</sup> the said portion of Lot No. 3426 is within the route and site of the project.

20. **Lot No. 3426** is registered in the names of Spouses EustaquioHofileña and Julia Gambon under **Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. 15269**<sup>9</sup>and declared in the name of EustaquioHofileña under **Tax Declaration (TD) No. 15-04-011-00242**.<sup>10</sup>The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **1,615 square meters**, more or less, as shown in the attached Sketch Plan<sup>11</sup> and Narrative Technical Description,<sup>12</sup> and is more particularly described below together with the Report on the Count of Improvements,<sup>13</sup> and Valuation of House/Structure,<sup>14</sup> to wit:

<b>Lot No.</b>	3426
<b>Original Certificate of Title No.</b>	15269
<b>Registered Owners</b>	Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon
<b>Tax Declaration No.</b>	15-04-011-00242
<b>Declared Owner</b>	Eustaquio Hofileña
<b>Total Area</b>	6,579sq.m.
<b>Affected Area</b>	1,615 sq.m.
<b>Classification of Land</b>	Industrial <sup>15</sup>
<b>Market Value of Affected Area (Php12.00/sqm)</b>	(Php19,380.49)
<b>Assessed Value of Affected Area (Php1.87/sqm)</b>	(Php3,024.29)
<b>BIR Zonal of Affected Area(Php10,000.00/sqm<sup>16</sup>)</b>	Php16,150,000.00
<b>Cost of Affected Improvements (Crops, Plants and Trees)</b>	Php68,666.99
<b>Cost of Affected Improvements (House/Structure)</b>	Php67,251.02
<b>Total Amount of Compensation</b>	<b>Php16,285,918.01</b>

<sup>5</sup> “When the law says that private property may be taken for public use only when it is necessary for such use, it means a reasonable, not an absolute necessity. x xx”  
<sup>6</sup> “x xxWithout a doubt, the provision of uninterrupted supply of electricity is a public purpose which is distinct from the general purpose of electricity distribution. Such distinct purpose is both public and genuine.”  
<sup>7</sup> “x xxthere is no doubt that the installation of transmission lines is important to the continued growth of the country. Electricity moves our economy. it is a national concern.”  
<sup>8</sup> ANNEX “B” – Portion of Index Map of the project as traversing Lot No. 3426.  
<sup>9</sup> ANNEX “C” - Original Certificate of Title No. 15269.  
<sup>10</sup> ANNEX “D” - Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242.  
<sup>11</sup> ANNEX “E” –Sketch Plan for Lot No. 3426.  
<sup>12</sup> ANNEX “F” – Narrative Technical Description for the affected portion of Lot No. 3426.  
<sup>13</sup> ANNEX “G” –Report on the Count of Improvements for Lot No. 3426.  
<sup>14</sup> ANNEX “H” –Valuation of House/Structurefor Lot No. 3426.

21. To enable NGCP to construct and maintain the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, it is both genuinely necessary and urgent to acquire, upon payment of just compensation,the above-described portion of Lot No. 3426, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras, as well as other parts of the country.

22. NGCP's personnel endeavored to locate the owners in order to negotiate with them for the acquisition of the above-described portion of Lot No. 3426 for the implementation of the project. On September 29, 2021, NGCP's personnel went to the site of the affected area of the subject property and made inquiries with neighboring landowners and barangay officials regarding the identities of its owners. On February 14, 2022, NGCP's personnel tried to ask the whereabouts of the owner by contacting the page of Don EustaquioHofileña Memorial Elementary school, however, they refused to divulge any information about the owner.The heirs of the registered and declared owner could not be located despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, no negotiations could be conducted. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, plaintiff has no other recourse but to file the instantAmended Complaint.

23. NGCP is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portionof Lot No. 3426, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, any other applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue

Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall directly pay to the Government.

<sup>15</sup> ANNEX “I” –Certificate of Zoning Classification issued by the City Planning and Development Office.  
<sup>16</sup> ANNEX “J” –BIR Certification.

24. Recognizing further the urgency of the resolution of expropriation cases involving transmission lines, in OCA Circular No. 127-2021 dated 13 October 2021, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court enjoined judges to give primacy to cases that involve, among others, government expropriation, and infrastructure projects (including energy transmission projects),commercial - and economic-impact cases.

25. Moreover, an expropriation proceeding being an action *quasi in rem*,<sup>17</sup> jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. It is only required that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

26. In **NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company**, <sup>18</sup>the Supreme Court held that:

“[W]hen the case instituted is an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem*, Philippine courts already have jurisdiction to hear and decide the case because, in actions *in rem* and *quasi in rem*, jurisdiction over the person of the defendant is not a prerequisite to confer jurisdiction on the court, provided that the court acquires jurisdiction over the *res*.”

27. Again, in **Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.**, <sup>19</sup>the Supreme Court held:

“Jurisdiction over the person, or jurisdiction *in personam*—the power of the court to render a personal judgment or to subject the parties in a particular action to the judgment and other rulings rendered in the action—is an element of due process that is essential in all actions, civil as well as criminal, except in actions *in rem* or *quasi in rem*. Jurisdiction over the defendant in an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem* is not required, and the court acquires jurisdiction over an action as long as it acquires jurisdiction over the *res* that is the subject matter of the action. The purpose of summons in such action is not the acquisition of jurisdiction over the defendant but mainly to satisfy the constitutional requirement of due process.”

<sup>17</sup> **Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority**, G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980, cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.  
<sup>18</sup> G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011  
<sup>19</sup> G.R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013

### ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION

28. Section 13 of R.A. 11361<sup>20</sup> provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs NGCP's expropriation cases.Under Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court, NGCP may already enter and possess the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,<sup>21</sup> thus:

“SEC. 2.Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depositary. — Upon the filing of the Amended Complaint or at any time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depositary an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depositary.”

29. Pursuant to the above Rule, NGCP shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Amended Complaint, a Notice to Take Possession<sup>22</sup> upon the defendants.

30. In the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, NGCPshall deposit with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, **100% of the BIR zonal value** of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriatedincluding the cost of the affected improvements standing therein. NGCP has already deposited the amount of **Fifteen Million One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php15,155,918.01)** in this case. Furthermore, NGCP shall deposit with the Clerk of Court of the Honorable Court in favor of the defendants, the additional amount of **One Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php1,130,000.00)**,to complete the total provisional deposit of **Sixteen Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php16,285,918.01)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

20 Section 13. R.A. 11361 provides that “Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lineshall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court.”  
21 **National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al.**, G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.  
22 ANNEX “K” – Notice to Take Possession.

31. Upon deposit of the provisional amount, which is higher than the assessed value of the affected portion of the subject property, NGCP will have fully complied with the requirements for the issuance of a writ of possession as mandated by law.

32. In a long line of cases<sup>23</sup>and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the NGCP, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the NGCP an order to take possession of the subject property and start the implementation of the Project.

33. In the case of **Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation**,<sup>24</sup> the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. “No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the Complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x xxx. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial.”

34. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession, and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the NGCP into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated are necessary. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28<sup>25</sup> of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures, the Order for issuance of a writ of possession needs to specifically direct the PNP to render assistance in order for the PNP to have basis to act. As such, NGCP prays that this Honorable Court also direct the PNP Officers to assist in the implementation of the Writ of Possession that will be issued.

<sup>23</sup> **Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain**, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; **SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines**, G.R. No. 137537, January 28, 2000; **Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla**, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139936, November 22, 2000; **City of Manila vs. Serrano**, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; **Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili**, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; **City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi**, G.R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.  
<sup>24</sup> “Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016  
<sup>25</sup> “28.2 – Requirements for Police Assistance. – Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only upon compliance of the following conditions:  
a. The request for police assistance is based on an order of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;  
b. The written request for police assistance shall be signed by the Sheriff or equivalent officer in quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;  
c. The request is filed at least five (5) working days prior to the actual implementation; and  
d. The original document of the final decision/order/resolution must be presented. In the absence of the same, a copy duly authenticated by the Clerk of Court or other authorized representative of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative body will suffice.”

### TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

35. NGCP intends to present at least three (3) witnesses, namely:

- a) **Jesse L. Asuga**, Construction Project Manager, whose testimony is being presented to establish the propriety of expropriation for NGCP's project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex “L.”**
- b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, Regional Survey and Geotechnical Supervisor, whose testimony is being



presented to establish the areas and transmission line route necessary for the construction of NGCP's project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "M,"** and

c) **Jun A. Celoso**, Regional Right-of-Way Senior Associate, whose testimony is being presented to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation and the activities relating to negotiations, among others. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "N."**

35. NGCP intends to introduce the following as documentary evidence:

Exhibit Marking	Description
"A"	ERC Notice of Resolution
"B"	Sketch Plan
"C"	Narrative Technical Description
"D"	Portion of Index Map
"E"	Original Certificate of Title No. 15269
"F"	Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242
"G"	Certificate of Zoning Classification issued by the City Planning and Development Office
"H"	BIR Certification
"I"	Report on the Count of Improvements
"J"	Valuation of House/Structure

NGCP reserves its right to present additional testimonial and documentary evidence as circumstances may require during trial.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, NGCP most respectfully prays for this Honorable Court to:

1. ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in NGCP's favor;
- a) Authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of Lot No. 3426, subject of this Amended Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, as described in paragraphs 19 and 20 hereof;
- b) Ordering the demolition of affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any;
- c) Ordering all defendants to vacate the same;
- d) Directing the PNP to assist the NGCP in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and
- e) If necessary, allowing NGCP to have temporary access in going to the area subject of the Amended Complaint while the construction of the Project is on-going;

2. ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that NGCP has a lawful right to take possession and condemn to public use the subject portion of Lot No. 3426 sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,615 square meters, more or less, as specified in paragraphs 19 and 20 of this Amended Complaint;

3. After the determination of just compensation, ISSUE a **Judgment**:

- a) Authorizing NGCP to pay to the defendants the amount of just compensation fixed after deducting the provisional deposit, capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall pay to the Government;
- b) Declaring NGCP as the lawful owner of the portion of Lot No. 3426, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,615 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 19 and 20 hereof;
- c) Directing the Registry of Deeds for City of Iloilo, to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation and Judgment on Original Certificate of Title No. 15269, and, upon application by NGCP, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3426, sought to be expropriated herein, free of all liens, encumbrances and other matters annotated on OCT No. 15269, and without the need for the presentation of the owner's duplicate copy of the said certificate of title; and
- d) Directing the City Assessor of Iloilo, to cancel Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242, and to issue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3426 sought to be expropriated herein.

NGCP prays for other relief just and equitable under the premises.

Quezon City for Iloilo City, **January 16, 2025.**

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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Cebu City ) S. S.

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, **ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state:

1. I am the Regional ROW Manager, Visayas Right-of-Way Division (VROWD), of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);

2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate dated 22 July 2021 hereto attached as **Annex "O;"**

3. I caused the preparation of the foregoing Amended Complaint. I have read the foregoing Amended Complaint and I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge or based on authentic records on file. It is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;

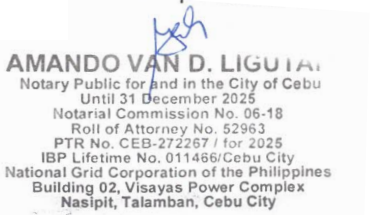
4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact to this Court within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **January 2025**, in Cebu City, Philippines.

**(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **January 2025**, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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Republic of the Philippines  
**Regional Trial Court**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Region**  
**Branch 33**  
Iloilo City

**NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,**  
*Plaintiff,*

-versus-

**HEIRS OF SPOUSES EUSTAQUIO HOFILEÑA AND JULIA GAMBON, ET AL.,**  
*Defendants.*

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**Special Civil Action**  
**No. 22-35155**  
**For: Expropriation**  
**With Urgent Prayer**  
**for Issuance of Writ of Possession**

NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

**Heirs of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon**  
Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City

**All other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City**

**Florenio Gubatanga, Jr.**  
**Conrado Barbo**  
Brgy. Ticud, Lapaz, Iloilo City

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over specific areas of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. 3426**, situated in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. The property is registered in the names of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon under **Original Certificate of Title No. 15269** and declared in the name of Eustaquio Hofileña under **Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242**.

The affected area of the subject property consisting of 1,615sq.m., which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Amended Complaint, and will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**.

NGCP has already deposited with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, the amount of **Fifteen Million One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php15,155,918.01)**, and shall deposit the additional amount of **One Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php1,130,000.00)**, to complete the provisional amount of **Sixteen Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php16,285,918.01)** equivalent to 100% of the current BIR zonal value of the subject property sought to be expropriated, including the cost of improvements standing therein.

Further, please be informed that the plaintiff and/or its representatives shall enter and take possession of the subject property immediately after the Honorable Court issues the Writ of Possession in compliance with the law and Rules. Likewise, NGCP will no longer pay any improvements that will be introduced in the subject property after receipt of this Notice.

January 16, 2025, Cebu City for Iloilo City, Philippines.

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& EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

FORECLOSURE FILE  
NO. F-11276-25

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. MELVIN W. SING & MELODY P. SING,  
as represented by their Attorney-in-fact  
LEONILA C. MIRANDA,  
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with office address at 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **Sps. Melvin W. Sing & Melody P. Sing**, both of legal age, Filipinos, and with postal address at (1) 17 C. Castila St., Desamparados, Jaro, Iloilo City, and (2) Unit AT2-124, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Avida Towers Atria 2, Donato Pison Avenue, Brgy. San Rafael, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 30, 2025**, would amount to **Php 4,367,100.64**), the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or **ANY** of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 25, 2025** at **10:00 AM** at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged condominium unit property covered by **Condominium Certificate of Title No. 095-2023003557**, described as follows:

“PROJECT NAME: ATRIA  
USAGE TYPE: RESIDENTIAL CONDO  
ALLOCATION: TOWER 2  
LEVEL/FLOOR: 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
UNIT CALL OUT: AT2-124      UNIT AREA: 37.50  
BALCONY 2.80              TOTAL AREA: 40.30  
UNIT MODEL/TYPE: 1 BEDROOM WITH BALCONY

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2016005433** which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. SAN RAFAEL, MANDURRIO, CITY OF ILOILO with an area of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE (22,301) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

Owner: MELVIN WEE SING MARRIED TO  
MELODY PAGULAYAN SING,  
BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINOS  
Address: 197 HILL ROAD, MANUREWA  
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND 1024 xxxx.”

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **September 08, 2025** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **June 23, 2025.**

**(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB**  
Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff

Prepared by:

**(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB**  
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/July 7, 14 & 21, 2025

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DESIGNER, CONSULTANT, CONTRACTOR

ENGR. JOMARIE A. ARIB, Ph.D., PME, ASEAN

General Manager / Inventor

SELF ADJUDICATION BY A SOLE HEIR  
WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **APOLLO PATRICIO P. CORDERO** known as **Lot No. 8914-F** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EPT-21,207** situated in Brgy. Nabitasan, Pototan, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN (13,377) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to sole heir **IMMACULADA P. CORDERO**. That, **IMMACULADA P. CORDERO**, SOLD, TRANSFERRED, and CONVEYED by way of ABSOLUTE SALE the above-said parcel of land unto **LANCE B. PEQUIERDA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE H. GREGORI** per Doc. No. 260, Page No. 53, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2024.

NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses GIL J. MAMON and EVA G. MAMON** known as **Lot 9941** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-61514** situated in New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE (31,871) square meters, more or less** and **Lot 44** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-75498** situated in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (328) square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **GIEV G. MAMON and GLENN G. MAMON**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 20, Book No. 19, Series of 2024.

NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses RICARDO R. ESTOCADA and SOLEDAD DELA CRUZ** known as **Lot No. 2-A-7, Bsd-06-001941**, being a portion of Lot 2-A (LRA), Psd-75688, situated in Barangay Tingui-an, Balasan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EPT 14338** with an area of **TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THIRTY ONE (24,031) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **EMILY ESTOCADA-ANTAY and NOEL DELA CRUZ ESTOCADA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ANN MARTHA F. LASPIÑAS** per Doc. No. 228, Page No. 47, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/July 7, 14 & 21, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE AND WAIVER

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **spouses JOSE SILVA SR. and CLOTELDE VENUZA-SILVA** known as **Lot No. 2407-B, Psd-06-005850**, being a portion of Lot 2407, Dao Cadastre, Cad. 147, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-19006** situated in Poblacion, Dao (Cuartero), Capiz with an area of **ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT (1,478) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **JOSE V. SILVA, JR.** and the **HEIR OF EXCELESIA SILVA-PADROGANE**, namely, **MA. MATER P. VALENZUELA**. That, **JOSE SILVA, JR.** hereby SOLD, CEDED, CONVEYED by way of sale a portion of the above-said property consisting of **FIVE HUNDRED NINETY ONE (591) SQUARE METERS** unto **JUVY FRANCISCO SILVA** and that he waived the rest of his share including the residential building therein constructed to his co-adjudicatee **MA. MATER P. VALENZUELA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IRENE BIANCA B. DISTURA** per Doc. No. 302, Page No. 62, Book No. XX, Series of 2025.

NE/July 7, 14 & 21, 2025

By **MARY JOY CAVANAS**

The Iloilo City Government led by Mayor Raisa S. Treñas, issued Executive Order No. 018, declaring every Saturday a city-wide clean-up day, which started on July 12, 2025, from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM onwards.

EO 018 cites the need to protect public health and promote a clean environment, particularly during the rainy season.

This initiative targets to clean drainages, standing water, solid waste, and other areas that could harbor pests and disease-carrying vermin.

Republic of the Philippines  
Sixth Judicial Region  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Iloilo City  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
& EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11276-25

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MELANIE R. RODRIGUEZ,  
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended), filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a corporation with office address at BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Ave., Mandaluyong City, against **MELANIE R. RODRIGUEZ**, Debtor/Mortgagor, of legal age, Filipino citizen and with postal address at Brgy. Capiñahan, Lemery, Iloilo Province, and (2) Lot 3 Block 17, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo Province, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 21, 2025, has amounted to **Php 2,470,811.65**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 11, 2025** at 10:00 AM at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2021009885**, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows:

“**LOT NO: 3 BLOCK NO: 17 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006280 PORTION OF: LOTS 1914-A; 1914-B, PSD-29731, LOT 2054-C, (LRC) PSD-7937 & LOT 1730; 1919; 1920, AGONOA CADASTRE 8**

**LOCATION:** BARANGAY BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY  
**Owner:** MELANIE R. RODRIGUEZ, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE XXXX  
**Address:** BRGY. CAPIÑAHAN, LEMERY, ILOILO xxxx  
**BOUNDARIES:**  
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)  
1-2 SW LOT 1, BLOCK 17, PCS-06-006280  
2-3 NW ROAD LOT 20, PCS-06-006280  
3-4 NE LOT 5, BLOCK 17, PCS-06-006280  
4-1 SE LOT 4, BLOCK 17, PCS-06-006280  
XXXX  
**AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (45), MORE OR LESS”**

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **September 11, 2025** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, June 11, 2025.

**(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB**  
Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff

Prepared by:  
**(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB**  
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025

# City gov't declares clean-up day every Saturday

The order encourages private citizens to participate in clean-up efforts in their neighborhoods while barangays needing specialized equipment or technical expertise can also request support from the City Mayor's office.

“Let's protect our health, clean our environment, and promote discipline and cooperation within the community,” said Treñas in her statement.

Moreover, the EO ensures a comprehensive and adaptable system for maintaining cleanliness in Iloilo City.

“Under our leadership, we aim to further strengthen our campaign for a cleaner, healthier, and more peaceful Iloilo City,” Treñas stressed.



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CIVIL CASE No. **2023-1409**

FOR:

Declaration of Nullity of Marriage

LEOBEN B. YU,  
*Petitioner,*

-versus-

ARLENE GACASAN-YU,  
*Respondent.*

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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **ARLENE GACASAN-YU**  
Purok 2, Capucao Ozamis City, Misamis Occidental and/or  
c/o FELICIDAD GACASAN at Door 6, St. Mary Apartment  
Abani Extension, Aguada, Ozamis City.

Greetings:

In an Order dated 09 May 2025, this Court directed the petitioner to publish the summons, the petition and its annexes with a newspaper of general circulation in the city and province of Iloilo and Panay, duly accredited by this court and selected by raffle, twice in two (2) consecutive weeks at his own expense.

Now therefore, the respondent is given sixty (60) calendar days to submit her answer to the court's official email address via electronic filing pursuant to Rule 13-A of the Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended. Likewise, let copy of this Order, summons, the petition and its annexes be sent by registered mail to the respondent at her last known address.

WITNESS my hand under the seal of the Court, this 23rd day of June 2025 at Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines.

(SGD.) Atty. MEL JOHN E. ACUROS  
Branch Clerk of Court

Republic of the Philippines  
6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Region  
Province of Iloilo  
Regional Trial Court  
Branch 71  
Barotac Viejo, Iloilo

CIVIL CASE No. 2023-1409

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LEOBEN V. YU  
Petitioner

-versus-

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Respondent

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Petition

Petitioner, by counsel, and unto this honorable court respectfully avers that:

1) Petitioner, LEOBEN YU, is Filipino, of legal age, currently working in Singapore, and a resident of V. Cudilla Avenue, Estancia, Iloilo. He may be served with court processes at his given home address or through his counsel at Dela Rama Law Office, 2nd floor Dela Rama Commercial Building, V. Cudilla Avenue, Estancia, Iloilo;

2) In compliance with the mandate of A.M. No. 02-11-10-SC, the following Exhibits are hereto attached in order to prove the residence of the petitioner:

Exhibit "A"- Sworn certification of residency issued by the Punong Barangay of Poblacion Zone II, Estancia, Iloilo;

Exhibit "B"- Sworn Statement of Counsel that she has personally verified petitioner's residence and the fact that he had been residing thereat at least SIX MONTHS prior to the filing of this petition;

Exhibit "C"- Postal ID of the petitioner showing that he is a resident of Estancia, Iloilo;

Exhibit "C-1"- Barangay ID of the petitioner showing that he is a resident of Estancia, Iloilo

Exhibit "C-2" High School Diploma of the petitioner showing that he graduated from a private school in Estancia, Iloilo;

Exhibit "C-3"- Land title of the petitioner's residential lot showing that his late father owns a property in Estancia, Iloilo where petitioner was raised;

3) Respondent ARLENE GACASAN YU is Filipino, of legal age, a resident of (c/o her father-Rolando Gacasan Residence) purok 2, Capucao Ozamis City, Misamis Occidental where she may be served with summons and other court processes;

4) Parties met each other when they were still in college. At that time, petitioner was smitten by the charming personality of the respondent;

5) Not long after they met, the parties gravitated towards each other and eventually became sweethearts. Their relationship however was attended with so much jealousy and misunderstandings;

6) The constant cause of the couple's arguments and misunderstanding was the fact that the wife was too "touchy" with her male friends. Leoben would always call Arlene's attention about the issue but she would always say that Leoben was just being jealous;

7) After graduating from college, ARLENE proceeded to work in Singapore. When she got pregnant, LEOBEN also went to Singapore in order to marry here. While there, LEOBEN was able to get a job; After a while, Leoben likewise went to Singapore in order to seek employment;

8) The couple continued with their on and off relationship but eventually got married in Philippines Embassy in Singapore on October 23, 2011 because, ARLENE got pregnant with their first child-ARZEN LEONARD GACASAN YU. Hereto attached as Exhibit "D" is the marriage Contract of parties;

9) In 2014, the couple had another child MAVEN CLAIRE GACASAN YU. Hereto attached as Exhibit "E" is the Certificate of Live Birth of ARZEN LEONARD GACASAN YU, while attached as Exhibit "F" is the certificate of Live Birth of MAVEN CLAIRE GACASAN YU;

10) Since the couple are both gainfully employed in Singapore, they decided to stay and work in Singapore and that was where they intended to raise their children. During holidays however, Leoben would still go home to Estancia;

11) While in Singapore, the couple would always argue over the handling of finances. For one, Leoben is very frugal with his earnings while Arlene is very wasteful;

12) Without the knowledge and consent of Leoben, Arlene contracted several debts. She then took on to pay the debt of his father without regard to their own financial difficulties;

13) Leoben noticed that Arlene cannot seem to live without debts. Even if Leoben was the one shouldering most of the family expenses and even when Arlene was earning more than Leoben, she never had any savings. She kept on contracting debts one after the other;

14) Worst, the money she obtained from her debts were not entirely spent for the upkeep of their family. ARLENE would invite all of her family members to Singapore and she will pay for all their expenses. She also likes luxurious items and would opt to visit upscale and expensive restaurants while Leoben opted for a much simpler lifestyle. Leoben wanted to have enough savings for his family;

15) Arlene upon the other hand kept on wasting money. She would even formulate elaborate lies in order to get money from Leoben for the support of her caprices. One time, when Leoben refused to give her money, she even solicited money from their common friends on-line. She told them that their third child was having a root-canal hence, she is soliciting money to raise the amount needed;

16) While Leoben found Arlene's actions distasteful, she acted like it was the most normal thing to do;

17) The couple could not also agree on how to discipline their children. Leoben wanted to instill discipline in their children but Arlene would contradict him all the time. She was fine with allowing their small children to sleep past mid-night. She condoned her children's addiction to gadgets and would even fight with Leoben every time the latter tried to discipline their children;

18) Arlene is also very lazy at home. It was Leoben who takes care of the household and even cook for the children. In order to avoid constant fight, Leoben yielded to her laziness and took up all the responsibilities of upkeeping their household;

19) About Seven years ago, when Arlene got laid-off from her job in Singapore, she told Leoben that she wanted to return to Philippines for a while;

20) While in the country, Arlene would demand from Leoben to send her and the children money. Leoben did not mind buy his wife's spending habit was hard to keep up with. At first, she was only asking for P35,000.00 a month. Eventually, the amount went up to P70,000.00 a month because Arlene always complained that the money LEOBEN was sending was not enough. Meanwhile, Leoben also needed to support himself in Singapore, pay for ALL of ARLENE'S debts in Singapore and still send money to ARLENE and their children. Too, he had to pay for the monthly amortizations of the properties they bought in Cavite;

21) Because of Leoben's frugal lifestyle, they were able to obtain 2 properties in Cavite: lot 3, blk 77 at Ferara Street, Villa Besta, General Trias, Cavite and lot 11, Blk 76 also at Villa Besta, General Trias, Cavite. **To date, Leoben is still paying for the two properties**, hence the said properties are not yet registered in the couple's name;

22) While in the Philippines, and while developing the property they bought in Cavite, ARLENE had an affair with another guy. Later, the guy's sister worked for Arlene as the nanny of her children. One time, she even brought her paramour to Singapore and shouldered all of his expenses;

23) When Leoben visited Arlene and their children in Cavite, he even caught Arlene and the paramour lying beside each other. This is the reason why Leoben suspected that their third child- ROWEN VINCE GACASAN YU who was born in 2017 is actually the child of ARLENE'S paramour. Hereto attached as Exhibit "G" is the Certificate of Live Birth of VINCE GACASAN YU;

24) Because of this suspicion, LEOBEN had the child (VINCE GACASAN YU) DNA-Tested in Singapore. Per DNA result of GENETRAK BIOLABS the probability of Leoben's Paternity of ROWEN VINCE is 0%. Hereto attached as Exhibit "H" is the DNA paternity test report of Leoben Yu and Vince Gacasan Yu;

25) When Leoben confronted ARLENE, she did not even DENY her affair. In a very nonchalant manner, she said, she developed feelings for their nanny's brother because he was helping her with the children while they were in the Philippines. After a while, she recanted her statement and said that she was forced by the paramour to have sex with him. At this point, Leoben could no longer believe Arlene. What is appalling for Leoben is that ARLEN never apologized for her infidelity;

26) In early 2021, Leoben decided to leave their apartment in Singapore and lived separately from Arlene. He also returned to Estancia, Iloilo, Philippines. It was during this time when he finally decided to file for a petition for annulment of marriage;

27) After deciding to file a petition for declaration of nullity of marriage, Leoben underwent a psychological assessment under DR. NOEL BASAN- a licensed clinical psychologist in order to assess him and his marriage;

28) After conducting an interview and after the administration psychological test, BASAN prepared his report stating that respondent ARLENE suffers from **psychopathological condition**. ARLENE's personality features a prevalence of characteristics not commonly shared by the general population, such as: Conning and Manipulation, Promiscuous sexual behavior, Shallow affect, parasitic behavior, callousness, lack of empathy, no remorse or guilt, and poor behavioral control;

29) According to Basan who is an expert in his field, the psychopathological condition Arlene suffers from results to downright psychological incapacity, that **is grave, incurable and existing at the time of the celebration of marriage. It is inflexible and pervasive. The said medical disorder has no known medical cure** ;

30) Basan made following recommendations:

The psychopathological condition of the respondent is a permanent, long-standing pathological condition characterizing impaired functioning, subjective distress, and psychological dysfunction. LEOBEN must protect himself from situations and relationships that might jeopardize his lifestyle, career, and his whole well-being. ARLENE is concerned only with the fulfillment of her wishes and desire as a priority, and not the success of their marriage, nor the well-being of her husband;

It is therefore recommended that, for a chance of attaining optimum functioning for LEOBEN, the petition for the declaration of nullity of marriage be granted; and ARLENE must seek professional help for further psychological assessment and evaluation and to avail of the psychological intervention that may help him deal with personal issues and difficulties

Plaintiff reserves the right to present during pre-trial conference, the psychological assessment report of Dr. Basan;

**Witnesses for the Plaintiff**

Plaintiff will present the following witnesses:

a) Leoben Yu;

b) Dr. Noel Basan;

c) 2 reserved witnesses

The named witnesses will testify through their Judicial Affidavits and their testimony will last for about 1 hour. They will testify on matters related to the psychological incapacity of the respondent;

31) The parties have THREE minor child who at the time of the filing of this petition stays with their grandparents at Door 6, St. Mary Apartment, Abani Extension, Aguada, Ozamis City;

32) Pending determination of this petition on the merits, Leoben is willing to continue sending his children monthly support in the amount of P25,000.00;

33) Too, the petitioner is willing to WAIVE all of his shares in : lot 3, blk 77 at Ferara Street, Villa Besta, General Trias, Cavite and lot 11, Blk 76 also at Villa Besta, General Trias, Cavite in favor of his children. **Upon full payment of the said properties**, the petitioner is willing to execute a deed of donation for all of his shares in the named properties in favor of his children subject to the condition that the said properties shall not be sold for period of 20 years from the date of donation. This is to ensure that the said properties will still be there when his children attain the age of majority. This is also to ensure that ARLENE will not sell the said properties and squander the money;

34) The petitioner is also willing to have shared custody of their children;

**Exhibits for the Plaintiff**

Attached to the Judicial Affidavit of Petitioner Leoben Yu as an integral part of this petition are the following Exhibits:



Exhibits	
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Exhibit "G"	Certificate of Live Birth of ROWEN VINCE GACASAN YU
Exhibit "H"	DNA paternity test report of Leoben Yu and Rowen Vince Gacasan Yu
Exhibit "I"	Reserved. Psychological Evaluation Report of Dr. Basan.

Plaintiff reserves the right to present additional documentary exhibits during the Pre-Trial Conference;

Cause of Action

- 35) Art. 36 of the Family Code states that "a marriage contracted by any party who, at the time of the celebration, was psychologically incapacitated to comply with the essential marital obligations of marriage, shall likewise be void even if such incapacity becomes manifest only after its solemnization;
- 36) Per assessment and report of NOEL BASAN, the psychological incapacity of the respondent is grave, incurable and existing at the time of the celebration of marriage. It is inflexible and pervasive. This medical disorder has no known medical cure. Thus, under Art. 36 of the Family Code, his marriage to the petitioner is void ab initio;

Prayer

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed of this court that after notice and hearing, judgment be rendered declaring the civil marriage contracted by the parties on October 23, 2011 (*Registry No. 2011-7020646*) as NULL and VOID *ab initio* on the ground of Psychological Incapacity on the part of the respondent pursuant to Art. 36 of the Family Code of the Philippines. Petitioner likewise prays for joint-custody of their minor children and further prays that **upon full payment**, his shares in the Two real properties be given to his children through a deed of donation subject to the condition that the properties shall not be sold for a period of 20 years from the date of donation. Although still unpaid, the value of the properties should be around FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P 400,000.00).

Petitioner further prays for other reliefs just and equitable under the premises.

This June 27, 2023, Estancia, Iloilo, for Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines.

*[Signature]*  
**ATTY. SHERYL D. DELA RAMA**  
Counsel for the Petitioner  
DELA RAMA LAW OFFICE  
2/F Dela Rama Commercial Building  
V. Cudilla Ave., Estancia, Iloilo  
IBP Roll No.59961/ March 22, 2012  
IBP OR No:266568/ Jan. 4, 2023/ Iloilo City  
PTR OR No.9037304/Jan.03,2023/Estancia, Iloilo  
MCLE No. VII-0020714 Valid until April 14, 2025  
sheryldelarama@hotmail.com

Republic of the Philippines)  
Province of Iloilo ) S.c.  
Municipality of Estancia )  
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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, LEOBEN V. YU Filipino, of legal age and a resident of V. Cudilla Avenue, Barangay Poblacion Zone II, Estancia, Iloilo after having been sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and say that:

1. I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled case;
2. I have read and caused the preparation of the foregoing petition;
3. I have read and understood the contents hereof and all the allegations contained therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge or based on authentic documents or records;
4. This suit is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation;
5. The factual allegation herein have evidentiary support;
6. I have not therefore commenced any other action or proceedings involving the same issues in the Supreme court, the court of appeals or any other tribunal or agency;
7. To the best of my knowledge, no such action or proceeding is pending before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency;
8. Should I learn thereafter that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending before the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency, we undertake to report the fact within FIVE (5) days therefrom to the court or agency wherein the original pleadings and sworn certification contemplated herein has been filed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **MARCH 15, 2023** at Estancia, Iloilo, Philippines.

(SGD.) LEOBEN V. YU  
Affiant

*[Signature]*  
**ATTY. SHERYL D. DELA RAMA**  
Counsel for the Petitioner  
DELA RAMA LAW OFFICE  
2/F Dela Rama Commercial Building  
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sheryldelarama@hotmail.com

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO** before me this **MAR 15 2023** at Estancia, Iloilo, Philippines, Affiant personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing verification and certification. I hereby certify that the affiant have read and understood the foregoing instrument and the same is his voluntary act and deed.

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*[Signature]*  
**ALAN ROSS B. SUMILE**  
Notary Public  
Notary Public  
PTR OR No.9037304/Jan.03,2023/Estancia, Iloilo  
MCLE No. VII-0020714 Valid until April 14, 2025  
TIN: 904-628-330

Republic of the Philippines )  
Province of Iloilo ) S.c.  
Municipality of Estancia )  
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Judicial Affidavit

I, LEOBEN YU, Filipino, of legal age, married and a resident of V. Cudilla Avenue, Estancia, Iloilo after having been sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and say that:

This examination is being conducted by Atty. Sheryl D. dela Rama, with office address at 2nd Floor, Dela Rama Commercial Building, V. Cudilla Avenue, Estancia, Iloilo and is being held at her given office address. I am answering the questions fully conscious that I am doing so under oath and that I may face criminal liability for false testimony or perjury.

This Judicial Affidavit and the attached exhibits ARE being offered in order to prove that:

1. He is the petitioner in this case;
2. He is the lawful husband of respondent ARLENE GACASAN YU;
3. Parties met each other when they were still in college. At that time, petitioner was smitten by the charming personality of the respondent;
4. After graduating from college, ARLENE proceeded to work in Singapore. When she got pregnant, LEOBEN also went to Singapore in order to marry her. While there, LEOBEN was able to get a job;
5. The couple have Three children namely: ARZEN LEONARD GACASAN YU, MAVEN CLAIRE GACASAN YU and ROWEN VINCE GACASAN YU;
6. Since the couple are both gainfully employed in Singapore, they decided to stay and work in Singapore and that was where they intended to raise their children. During holidays however, the petitioner would still go home to Estancia;
7. While in Singapore, the couple would always argue over the handling of finances. For one, Leoben is very frugal with his earnings while Arlene is very wasteful;
8. About Seven years ago, when Arlene got laid-off from her job in Singapore, she told Leoben that she wanted to return to Philippines for a while;
9. Because of Leoben's frugal lifestyle, they were able to obtain 2 properties in Cavite: lot 3, blk 77 at Ferara Street, Villa Besta, General Trias, Cavite and lot 11, Blk 76 also at Villa Besta, General Trias, Cavite. To date, Leoben is still paying for the two properties, hence the said properties are not yet registered in the couple's name;
10. While in the Philippines ARLENE had an affair with another guy. One time, she even brought her paramour to Singapore and shouldered all of his expenses;
11. When the witness visited Arlene and their children in Cavite, he caught Arlene and the paramour lying beside each other. This is the reason why the petitioner suspects that their third child- ROWEN VINCE GACASAN YU who was born in 2017 is actually the child of ARLENE'S paramour;
12. The witness had his 3<sup>rd</sup> child (VINCE GACASAN YU) DNA-Tested in Singapore. Per DNA result of GENETRAK BIOLABS the probability of Leoben's Paternity of ROWEN VINCE is 0%;
13. When he confronted ARLENE, she did not even DENY her affair. She said, she developed feelings for their nanny's brother because he was helping her with the children while they were in the Philippines. After a while, she recanted her statement and said that she was forced by the paramour to have sex with him;
14. In early 2021, Leoben decided to leave their apartment in Singapore and lived separately from Arlene. He also returned to Estancia, Iloilo, Philippines. It was during this time when he finally decided to file for a petition for annulment of marriage;
15. After deciding to file a petition for declaration of nullity of marriage, Leoben underwent a psychological assessment under DR. NOEL BASAN- a licensed clinical psychologist in order to assess him and his marriage;
16. After conducting an interview and after the administration psychological test, BASAN prepared his report stating that respondent ARLENE suffers from psychopathological condition;
17. According to Basan who is an expert in his field, the psychopathological condition Arlene suffers from results to downright psychological incapacity, that is grave, incurable and existing at the time of the celebration of marriage. It is inflexible and pervasive. The said medical disorder has no known medical cure;
18. The witness will likewise testify on other matters pertinent to his cause of action.

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1. Q: Are you the same Leoben V. Yu who is the petitioner in this case?  
  
A: Yes, ma'am.
2. Q: Which town are you a resident of?  
  
A: I am a resident of V. Cudilla Avenue, Barangay Poblacion Zone II, Estancia, Iloilo.
3. Q: What proof do you have to show that you are indeed a resident of Estancia, Iloilo?

A: I have with me a sworn Certification of residency issued by the Punong barangay of Poblacion Zone II, Estancia, Iloilo, a Sworn Statement of my counsel, a postal ID and Barangay ID showing that I am a resident of Estancia, Iloilo. I am now turning over these documents to you.

Manifestation: Counsel requests that the documents identified by the witness and hereto attached be respectively marked as Exhibit "A", "B", "C", and "C-1"," for the petitioner.

4. Q: Aside from these, what proof do you have to show that you are indeed a resident of Estancia?  
  
A: I also have my high school Diploma with me and the land title of our property in Estancia, Iloilo. This is the title for our family home. I am now turning these over to you.

Manifestation: Counsel requests that the documents identified by the witness and hereto attached be marked as Exhibit "C-2" and "C-3" for the petitioner.

5. Q: How did your relationship with the respondent start?  
  
A: It started when we were in college. We belonged to the same group of friends. Arlene was very charming and I was smitten by her. We became sweetheart after a brief period of courtship.
6. Q: What was your relationship like back then?  
  
A: We fought a lot. I am the jealous type and Arlene was very accommodating to all of her male friends. Also, she was very physical. She was so touchy. She flirts a lot. That was the constant cause of our fights. After we fight, we make up. It was a cycle.
7. Q: What happened next, if any?  
  
A: After we graduated from college, Arlene went to work in Singapore. Our relationship was on and off. But when she got pregnant, I went to Singapore in order to Marry her. Eventually, I also got a job in Singapore.

8. Q: When did you get married?  
  
A: On October 23, 2011 at the Philippine Embassy in Singapore. I have our certificate of Marriage and I am now turning this over to you.

Manifestation: Counsel requests that the certificate of marriage identified by the witness and hereto attached be marked as Exhibit "D" for the petitioner.

9. Q: What else happened?  
  
A: Arlene and I begot Three children, namely: ARZEN GACASAN YU, MAVEN CLAIRE GACASAN YU, and ROWEN VINCE GACASAN YU. I have with me the certificates of Live Birth of my children and I am now turning these over to you.

Manifestation: Counsel requests that the certificate of Live Birth identified by the witness and hereto attached be marked as Exhibits "E", "F" and "G" respectively for the petitioner.

10. Q: What was you married life like, while you were in Singapore?  
  
A: My wife and I constantly fought. For one, I am a disciplinarian. I wanted to discipline my children and put structure in their lives. Like, I want them to eat and go to bed on time, and learn to do house chores. Arlene upon the other hand is the opposite. She tolerated the children's lack of discipline. She was fine with them not doing house chores, going to bed late and not eating on time. She was lazy herself.
11. Q: What else did you often fight about?  
  
A: Arlene contracted a lot of debts. She offered to pay her father's debts in Singapore. She wasted a lot of money on things that I deem unnecessary. She opted for the finer things in life which was ok if you could afford it. In her case, it has become a habit for her to contract one debt after the other. She got into debts over petty and unnecessary things. I am a frugal person so; we constantly fought about her spending habits.

12. Q: What else?  
  
A: Arlene to me, is also a perennial liar. She made up stories about a lot of things. She has this attitude of doing everything just so she could have what she wanted. This includes soliciting money from our friends, and making



13. Q: What else happened, if any?

14. Q: What happened next, if any?

15. Q: What else happened, if any?

16. Q: What did you do, if any?

Manifestation: Counsel requests that the document identified by the witness and hereto attached be marked as Exhibit "H" for the petitioner.

17. Q: What else happened?

18. Q: What was your reaction to that?

19. Q: What else happened?

20. Q: What else happened, if any?

21. Q: What was the result of the assessment?

22. Q: What do you ask of this court in so far as the custody of your children is concerned?

23. Q: How about the Two real properties that you are still paying for?

24. Q: What do you ask of this court?

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this **March 15, 2023** at Estancia, Iloilo, Philippines

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Exhibit "C-1"

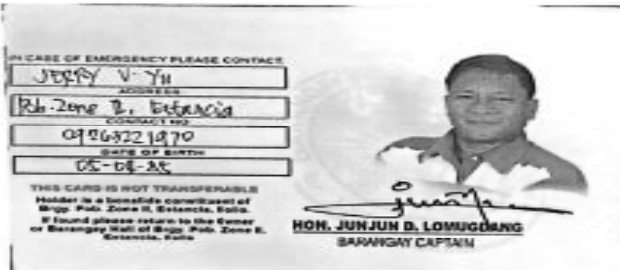
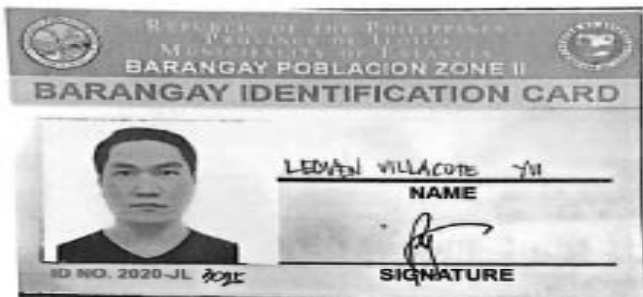
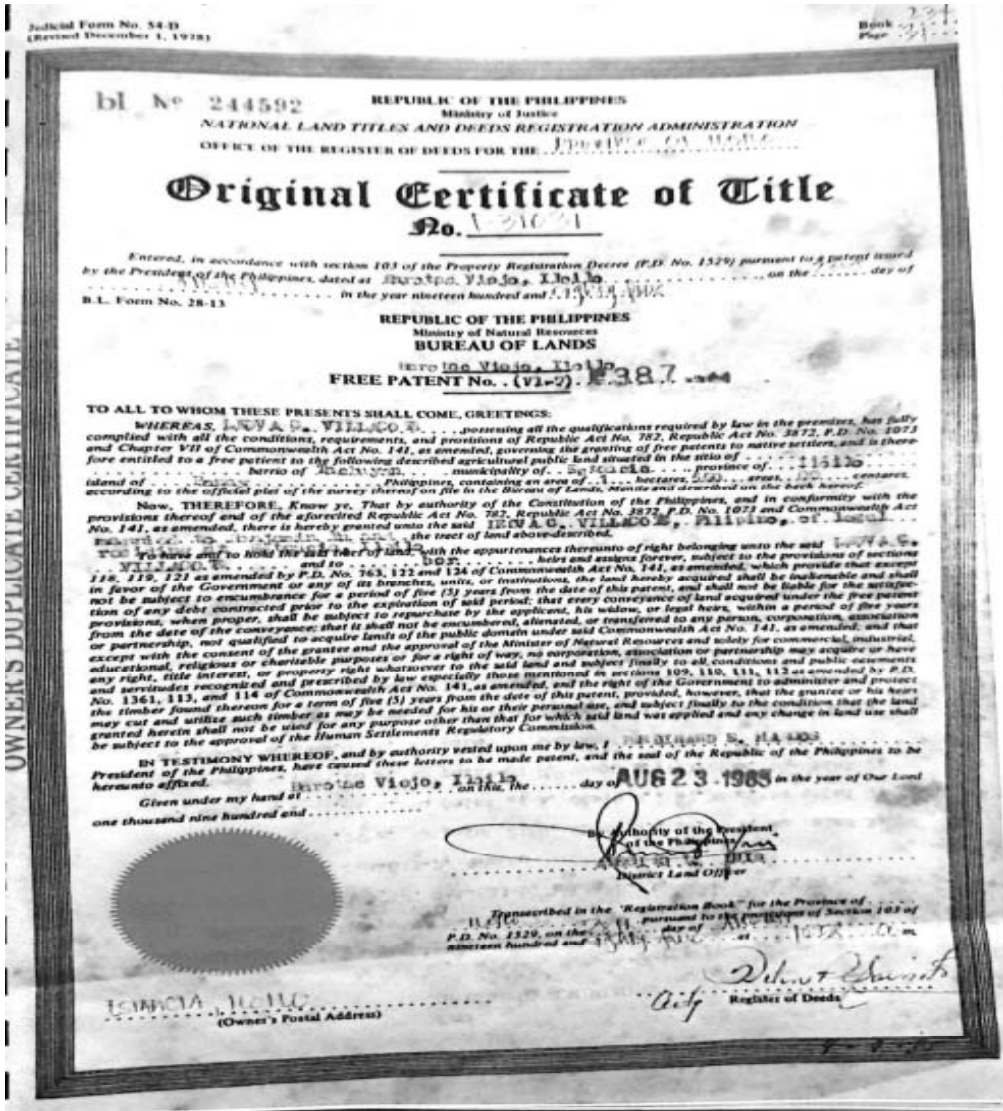
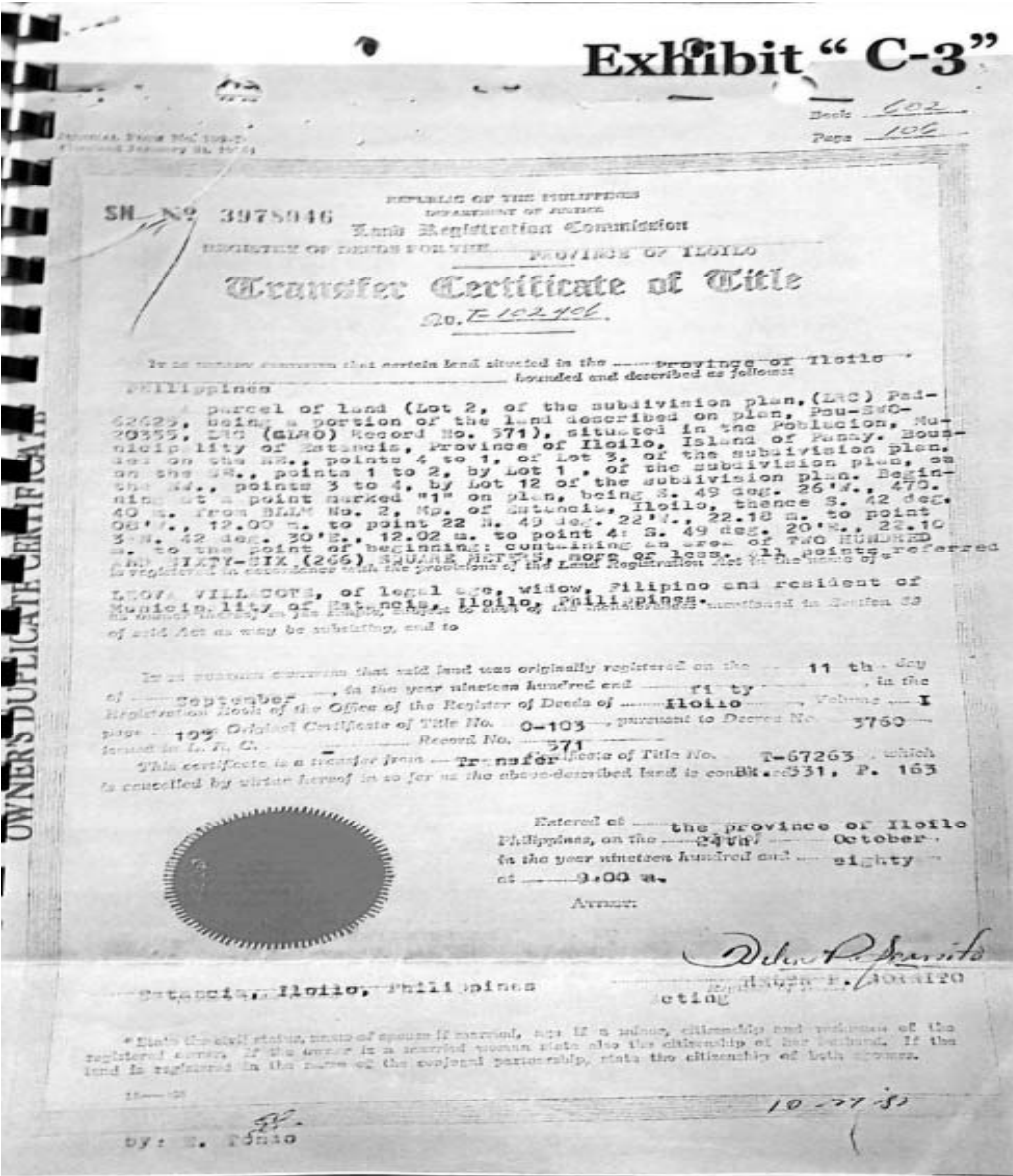


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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL LAND TITLES AND DEEDS REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATION  
(Land Registration Commission)

REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO

**Transfer Certificate of Title**

No. 18161

PROVINCE OF ILOILO

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Municipality of Estancia, Province of Iloilo, Island of Panay, Bounded on the NE. along line 1-2 by Lot 563, Estancia Cadastre; on the SE. along line 2-3 by Lot 701-C, of this Subdivision Survey; on the SW. along lines 3-4-5 by Lot 705, Estancia Cadastre (Lot 4, Pad-43047); on the NW. along line 5-6 by Lot 701-A of this Subdivision Survey; on the NE. along line 6-1 by Lot 563, Estancia Cadastre. Beginning at a point marked "1" on Plan being S. 17-30 W., 576.16 meters

is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of SPOUSES BENJAMIN YU and LEOVA VILLACOTE, of legal ages, Filipinos and residents of Estancia, Iloilo

as owner thereof in fee simple, subject to such of the encumbrances mentioned in Section 44 of said Decree as may be subsisting, and to

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that said land was originally registered in the year nineteen hundred and six in the Registration Book of the Office of the Register of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo, Volume 353, pursuant to Decree No. 333014 issued in L. R. C. Record No. 32953 in the name of in the name of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-55556/472 which is cancelled by virtue hereof in so far as the above-described land is concerned.

Entered at 2nd day of August in the year nineteen hundred and at 9:04 a.m.

ATTEST:

Estancia, Iloilo

State the civil status, age of spouse if married, if a minor, citizenship and residence of the registered owner. If the owner is a married woman, state also the citizenship of her husband. If the land is registered in the name of the conjugal partnership, state the citizenship of both spouses.

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE  
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTH

T1498773C

BIRTH REGISTRATION NO.

Child Registered at: KK WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SINGAPORE

Full Name: YU MAVEN CLAIRE GACASAN

Sex: FEMALE Date of Birth: 26/03/2014 Time of Birth: 0642 Hours

Place of Address of Birth: KK WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SINGAPORE

Name: YU ARLENE GACASAN Date of Birth: 30/05/1985

Mother's Identification Document No: F/PT EB187591 Race: FILIPINO Child's Group: TAGALOG

Nationality: FILIPINO Country/Place of Birth: PHILIPPINES

Address: APT BLK 467 ADMIRALTY DRIVE #06-187 SINGAPORE 750467

Name: YU LEOBEN VILLACOTE

Father's Identification Document No: F/PT EB182481 Race: FILIPINO Child's Group: TAGALOG

Nationality: FILIPINO Country/Place of Birth: PHILIPPINES

Address: APT BLK 467 ADMIRALTY DRIVE #06-187 SINGAPORE 750467

Relationship: FATHER

FOR OFFICIAL USE THE CHILD IS NOT A CITIZEN OF SINGAPORE AT THE TIME OF BIRTH

I certify that the above information given by me is correct.

Informant's Signature or Thumb Impression: 27/03/2014 Date: 27/03/2014 Date: 27/03/2014 Date:

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EXHIBIT "D"

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY SINGAPORE

MARRIAGE CONTRACT

Names of Contracting Parties: LEOBEN VILLACOTE YU and ARLENE PATRICIO GACASAN

a) Age / Birth Date: 36 / 04 May 1985 and 26 / 30 May 1985

b) Birth Place: Estancia, Iloilo and Manila

c) Citizenship: Filipino and Filipino

d) Civil Status: Single and Single

Residence: Blk 467 Admiralty Drive, #06-187 Singapore 750467 and Blk 467 Admiralty Drive, #06-187 Singapore 750467

Father's Name: Benjamin Isaga Yu and Rolando Ontal Gacasan

Mother's Name: Leova Conde Villoso and Felicidad Roquero Pajero

Witnesses: Analyn Iagan and Felicidad Gacasan

Country of Residence: Philippines and Philippines

Person who gave consent or advice: None and None

(a) Residence: n/a and n/a

(b) Relation to Contracting Party: n/a and n/a

Place: PHILIPPINE EMBASSY, SINGAPORE Date: 23 October 2011

Marriage solemnized by CATHERINE ROSE G. TORRES, Consul

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: That I, LEOBEN VILLACOTE YU and I, ARLENE PATRICIO GACASAN, on the date and at the place above given, of our free will and accord, and in the presence of the person solemnizing this marriage and of the two witnesses named, both of legal age, take each other as husband and wife.

And, I, CATHERINE ROSE G. TORRES, CONSUL CERTIFY: That on the date and at the place above written, the aforesaid, LEOBEN VILLACOTE YU and ARLENE PATRICIO GACASAN, were with their mutual consent lawfully joined together in their matrimony by me in the presence of said witnesses, both of legal age, and I further certify that Marriage License No. L-692011 issued at Philippine Embassy on 23 October 2011 in favor of said parties, was exhibited to me and that consent or advice to such marriage was duly given, as required by law, by the person or persons above mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we signed this certificate on this 23 October 2011

LEOBEN VILLACOTE YU Contracting Party

ARLENE PATRICIO GACASAN Contracting Party

CATHERINE ROSE G. TORRES Consul

F. P. Gacasan Witness

Fee Paid: S\$ 102.00 O.R 1902/2011

SINGAPORE, 2011

Respectfully transmitted to the Civil Registrar General through the Honorable Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Manila

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EXHIBIT "G"

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL  
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

Province: Metro Manila City/Municipality: Marikina City Registry No.: 2017-516

1. NAME: RICHARD VINCE GACASAN 2. SEX: YU

3. DATE OF BIRTH: 06 January 2017

4. PLACE OF BIRTH: KK WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SINGAPORE

5. TYPE OF BIRTH: Single

6. SEX OF BIRTH: Male

7. RELIGION: Catholic

8. OCCUPATION: Student

9. SIGNATURE: RICHARD VINCE GACASAN

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DNA Paternity Test Report: Results

Case Number: GTS6286311

Child: "Rowen Vince"  
Alleged Father: "Leoben"

Conclusions of DNA Paternity Test

Based on the genetic testing results obtained by PCR analysis of STR loci, the alleged father, "Leoben" is excluded as the biological father of the child, "Rowen Vince". The probability of paternity is 0%. Note: Results from privately collected (not witnessed) cases are for personal knowledge only and cannot be used as legal evidence of parentage or identity. The laboratory is not responsible for any wrongful collection or contamination of the samples, whether accidental or intentional, prior to our acceptance of these samples.

DNA Locus	Child	Alleged Father	Paternity Index
D8S1179	11.13	16.17	0
D21S11	30.32.2	30.31	1.00
D7S820	10.12	10.11	0.84
CSF1PO	10.11	10.13	1.07
D3S1358	15.17	15.17	2.04
TH01	9.9.3	7	0
D13S317	8.9	8.9	5.37
D16S539	10.11	9.10	2.31
D2S1338	19.22	23.24	0
D19S433	14.15.2	14.14.2	0.82
VWA	15.19	17.19	3.17
TPOX	8.9	8	1.07
D18S51	15	17.20	0
D5S818	12.13	12	1.41
FGA	22.24	24	3.64
D2S1656	11.13	14.16	0
D2S441	11.11.3	11.12	0.73
D10S1248	13.14	13	1.80
Penta E	10.16	12.16	4.93
Penta D	12.13	10.12	1.46
D22S1045	11	16.17	0

PROBABILITY OF PATERNITY: 0%

COMBINED PATERNITY INDEX: 0



DNA Paternity Test Report: Glossary

**Allele**  
An alternate form of the same locus.

**Combined Paternity Index (CPI)**  
The CPI is calculated by multiplying the PI values for each independent locus. A CPI of 0 corresponds to a 0% probability of paternity (paternity exclusion) whereas a CPI of >1000 corresponds to a probability of paternity of >99.9% (paternity inclusion).

**Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA)**  
The biological material that is transferred from parents to their children. By examining the DNA from two people, their relatedness can be established, as in the case of paternity and maternity testing.

**Locus (pl. loci)**  
A specific region of DNA.

**Paternity Exclusion**  
A paternity exclusion indicates that the DNA test results are consistent with the hypothesis that the tested alleged father is not the true biological father of the child.

**Paternity Inclusion**  
A paternity inclusion indicates that the DNA test results are consistent with the hypothesis that the tested alleged father is the true biological father of the child.

**Paternity Index (PI)**  
A likelihood ratio representing a comparison of the probability that the alleged father is the biological father versus the probability that a random man in the population is the biological father. A PI is calculated for each locus and is used to calculate the combined paternity index and probability of paternity.

**Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)**  
PCR is the most sensitive biochemical technique available to amplify and study DNA.

**Prior Probability (of paternity)**  
This is a value ranging from 0 (impossible) to 1 (absolute certainty). A prior probability value of 0.5 is used, which equally favors paternity or non-paternity.

**Probability of Paternity**  
A statistical percentage based upon the combined paternity index (CPI) and prior probability, describing the probability that the alleged father is the biological father of the child. A 0% probability of paternity indicates a paternity exclusion and a probability of paternity of 99.9% or greater is indicative of a paternity inclusion.

Result Interpretation Procedures

From the samples collected, DNA is isolated and amplified by a process known as PCR for analysis. Through the analysis of the data, the profile for each individual at each locus is determined and independently evaluated.

In reviewing the results, the locus of the child is first compared to that of the biological mother to determine the mother's contribution to the genetic profile of the child (testing the mother is optional). The remaining number represents the biological father's contribution (or paternal contribution). In the event that the mother is not tested, a straight comparison between the child and alleged father is performed.

If there is a match between the profiles of the alleged father and the child, then a Paternity Index (PI) is calculated. If there is a non-match between the child and alleged father, the PI will have a value of 0. This comparison is performed in the same manner for all the loci tested.

When all the PI values have been calculated, they are multiplied to obtain the Combined Paternity Index (CPI), which can be either 0 or greater than 1000. A CPI of 0 indicates that the alleged father is not the biological father of the child (exclusion). An exclusion is indicated by the presence of two or more loci with PI=0. In contrast, a CPI of greater than 1000 is consistent with the alleged father being the biological father of the child.

The probability of paternity is then calculated from the CPI. This results in either a probability of paternity of 0% for paternity exclusions or greater than 99.9% for paternity inclusions.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION REPORT

Date of Report: March 20, 2023

I. THE SUBJECTS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT:

LEOBEN V. YU, petitioner for the declaration of nullity of marriage.

Age : 37 Years Old  
Sex : Male  
Address : Cudilla Avenue, Poblacion Zone 2, Estancia, Iloilo  
Religion : Roman Catholic  
Education : College  
Occupation : Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW)

-And-

ARLENE P. GACASAN, respondent in the petition for the declaration of nullity of marriage

Age : 37 Years Old  
Sex : Female  
Address : No. 6, Aguada Apartment, Anavil Extension, Ozamis City  
Religion : Roman Catholic  
Education : College  
Occupation : Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW)

II. PURPOSE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT:

In a referral from the legal counsel, a psychological assessment and evaluation were conducted purposely to determine if psychological incapacity affecting one or both couples, Leoben V. Yu, 37 years old, a resident of Estancia, Iloilo, petitioner, and Arlene P. Gacasan, 37 years old, a resident of Ozamis City, respondent, in the civil case for the declaration of nullity of marriage before a Court of Law in the Philippines.

The issues addressed in this psychological assessment are the couple's psychological functioning associated with specified psychopathology as supported by evidence. Impairment in cognitive, affective, social, and behavioral domains of personality, subjective distress, and dysfunction failing to fulfill social and marital duties and obligations become prevalent.

Administration of standardized psychological tests battery of reputable psychometric properties, conducting an assessment or clinical interview, observations, and analyzing the couple's marital history is part of the process. The psychological assessment process follows a firm adherence to ethical standards in providing psychological services. The assessment process considered the clients' unique characteristics, cultural orientation, and other limitations that may have caused biases resulting in invalid results.

Collaborative analysis of the collected data from multiple sources with a senior associate, Dr. Nenita L. Leyretana, becomes the basis for formulating clinical diagnoses on the petitioner and respondent's functioning.

The clinical diagnosis arrived at would either *ascertain, affirm, or reject* the following constructs:

1. Leoben V. Yu and Arlene P. Gacasan are affected by one or more psychopathological disorders. Such a condition is consistent with the established diagnostic criteria for cognitive, affective, social, and behavioral abnormality, and it existed at "*the time of the celebration*" of marriage.
2. The specified psychopathological condition/s of a significant level affecting one or both the couple resulted in prevalent "*functional impairment and subjective distress*";
3. That such psychopathological condition made one or both the couple manifest downright "*psychological incapacity*" in cognizance of and assume primary marital duties and responsibilities; and
4. That the specified psychopathology suffered by one or both couples is "*life-enduring*" and "*clinically incurable*."

III. CASE FORMULATION: The Undertaken Assessment Measures and Procedure

The case formulation procedure designed to obtain pertinent data proceeded with utmost consideration of the acceptable ethical standards and practices in psychological assessment. The psychological assessment used a) administration of psychological test battery; b) analysis of personal, family, and marital narratives; c) assessment and inferential interview; and d) naturalistic observation.

A. Administration of Psychological Test Battery

The petitioner underwent tedious, multi-faceted assessment measures and procedures, including administering a standardized psychological test battery on February 4, 2023. The psychological test battery with established psychometric properties is as follows:

- a) Raven's Progressive Matrices
- b) Basic Personality Inventory
- c) Self-Reporting Questionnaire
- d) Emotions Profile Index
- e) Projective Drawing

B. Assessment and Inferential Interview

The assessment and inferential interview are reliable tools in psychological assessment. As a method, it is indispensable and served best when adjunct with other data derived from psychological test results, narratives, and observation.

Moreover, conducting Interviews with persons other than the subject in psychological assessment is not only a viable data source. Still, it may serve as verification against the subjective point-of-view of the subjects to the psychological evaluation. In addition, persons with knowledge of the couple's characteristics and who witness the couple's marital journey in some instances are a potential source of reliable and verifiable qualitative data.

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Sources of assessment and inferential interview data are the following, namely:

1. Leoben V. Yu, petitioner
2. Mark Anthony Dorado, a long-time close friend of Leoben
3. Joan Althea Katigbak, a common friend of couple Mark and Arlene

The semi-structured assessment interview with Leoben was completed in two (3) separate sessions. The first interview happened last February 2, 2023. Much of the time spent on that preliminary interview focused on building rapport with Leoben. The second interview, which lasted for two hours, was on February 4, 2023. During that second interview session, more qualitatively-meaningful data was obtained. The clinician got a full-range emotional response during the entire interview, in which Leoben openly shared the difficulties he experienced in a failed marital relationship. In a follow-up interview with Leoben last February 22, 2023.

Interviews with Mark Anthony Dorado, Leoben's long-time close friend, happened last February 22, 2023. Accordingly, Mark Anthony witnessed Leoben's struggles and difficulties in his married life in various circumstances. A common friend of the couple, Joan Althea Katigbak, narrated what kind of marital relationship Leoben and Arlene had for years. She also recalled many instances that the couple parted ways, both devastated.

In essence, stories shared by inferential sources shed light on many issues surrounding Leoben and Arlene's marital struggles and the circumstances that led to their eventual separation.

C. Personal and Marital Narratives

Leoben's narratives about his personal and family background, school, work, and marital experiences, ascertained by empirical correlate obtained through inferences, completed the assessment data. The most prevalent theme dominating Leoben's marital narratives were patterns of deceit and manipulations perpetrated by his wife, Arlene.

Leoben's story also depicts a nonnurturing marital relationship, patterned with a high range of negative emotional experiences, which significantly contribute to the eventual failure of the marriage union they vowed to uphold for the better and worse until death; they won't be apart.

D. Non-Participation in the Assessment Process

The utmost effort exerted to contact the respondent turned out futile. The clinician tries to reach out to Arlene through telephone and social media, but to no avail. Nonetheless, an informed consent document was sent through her known address to ask about her willingness to participate in the assessment process. The informed consent provisions of the charter on the client's right to accept or refuse to participate in the psychological assessment process were part of the document.

However, weeks and months passed, and no response from Arlene heard. Nonetheless, the psychological assessment and evaluation process concluded without her participation.

E. Valid and Adequate Assessment Protocol

A duly observed protocol in the psychological assessment process guarantees an accurate clinical judgment. The data-gathering technique utilized primary and secondary sources, both of equal importance.

The protocol for conducting psychological assessment allows the supposed self-inventory data from the subject, who refused participation, may be gathered from inferential sources. If the supposed subject in the psychological evaluation refuses to cooperate or participate in the process, maximizing other available methods is an option to gather valid and verifiable data.

The results of the psychological test battery, interviews, and verbal and written narratives comprised coherent and robust data indicative of the subjects' type of clinical profile and psychological functioning.

The systematically undertaken process deemed adequate warranting an objective and accurate clinical diagnosis, constituting of 1) clinical descriptions of the specified psychopathology affecting one or both couples, 2) the established categorical and dimensional criteria characterizing the specified abnormality, and 3) clinical etiology in consideration to presumptive course and development, and prognosis of the prevailing abnormal characteristics affecting one or both the couple.

IV. PRESENTING PROBLEM: *Leoben V. Yu and Arlene P. Gacasan's Personal & Marital Struggle and Difficulties*

The case background information describes the couple's presenting cognitive, affective, and behavioral functioning problems that make up a specific disorder. The presenting problem shows some features, such as 1) the prevalence of *"functional impairment, subjective distress, and dysfunction"*; and 2) indications of specified psychopathological disorder affecting one or both couples already *"existed at the time of the celebration of marriage."*

Excerpts from the narratives and interviews revealed the following:

*The petitioner*, Leoben V. Yu, is a 37-year-old OFW and a Senior Support Engineer. Leoben is taking the initiative through the legal process of petitioning the nullity of the marriage he contracted with his estranged wife. Leoben wanted an annulment of the discorded marriage for peace of mind and to be free to move towards a new life with a promising direction and beneficial for his only child's future.

*Respondent* Arlene P. Gacasan, the estranged wife of Leoben, is 37 years old and an OFW working in an office in Singapore. The legally binding marriage was a narrative constituting deceit, manipulation, aggression, and irresponsibility. It did not only bring entanglements and distress but took a toll on Leoben's overall equilibrium.

*The prime value of care, respect, and truthfulness challenged.* Leoben grew up in a family environment where argument was a daily routine. His mother was a perfectionist, very strict, and considered a disciplinarian parent. On the contrary, his father was quiet, very

supportive, and always wanted him to focus on his studies so he could have a better future. Though his parents were two opposing poles, he grew up prioritizing relationships, love, and hard work.

*A romantic relationship is founded on lies, impulsiveness, and ingenuine one-sided interest.* Leoben and Arlene met sometime in 2005 when a classmate introduced him to her. He was already in his 4<sup>th</sup> year in college, and Arlene was in the same school. They started as friends, and Leoben would take Arlene home from Makati to Laguna then he would go home to Bicutan. It continued until they both graduated in 2006. Their relationship was on and off due to Leoben's disapproval of Arlene's "touchy" behavior toward her male friends.

Another thing that made Leoben wonder was Arlene never introduced him as her boyfriend to them. They broke up after some time, and Arlene immediately found a new boyfriend. But their relationship did not last long, and Leoben soon learned that she had broken up with her then-boyfriend. They met again and rekindled their relationship, leading to Arlene's pregnancy with their first child. On their 3rd month together, Leoben decided to bring their relationship to a higher level, hoping they could work out their differences. On October 23, 2011, they married at the Philippine embassy in Singapore.

Since Arlene was the eldest of five siblings, Leoben assumed his father-in-law's credit card debt of 30,000 Singapore dollars. It wasn't easy for Leoben because they were starting their family, and his earning was just enough for their living expenses. Arlene was earning more, but they could not save anything since the cycle of bayad-utang was consistent with her behavior. It caused their arguments. As the years passed, Arlene used their resources for her lavish and unreasonable spending without thinking and caring about her children's future. She generated debt over and over for her gains, which happened weekly. Arlene would check in at the hotel and pay 300 plus Singapore dollars excluding food. She did not seem to care that this money could be spent on something more critical or a month's groceries. Leoben just watched in frustration while she did the spending.

When Leoben asked about her plans for her family, she did not know how to answer. It gave Leoben the impression that she was not concerned for their children's future. She only cared about herself.

Arlene lost her job in 2017, giving way to a more complex financial concern. Leoben shouldered the monthly payment of her credit card debt, ranging from SD1500 to SD 2000. Aside from paying her debt, he also spent on their living expenses. That was when Arlene decided to return to Manila with their two young children. They had two properties acquired in Manila a few years back but ended up selling them for practical reasons. They decided to buy a house and lot in a subdivision in General Trias, Cavite, so Arlene and the children would have a place to stay. Arlene's parents stayed with her so she could have help looking after the children.

Arlene told Leoben that she let a guy named Kim stay with them in their house to help her look after their children when her parents left and went back to Mindanao. She claimed she needed help because it was too much for her to tend to 2 little children. Though Leoben was reluctant, he agreed to his wife's decision. When Leoben would come home for vacation, he observed that Kim was always nearby, even when they would have a family outing.

In 2014, Leoben was already back in Singapore. Arlene asked him to buy her a ticket because she wanted to visit him and spend time with him. He found it strange, but it made him hopeful that Arlene somehow realized something and wanted to fix their problems. She stayed there for a week and then went back home. After a month, Arlene told Leoben that she was again pregnant. After a few months, when Arlene gave birth, Leoben started to doubt because he could not reconcile the time of conception to the child's birth. Leoben asked Arlene what the child's blood type and she said it was "TYPE O." Leoben's blood type was AB. In doubt, Leoben asked a relative to inquire in the hospital. The nurse on duty confirmed that his wife had delivered a full-term baby.

Leoben did not give up on his marriage despite the hurt and pain. He continued to be an excellent provider to his family. He even gave Arlene something to generate income from. They had a space rental in front of their house, which was all occupied. Leoben continued sending monthly allowance to Arlene (which she said was insufficient) and paying a mortgage and Arlene's debt.

Another trait of Arlene that Leoben observed and did not like was she was not teaching her children household chores. She adheres to the idea that it was the work of the nanny and not the children. She could not keep track of the children's mealtime and bedtime. She would be deeply drawn to her phone while her children stayed late.

It was one of Leoben's vacations when he saw Arlene and Kim's conversation on her phone. They used the term endearment LOVE and were very sweet in the pictures. Leoben also heard his youngest son call Kim PAPA and caught Arlene with their youngest son sleeping on the mattress on the floor with Kim. When he asked Arlene about these, she kept denying it, so Leoben secretly took a specimen from their youngest son and had it tested for DNA. When the results came, he confronted Arlene and showed her the results. Instead of asking for forgiveness, Arlene denied it and claimed Kim raped her. And she did not tell anyone because she was scared. She also said she loved him but did not mean to have a child. He could not believe how distorted her mind was. Leoben felt frustrated, devastated, and betrayed.

In 2021 they decided to part ways and stopped not living together, but it was still Leoben who paid for Arlene's apartment and internet subscription. Leoben learned from his children that Arlene talked to another guy instead of caring for them. She also taught the children to hate their father.

It was January or February 2022 when Arlene sent their children to Ozamis to be with her parents. But she let her youngest child stay with her. Leoben religiously sent money for their monthly allowance and communicated with his in-laws. He would talk to his children via messenger, and when they vacation to Singapore, Leoben will contribute to their airfare so he could have time with them. Leoben considered the annulment as the only way to be free from shame and more financial constraints caused by Arlene.



V. PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT RESULT: *Leoben V. Yu and Arlene P. Gacasan's Clinical Profile*

The formulated findings of psychological assessment relied mainly upon adequate measures employed; it gives straightforward descriptions of the couples' overall psychological profile derived from a) psychological test battery, b) semi-structured assessment and inferential interview, c) analysis of narratives, and d) naturalistic observations.

A. *Leoben V. Yu's Cognitive, Affective, Social, and Behavior Profile*

Leoben's psychological test results are considered valid and interpretable. There was no evidence that he responded to test items with faking and motivated distortions and elements of conscious "acting out" to conceal experiencing difficulties and making himself appear in a positive light.

As indicated by the following, Leoben's overall personality profile manifests conditions reflective of his cognitive, affective, behavioral, and social equilibrium.

1. *Cognitive Style and Infrequency*

a) *Denial vs. Capacity for Self-Criticism*

The test result suggests Leoben's inconsistency in accepting his feelings. Sometimes, he lacks insight into his feelings and the causes of his behavior. Relatively, Leoben tends to be unresponsive emotionally.

b) *Deviation vs. Commonality*

Getting a *high elevated score* would mean Leoben displays behavior patterns differently than most people. However, the result does not suggest having antisocial attitudes. It implies that Leoben tends to resort to defensive denial, is unwilling to admit having difficulties, and strives to appear healthy and well-adjusted.

2. *Cognitive Adjustment*

a) *Persecutory Ideas vs. Trustfulness*

Leoben's *high score* would mean that he believes particular people are against him and are trying to make life difficult and unpleasant. Inclined to brood, anxiously and gloomy, pondering the situation and people, he is doubtful.

Leoben's doubtfulness does not necessarily reflect a pathological level of paranoia. It is probably an indication that Leoben tends to feel that life circumstances, social system, or by a particular individual made him a victim.

b) *Thinking Disorder vs. Reality of Thinking*

Leoben does not show difficulty in distinguishing daydreams from reality. He can concentrate normally and maintain sensible conversations in most situations.

3. *Affective Adjustment*

a) *Depression vs. Cheerfulness*

To a *slight extent*, Leoben is inclined to be downhearted, show despondency, and consider himself inadequate. He tends to look at the future pessimistically.

This measure indicates that at some point, Leoben experienced an acute type of depression caused by the immediate circumstances or experience of a chaotic marriage life, and not necessarily pathological.

b) *Anxiety vs. Composure*

Leoben's *negligible score* suggests his tendency to remain calm and unruffled even when unexpected occurrences occur. He takes things as they come without fear or apprehension. Maintains self-control even in a crisis.

4. *Social Adjustment and Self Perception*

a) *Self-Depreciation vs. Self Confidence*

Leoben generally manifests a high degree of self-assurance in dealing with others. He is not afraid to meet strangers and speaks confidently on various topics. Leoben also believes in his ability to accomplish things.

b) *Social Introversion vs. Social Extroversion*

Seemingly, to a *slight extent*, Leoben does not enjoy the company of other people. He dislikes talking, befriending, and spending time with many others. That's why he prefers asocial activities to be isolated alone.

5. *Antisocial Orientation*

a) *Interpersonal Problems vs. Cooperativeness*

Leoben reports experiencing less than average irritation from noise, changes in routine, disappointment, and mistakes of others; he respects authority and prefers clearly defined rules and regulations. He also tends to cooperate fully with the leadership and readily accepts criticisms from others.

b) *Alienation vs. Socially Responsible Attitude*

Leoben's score on this scale is *low*. It would indicate that he ordinarily displays ethical and socially responsible attitudes and patterns of behavior. He is also the type who has a sense of obligation towards society and the governing laws.

c) *Impulse Expression vs. Self-Control*

Endorsing lesser items in this measure, Leoben appears even-tempered and level-headed; he carefully considers the future before acting and, generally, has the patience to cope with lengthy and tedious tasks.

I. *Arlene P. Gacasan's Cognitive, Affective, Social, and Behavior Profile*

Arlene P. Gacasan's psychological profile follows a thorough and objective evaluation of information obtained through personal interviews and inferential sources, including Leoben's coherent narrative of Arlene's behavior patterns, indicating her cognitive, affective, and social characteristics. The inferential sources provide essential information relative to their respective interpersonal interaction and personal observation of Arlene. The substantive data derived from multiple sources is the basis

for Arlene's clinical personality profile.

Arlene's personality features show the prevalence of unusual characteristics based on *Robert Hare's Checklist of Psychopathy Symptoms*. These behavioral manifestations consider not commonly shared by the general population.

1. *Psychopathic Interpersonal Styles*. Features that manifest denote selfishness and callousness. Like those individuals high on this scale, Arlene's personality traits manifest glib and superficial charm, con, and manipulateness. Poor behavioral control, callousness, and remorseless use of others are also prevalent.

a) *Glib and superficial charm*

Arlene appeared smooth, engaging, charming, and verbally facile even at their first meeting. She seems amiable and charming, eventually making Leoben fall in love with her. She also projected being an excellent listener to simulate being empathic when, in fact, she was zeroing in on Leoben's vulnerabilities to manipulate him better.

b) *Con and manipulative*

Con and manipulative behavior were the key features of Arlene's deceit and deception patterns to cheat or defraud Leoben for personal gain. It reflects her financial disfranchising and her unscrupulous borrowing from many people.

c) *Callousness lacks empathy and unremorseful*

Arlene was devoid of feelings or concern for her husband's distress and suffering, being a way to work and earn their family's needs and comfort. She was unconcerned, dispassionate, and cold-hearted. Arlene remained unemphatic towards the sentiments of Leoben and other people. She failed and refused to honor her commitment and settle her indebtedness.

2. *Psychopathic lifestyles* indicate Arlene's tendency towards a chronically unstable, antisocial, and socially deviant lifestyle. Her uncaring attitude contributes to her

failure to maintain a functional interpersonal relationship. The interactions she had with Leoben were consistently superficial, without emotional investment.

a) *Parasitic lifestyle*

Arlene was intentionally manipulative, selfish, and exploitative. Her parasitic lifestyle is evident in her dishonorable acts of refusing to commit financial responsibility and neglecting her duties and responsibilities to her husband and child over her desire to remain free and not be bothered by the problems she created. She continues to live a life she desires out of the sufferings of many.

b) *Impulsive and irresponsible*

Arlene's behavior lacks reflection or planning; she acts without deliberation and considering its consequences. She also displays actions indicating repeated failure to fulfill or honor obligations and commitments.

3. *Overt antisocial features* in Arlene's personality domains manifest through:

a) *Acts of deceit and manipulation*

b) *Lack of behavioral control*

c) *Irresponsibility and lack of realistic and long-term goals, and*

d) *Devoid of empathy.*

Arlene's overall clinical profile shows a pattern of psychological functioning characterizing abnormal features not commonly shared by the general population.

VI. DIAGNOSIS: *Clinical Descriptions of Leoben V. Yu and Arlene P. Gacasan's Psychological Functioning*

The diagnostic evaluation focuses on the clinical description of the clients' multifaceted psychopathological characteristics following the specified diagnostic criteria that make up a specified disorder. Thus, the etiology and prognosis presented on the specified psychological disorder are from a multi-dimensional perspective.

A. *Leoben V. Yu's Psychological Functioning*

Leoben's clinical profile shows a psychological functioning "not warranting clinical interest."

1. *Cognitive style and infrequency* were the noted fluctuations in Leoben's thought process. It is, however, in a negligible state to form a well-defined problem area and pose a threat to Leoben's cognitive functioning. Other cognitive features do not constitute remarkable patterns indicative of functional impairment.

2. *Leoben's emotional state remains stable*. He appeared cheerful, having confidence and persistence, even when experiencing disappointment. He maintains composure and remains calm and unruffled even when confronted by unexpected occurrences.

3. *Adequately functional*. Leoben seems cooperative and displays ethical and socially responsible attitudes and behavior. He has emotional control, is even-tempered, and carefully considers the consequences before acting. He manifests having the capacity to be cognizant of and to perform marital duties and responsibilities.

B. *Arlene P. Gacasan's Psychological Functioning*

Analysis of Arlene's current psychological functioning manifests characteristics consistent with the established diagnostic criteria for an **antisocial personality disorder**.

When antisocial personality traits become inflexible, maladaptive, and persistent, and it causes significant functional impairment or subjective distress, it then constitutes antisocial personality disorder. The *Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM5-TR)* requires at least three (or more) criteria to diagnose **antisocial personality disorder**.

Arlene's inflexible, maladaptive, persistently deceitful, and manipulative



patterns of behavior meet the following diagnostic criteria:

1. *Deceitfulness, as indicated by repeated lying or conning others for personal profit (criterion A2).*

Persons with this disorder disregard the wishes, rights, or feelings of others. They are frequently deceitful and manipulative to gain personal profit or pleasure. Right from the start of their relationship, there were indications of Arlene being deceptive, manipulative, and disregarding her husband's wishes, rights, and feelings.

Arlene was having an affair with another man; she had a child with another man, and her husband Leoben believed that he was the child's father. For so long, she stood firm with her lies, not until it was refuted by the result of the DNA test of paternity, which turned negative. Arlene lied to Leoben in many other circumstances.

2. *Impulsivity and failure to make plans (criterion A3).*

A failure to make a long-term plan is a manifestation of impulsivity. Arlene makes decisions on the spur of the moment without considering the consequences to herself or others.

Arlene's impulsivity in decision-making reflects her inability to set self-direction. Failure to plan and act maturely and responsibly. Such impulsivity manifests in her unscrupulous indebtedness to many people. Leoben was always dumbfounded upon learning that Arlene was indebted anew to another person. Arlene had not saved money, had no investment, and only focused on lavish spending and lifestyle. She unreasonably stayed in the hotel every weekend and spent money instead of buying groceries for their children.

3. *Consistently irresponsible, as indicated by repeated failure to sustain consistent work behavior or honor financial obligations (criterion A6).*

From the start of their family life, Arlene had not shown a slight indication of becoming a responsible wife and mother. Arlene's irresponsible behavior was consistent for a long time.

Arlene never considered paying the debt she owed. She consistently neglects her duties to their children. Worst, she hastily and shamelessly made no effort to conceal her illicit affair.

4. *Lack of remorse, indicated by being indifferent (criterion A7)*

Arlene's behavior pattern manifests as being indifferent by rationalizing being hurt or mistreated by others. Her indifference toward acceptable norms justifies her not showing even a little remorse for the consequences of her abusive acts and neglect of marital duties and responsibilities.

Not even a semblance that Arlene was willing to admit nor consider apologizing for her mistakes. Instead, she reasons and justifies her wrongdoings. Arlene had not shown any sign of regret for her wrongdoings. She was unemphatic and unremorseful.

VII. ETIOLOGY AND PROGNOSIS:

Ironically, only little published empirical research is available on the nature and causes of antisocial personality disorder. Nonetheless, the clinician offers the following theoretical assumptions to shed some light to aid toward a better understanding of the etiology and prognosis of this case relative to its clinical diagnosis.

A. *Course and development*

These underlying factors could have impacted and significantly contributed to developing antisocial characteristics.

1. *Interpersonal maladjustment.* The maladjustment manifests in Arlene's sensitivity to criticism, thinking she is singled out unfairly by the authority, be it in the family, school, or other social institutions. She behaved recklessly and immaturely and demanded the opportunity to decide. Towards adulthood, instead of accepting responsibility for her problems and behavior, Arlene tended to externalize such blame to others, often those who identified her issues.
2. *Antisocial delinquency.* The disorder embedded with the personality might have an early manifestation of resentment against parental direction or control imposed or represented. The resentment characterizes by impulsive behavior and a lack of concern or remorse for unbecoming conduct. This lack of respect usually corresponds to a complete disregard for standard social codes and the welfare of others.

B. *Treatment and Recovery*

Throughout the years, concerted efforts of neuroscientists, psychologists, therapists, researchers, and other mental health professionals and advocates tirelessly make significant diagnostic and treatments in addressing mental health problems. Advancements efforts continuously address the following:

1. *Response to treatment.* Individuals with an antisocial personality disorder may consider themselves observers rather than participants in the world around them. As a result, it is rare for persons affected with this disorder to request or voluntarily submit to treatment, except in response to a crisis such as depression.
2. *The effectiveness of treatment.* In addition, therapy techniques such as role-playing aimed at instilling the value of social relationships taught them to empathize with the emotions felt by others, and some other social skills training had not yielded the most desirable effect. Be forewarned that, to date, there are no actual demonstrations for any treatment to have significantly improved the lives of individuals with antisocial personality disorder and the features of delusions.
3. *Recovery trajectory.* In all irony, the disorder's prognosis remains "guarded."

This non-promising recovery trajectory would mean that antisocial personality disorder is chronic and may persist over a lifetime.

VIII. DIAGNOSTIC CONCLUSION:

Leoben V. Yu's clinical profile manifests fluctuation in the cognitive domain but finds no well-defined problem area in other personality domains. His overall psychological functioning may be considered consistent with accepted societal norms.

1. No substantive features of *functional impairment* in cognitive, affective, behavioral, and social personality domains are prevalent.
2. Measures relating to Leoben's affective, personal, and social adjustment states do not occur in a *pervasive pattern* that may constitute characteristics of experiencing subjective distress.
3. *Functional capabilities.* The fluctuations in Leoben's various functioning areas indicate his defense mechanisms and coping style against life stressors, seemingly from chaotic marital and family situations. Leoben remains capable of fulfilling marital duties and responsibilities.

Arlene P. Gacasan's overall functioning, ascertained by the findings of the psychological assessment are as follows:

1. *Functionally impaired.* Arlene's thought content and processes manifest the inadequacy of judgment; she cannot make plans effectively, doesn't understand the impact of her behaviors on others, and lacks the mechanisms to judge the appropriateness of her actions, affecting herself and others.
2. *Highly distressed.* Conflict and difficulties in fulfilling the role of a wife and mother to her child trigger Arlene to experience subjective distress. It lingers over time by her maintaining nonnurturing behavior and persisting features of antisocial personality disorder.
3. *Dysfunctional.* Arlene is psychologically incapacitated to perform her marital functions. Her non-commitment to marital relationship manifests in her inability to cognizance of and assume the primary marital duties and responsibilities.
4. *Life enduring.* Arlene's impairment in cognitive, affective behavior, and social functioning is inflexible and persistent and had existed at the time of the marriage celebration. It is of insidious onset, meaning it begins gradually beginning at an early age or before marriage.
5. *Prognostic trajectory.* Given that the disorder affecting Arlene's personality is grave and incurable, a "guarded prognosis" may be anticipated. To date, no treatment has yet to demonstrate clear evidence to have improved the lives of individuals with an antisocial personality disorder.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS:


Antisocial personality disorder affecting the respondent is permanent and a long-standing psychopathological condition characterizing impaired functioning, subjective distress, and dysfunction.

Arlene is distant and detached from the marriage he contracted with Leoben resolution of problems affecting their marital relationship is never a priority, nor is the hope of resolving the conflict between her and Leoben any of her concerns.

For the sake of the chance to attain full functionality on the part of Leoben, may I recommend granting the petition for the declaration of nullity of marriage Leoben V. Yu and Arlene P. Gacasan contracted.

Further, Arlene must recognize the need to seek help from mental health professionals for further assessment and evaluation and avail herself of psychological intervention to help her become functional towards a better life experience.

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In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JENNIFER BASITO** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from “**FEMALE**” to “**MALE**” in the birth certificate of **JENNIFER ENCARNACION BASITO** who was born on **July 15, 1992** at **Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ

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In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOSEPHINE A. ESTANTE** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from “**MARIA DELIA**” to “**DELIA**” in the Birth Certificate of **MARIA DELIA ARANDELA ESTANTE** who was born on **February 20, 1958** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Fernando Comoda Estante** and **Amparo Canata Arandela**.

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(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO

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(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA

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(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ

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(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO

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(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA

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(SGD.) CHERYL MAY D. PARDILLA

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Dingle, Iloilo

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(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO

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Municipality of Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **DARLIE MAE P. LAMIT** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “**APRIL CHARISSE**” to “**DARLIE MAE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **DARLIE MAE PALLADO LAMIT** who was born on **MARCH 23, 1999** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **DARIO P. LAMIT** and **ARACELI Y. PALLADO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA

OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/ July 7, 2025 & July 14, 2025

# City gov't reorganizes TF Boltahе to address illegal connections in Iloilo City

By MARY JOY CAVANAÑS

Mayor Raisa Treñas issued an Executive Order No. 015, which reorganized the Task Force Boltahе and redefining its powers and functions.

The said EO aims to address the issue of illegal electrical connections in Iloilo City, which have caused several fires and property damage. These connections were often attached to city-owned facilities without proper registration or payment.

Additionally, the order acknowledged that some of the original

members were inactive or no longer connected to the government, leading to reorganization which includes new composition and membership, as follows:

- \* Chairman : Engr. Salvador V. Pedregosa – City Govt. Asst. Dept. Head II
- \* Chief of Staff : Joel M. Gerasmia – Electrical Inspector II
- \* Liaison Officer : Bernard A. Biernеза – Electrician II
- \* Administrative Officer : Jemima L. Tragico – Administrative Aide II
- \* Secretary : Chester Duane B. Jover – Construction & Maintenance Foreman

III

- \* Operations Officer : Engr. Allen James A. Macairan – Engineer
- \* Team Leaders :
  - Samuel A. Herminanda – Carpenter Foreman
  - Edwin J. Junsan – Carpenter Foreman
  - Francis G. Pangantihon – Electrician II
  - Sander H. Trasmonte – Electrician II

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Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**14<sup>th</sup> MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT**  
San Miguel-Alimodian-Leon  
San Miguel, Iloilo  
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SPEC. PROC. NO. 12-23-A

For:

PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE  
OF WILL FOR ISSUANCE OF  
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY  
WITH THE WILL ANNEXED

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PETITION TO APPROVE THE  
WILL OF REMEDIOS A.  
TOLENTINO (Deceased).

IVY JOY A. TOLENTINO,  
Petitioner,  
X-----X  
MA. CELIA C. ALTURA,  
Oppositor,  
X-----X  
ZENAIDA A. TOLENTINO,  
Oppositor.  
X-----X

ORDER

When this case was called for hearing, counsels for the Petitioner Atty. Rommel Bellones and Atty. Nestor Fariolan. Jr. appeared while Atty. Kasper Vic Bermejo appeared for the Oppositors Ma. Celia Altura and Zenaida A. Tolentino. Atty Bellones manifested that the Petitioner did not send immediately the payment for publication fee hence, the publisher was not able to publish the Petition and the Order for three (3) consecutive weeks. In view thereof, Atty. Rommel Bellones moved for the resetting of the hearing to **August 26, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning** and there being no objection from counsel for the oppositors Atty. Kasper Vic Bermejo, the motion to reset is GRANTED.

Let the Amended Petition and this Order be published before the hearing set on **August 26, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning**. The Pre-Trial is set on the same day and parties through their respective counsels are directed to file their respective Pre-Trial Brief before the hearing.

The Clerk of Court is directed to deliver copy of the Amended Petition and Order to the publisher News Express.

Counsels are notified of this Order in open Court.

SO ORDERED.

San Miguel, Iloilo, Philippines, June 24, 2025.

(SGD.) ALPHA SANG LAP DELGADO  
Presiding Judge

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**14<sup>TH</sup> Municipal Circuit Trial Court**  
San Miguel-Alimodian-Leon  
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ZENAIDA A. TOLENTINO,  
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ORDER

On motion by Atty. Rommel C. Bellones for the publication of the Amended Petition for Allowance of Will for Issuance of Letters Testamentary with the Will Annexed, the motion to publish the said Amended Petition is GRANTED. The previous publisher News Express is authorized to publish the Amended Petition and there being no objection from counsel for oppositors Atty. Kazper Vic Bermejo, the Initial Trial is set on **June 24, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning**.

The Clerk of Court is directed to deliver to the publisher News Express copy of the Amended Petition for its publication.

Counsels for the petitioner Atty. Rommel C. Bellones and Atty. Nestor C. Fariolan, Jr. and counsel for oppositors Atty. Kazper Vic Bermejo are notified of this Order in open Court.

Let copy of this Order be furnished the petitioner Ivy Joy Tolentino; oppositors Ma. Celia Altura and Zenaida Tolentino and the publisher News Express.

SO ORDERED.

San Miguel, Iloilo, Philippines, May 6, 2025

(SGD.) ALPHA SANG LAP DELGADO  
Presiding Judge

Republic of the Philippines  
**Sixth Judicial Region**  
Province of Iloilo  
**14<sup>th</sup> Municipal Circuit Trial Court**  
San Miguel-Alimodian-Leon  
San Miguel, Iloilo

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPROVE  
THE WILL OF REMEDIOS A. TOLENTINO  
(Deceased),

SPEC. PROC.12-23-A  
For: Petition for Allowance of Will and  
for Issuance of Letters Testamentary  
with the Will Annexed

IVY JOY A. TOLENTINO,  
PETITIONER.  
X-----X

AMENDED PETITION

PETITIONER, through the undersigned counsel, respectfully states that:

1.Petitioner, Ivy Joy A. Tolentino, is of legal age, single and a resident of Lot 319 M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo. She is the granddaughter of the testatrix, Remedios Alimeos Tolentino.

2. On March 1, 1998, Remedios A. Tolentino, of legal age, widow, who was then a resident of M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo, executed a holographic will, a copy of which is attached herein as Annex/Exhibit “B” and made an integral part hereof.

3.On May 3, 2006, the testatrix Remedios A. Tolentino died at her place of residence at East Amantillo Street, Alimodian, Iloilo, a copy of her certificate of death is attached herein as Annex/Exhibit “C” and made an integral part hereof.

4.The testator had children with Salvador Alger Tolentino, namely:

	Name	Residence Address
1.	Lourdes T. Cañonero (deceased) survived by:	
	1.1. Patrem T. Cañonero-Cajas;	Mesa, Arizona, United States of America
	1.2. Ma. Celia T. Cañonero-Altura;	Plaza Libertad, Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines
	1.3. Jun T. Cañonero	Maryland, United States of America
2.	Reynaldo A. Tolentino (deceased) survived by:	
	2.1. Eugene A. Tolentino	0013 Dao Street, East Rosario Heights, Tubod, Iligan City
	2.2. Edgar A. Tolentino	M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines
	2.3. Edmar A. Tolentino	Lot 20, Blk. 8, Imperial Subdivision 6, Guzman Street, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Philippines
	2.4. Eddie A. Tolentino;	24-02 Raphael Street, Fairlawn, New Jersey, United States of America
	2.5. Richel Anne T. Perocho	132 Hovingham Drive, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom
	2.6. Ester A. Tolentino	M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo
3.	Delia T. Amargo	Plaza Libertad, Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines
4.	Zenaida A. Tolentino	Brgy. Aganan, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines
5.	Remedios A. Tolentino-Salarda (deceased) survived by:	
	3.1. Roy Vincent T. Salarda;	United Kingdom
	3.2. Ma. Zoe T. Salarda;	Allones Street, Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines
	3.3. Ryan Sim T. Salarda;	Allones Street, Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines
6.	Rogelio A. Tolentino (deceased) survived by:	
	6.1. Tristam A. Tolentino;	Blk. 8, Lot 27, Phase 3, Corregidor Street, Mutual Homes, Muntinlupa City
	6.2. Ivy Joy A. Tolentino;	M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo
	6.3. Olga T. Zozobrado;	Phoenix, Arizona, United States of America
7.	Rosalinda T. Dajay	M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo

5.The testatrix Remedios A. Tolentino bequeathed a real property identified as Lot No. 319 located at M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines and covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-3403<sup>1</sup> with a market value of One Million Seven Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Pesos (PhP 1,742,700.00) as per Tax Declaration Number 02-0001-00784<sup>2</sup> and the house thereon with a market value of Fifty Thousand One Hundred Forty Pesos (PhP 50,140.00) as pert Tax Declaration Number 02-0001-00785<sup>3</sup>, totaling to **One Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Pesos (PhP1,792,840.00)**, to Rogelio and Lorenza Tolentino.

6. Lorenza A. Tolentino died on February 19, 2012, while Rogelio A. Toletino died on December 24, 2016. They are survived by their children namely, Tristam, Ivy Joy and Olga. Copies of their respective Death Certificates are attached herein as Annex/Exhibit “F” and “G” respectively and made integral parts hereof.

7. The holographic will of Remedios A. Tolentino did not name any executor. Section 6 of Rule 78 of the Rules of Court, provides:

*Sec. 6. When and to whom letters of administration granted.* - If no executor is named in the will, or the executor or executors are incompetent, refuse the trust, or fail to give bond, or a person dies intestate, administration shall be granted:

<sup>1</sup> Annex/Exhibit “D”.

<sup>2</sup> Annex/Exhibit “E”.

<sup>3</sup> Annex/Exhibit “E-1”.

(a) To the surviving husband or wife, as the case may be, or next of kin, or both, in the discretion of the court, or to such person as such surviving husband or wife, or next of kin, requests to have appointed, if competent and willing to serve;

(b) If such surviving husband or wife, as the case may be, or next of kin, or the person selected by them, be incompetent or unwilling, or if the husband or widow, or next of kin, neglects for thirty (30) days after the death of the person to apply for administration or to request that administration be granted to some other person, it may be granted to one or more of the principal creditors, if competent and willing to serve;

(c) If there is no such creditor competent and willing to serve, it may be granted to such other person as the court may select.

8. Petitioner respectfully prays that Letters Testamentary be issued to Ivy Joy A. Tolentino, the granddaughter of the testatrix by her son Rogelio<sup>4</sup>, a person of known probity and integrity, not having been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and who possesses all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to act as executrix of the last will and testament of Remedios A. Tolentino.

9.The testator died without outstanding debts thus, the executor will only need to execute the provisions of the will which is now in her possession.

10. During the hearing of the jurisdictional facts of this petition, oppositor Ma. Celia T. Altura, through counsel, presented documents showing that the testator was a citizen of Canada and who resided at the territory of Quebec.

11. The New Civil Code of the Philippines provides:

ARTICLE 16. Real property as well as personal property is subject to the law of the country where it is situated.

However, intestate and testamentary successions, both with respect to the order of succession and to the amount of successional rights and to the intrinsic validity of testamentary provisions, shall be regulated by the national law of the person whose succession is under consideration, whatever may be the nature of the property and regardless of the country wherein said property may be found. (10a).

<sup>4</sup> Annex/Exhibit “H”.

12. The law of succession<sup>5</sup> for citizens of Canada who are residents of Quebec provides:

TITLE FOUR

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WILLS

CHAPTER I



THE NATURE OF WILLS

**703.** Every person having the required capacity may, by will, provide otherwise than as by law for the devolution upon his death of the whole or part of his property.  
1991, c. 64, a. 703.

**704.** A will is a unilateral and revocable juridical act drawn up in one of the forms provided for by law, by which the testator disposes by liberality of all or part of his property, to take effect only after his death.  
In no case may a will be made jointly by two or more persons.  
1991, c. 64, a. 704.

**705.** The act is a will even if it contains only provisions regarding the liquidation of the succession, the revocation of previous testamentary provisions or the exclusion of an heir.  
1991, c. 64, a. 705; I.N. 2015-11-01.

**706.** No person may, even in a marriage or civil union contract, except within the limits provided in article 1841, renounce his or her right to make a will, to dispose of his or her property in contemplation of death or to revoke the testamentary provisions he or she has made.  
1991, c. 64, a. 706; 2002, c. 6, s. 40; I.N. 2015-11-01.

CHAPTER II

THE CAPACITY REQUIRED TO MAKE A WILL

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cs/ccq-1991/20170616> accessed on October 14, 2024 at 11:06 a.m. Philippine Time. Printed copy is attached as Annex/Exhibit "M".

**707.** The capacity of the testator is considered relatively to the time he made his will.  
1991, c. 64, a. 707.

**708.** A minor may not dispose of any part of his property by will, except property of little value.  
1991, c. 64, a. 708; 2016, c. 4, s. 95.

**709.** A will made by a person of full age after he has been placed under tutorship may be confirmed by the court if the nature of its provisions and the circumstances in which it was drawn up allow it.  
1991, c. 64, a. 709; I.N. 2015-11-01.

**710.** A person of full age under curatorship may not make a will. A person of full age provided with an adviser may make a will without assistance.  
1991, c. 64, a. 710.

**711.** A tutor, curator or adviser may not make a will on behalf of the person whom he represents or assists, either alone or jointly with that person.  
1991, c. 64, a. 711.

CHAPTER III

FORMS OF WILLS

DIVISION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS  
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**712.** The only forms of will that may be made are the notarial will, the holograph will and the will made in the presence of witnesses.  
1991, c. 64, a. 712.

**713.** The formalities governing the various kinds of wills shall be observed, on pain of nullity.

However, if a will made in one form does not meet the requirements of that form of will, it is valid as a will made in another form if it meets the requirements for validity of that other form.  
1991, c. 64, a. 713; I.N. 2014-05-01; I.N. 2015-11-01.

**714.** A holograph will or a will made in the presence of witnesses that does not fully meet the requirements of that form is valid nevertheless if it meets the essential requirements thereof and if it unquestionably and unequivocally contains the last wishes of the deceased.  
1991, c. 64, a. 714; I.N. 2014-05-01.

**715.** No one may cause the validity of his will to be subject to any formality not required by law.  
1991, c. 64, a. 715; I.N. 2015-11-01.

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DIVISION III

HOLOGRAPH WILLS

**726.** A holograph will shall be written entirely by the testator and signed by him, without the use of technical means. It is subject to no other formal requirement.  
1991, c. 64, a. 726; 1992, c. 57, s. 716; I.N. 2014-05-01; 2016, c. 4, s. 98.  
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13. Based on the foregoing provisions of Civil Code of Quebec, Remedios A. Tolentino may freely dispose any or all her properties by will. Furthermore, the form required under the Civil Code of Quebec for the execution of a holographic was duly complied with.

14. Under Philippine law, Article 17 of the New Civil Code of the Philippines.

The forms and solemnities of contracts, wills, and other public instruments shall be governed by the laws of the country in which they are executed.

When the acts referred to are executed before the diplomatic or consular officials of the Republic of the Philippines in a foreign country, the solemnities established by Philippine laws shall be observed in their execution.

Prohibitive laws concerning persons, their acts or property, and those which have for their object public order, public policy and good customs shall not be rendered ineffective by laws or judgments promulgated, or by determinations or conventions agreed upon in a foreign country. (11a)

The will of Remedios A. Tolentino was executed at Alimodian, Iloilo, Philippines thus, it is respectfully submitted that Article 810 of the New Civil Code is applicable, viz.

A person may execute a holographic will which must be entirely written, dated, and signed by the hand of the testator himself. It is subject to no other form, and may be made in or out of the Philippines, and need not be witnessed. (678, 688a)

15\_ Thus, the petitioner respectfully submits that the holographic will of Remedios A. Tolentino, must be approved and allowed.

16\_ The petitioner intends to present at least four (4) witnesses:

16.1. Ivy Joy A. Tolentino, who will testify on and identify the following exhibits:

Marking	Description
"A"	Petition dated March 8, 2023
"A-1"	Signature over the printed name Ivy Joy A. Tolentino
"A-2"	Petition dated March 8, 2023
"A-3"	Signature over the printed name Ivy Joy A. Tolentino
"B"	Holographic Will of Remedios A. Tolentino
"B-1"	Signature of Remedios A. Tolentino
"C"	Certificate of Death of Remedios A. Tolentino
"D"	Original Certificate of Title No. O-3403

"E"	Tax Declaration Number 02-0001-00784
"E-1"	Tax Declaration Number 02-0001-00785
"F"	Certificate of Death of Lorenza A. Tolentino
"G"	Certificate of Death of Rogelio A. Tolentino
"H"	Certificate of Live Birth of Ivy Joy A. Tolentino

a copy of her judicial affidavit was attached to the Petition dated March 8, 2023; she respectfully reserves the submission of her judicial affidavit as regards the identification of the verification of this amended petition;

16.2. Edmar A. Tolentino, who will identify the last will and testament of Remedios A. Tolentino and identify documents proving the authenticity and genuineness of the handwriting and signature of Remedios A. Tolentino:

Marking	Description
"I"	Residence Certificate No. 3892276
"J"	Rural Bank of Alimodian Discount Statement dated April 10, 1977
"K"	Rural Bank of Alimodian Discount Statement dated January 12, 1978
"L"	Special Power of Attorney dated Mary 9, 1978

petitioner reserves the submission of his judicial affidavit;

16.3. Eugene A. Tolentino who will identify the last will and testament of Remedios A. Tolentino and identify the authenticity and genuineness of the handwriting and signature of Remedios A. Tolentino, petitioner reserves the submission of his judicial affidavit.

16.4. Reserved witness (Person who will identify the authenticated copy of Civil Code of Quebec, proposed Exhibit "M".)

17\_ The petitioner respectfully reserves other witnesses in case a party appears in these proceedings to contest the allowance of the will. Section 11 of Rule 78 of the Rules of Court, provides:

Section 11. *Subscribing witnesses produced or accounted for where will contested.* - If the will is contested, all the subscribing witnesses, and the notary in the case of wills executed under the Civil Code of the Philippines, if present in the Philippines and not insane, must be produced and examined, and the death, absence, or insanity of any of them must be satisfactorily shown to the court. If all or some of such witnesses are present in the Philippines but outside the province where the will has been filed, their deposition must be taken. If any or all of them testify against the due execution of the will, or do not remember having attested to it, or are otherwise of doubtful credibility, the will may nevertheless, be allowed if the court is satisfied from the testimony of other witnesses and from all the evidence presented that the will was executed and attested in the manner required by law.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that after due notice and hearing, the will of the deceased Remedios A. Tolentino be approved and allowed, and letters of testamentary with the will annexed be issued to Ivy Joy A. Tolentino

Other reliefs just and proper in the premises are also prayed for.

Iloilo City, Philippines.  
October 14, 2024.

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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

Republic of the Philippines  
City of **QUEZON CITY** } s.s.

I, Ivy Joy A. Tolentino, of legal age, Filipino, single and a resident of M. Anas Street, Alimodian, Iloilo, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state:

1. I am the petitioner, and I caused the preparation of the foregoing amended petition and that I have read all the allegations therein and the same are true and correct of my personal knowledge and based on authentic records; and,

2. This amended petition is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; and factual allegation therein have evidentiary support, or if specifically, so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;

3. I have not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of his knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein, that if there is such other pending action or claim, I will include a complete statement of the present status thereof, and if I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I will report that fact within five (5) days therefrom to the court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency wherein this amended petition is filed.

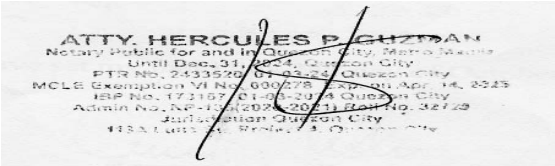
**(Sgd.) Ivy Joy A. Tolentino**  
Principal

The Principal, Ivy Joy A. Tolentino, whose name and personal circumstances are stated above, appeared in person before me this **OCTOBER 15, 2024** in the City of **QUEZON CITY**, presented the above instrument, signed the same in my presence, and affirmed or swore under oath to the truth and correctness of the contents or allegations of the same.

The Principal was personally known to me and she exhibited to me her Competent Evidence of Identity: UMID CRN 006-0116-3630-2.

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a Regular Commission Meeting held on 17 April 2024, **RESOLVED** the following matters:

“1. NGCP’s proposed Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project in the instant *Application* amounting to Two Billion Three Hundred Twenty Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Pesos and Seventy-Six Centavos (Php2,320,645,725.76) is hereby APPROVED, subject to optimization based on its actual use and verified expenses incurred during the reset process for the subsequent regulatory period, following the procedures stated in the Rules in Setting the Transmission Wheeling Rates (RTWR), as amended, and other relevant issuances of the Commission. The project cost indicated herein is solely for the purpose of determining the permit fee;

<sup>4</sup> Section 16, *Service upon defendant whose identity or whereabouts are unknown*. — In any action where the defendant is designated as an unknown owner, or the like, or whenever his or her whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, within ninety (90) calendar days from the commencement of the action, service may, by leave of court, be effected upon him or her by publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

<sup>5</sup> **ANNEX “B”** – ERC Notice of Resolution.

“x x x”

12. Given the foregoing, there is genuine necessity and urgency to immediately construct and implement the Project which is intended to accommodate the entry of the 40 MW Sibunag Wind Power Plant which will result in increased power supply and transmission towards Panay and reliability and flexibility of the grid in the area. Hence, the immediate completion and energization of the said project are critically important.

13. The Project’s route commences at NGCP’s existing Iloilo Substation in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and stretches via overhead transmission line towards theIngore Cable Terminal Station in the same barangay. It then proceeds via submarine cables towards the Sawang Cable Terminal Station inBrgy. Sawang, Buenavista, Guimaras, and continues via overhead transmission line towards the projected Zaldivar Substation in Brgy. Zaldivar, Buenavista, Guimaras, where it terminates.

14. The determination of the areas to be affected by the construction of the Project, which includes the property subject of this Amended Complaint, was the result of an in-depth study by the engineering group of the NGCP. It included the survey and re-survey of the areas to be affected and spot mapping thereof to determine the terrain, suitability of the soil, tower deflections, and other technical and social factors. The choice of the areas to be affected as well as of the path of the transmission lines is neither arbitrary nor whimsical. Varying factors are always considered, such as, but not limited to the integrity of the line and the grid, the cost, and the ease of maintenance of the transmission lines.

15. The route of the Project was established by NGCP in good faith, taking into account all the mentioned paramount technical considerations, to cause the least possible damage to the affected localities, avoiding as far as practicable urbanized, commercial and public areas, thereby making it the least burdensome to the general public and all the landowners in the area, taken as a whole. The selection of the route and the taking of the properties affected by it, including the property subject of this Amended Complaint, are in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of **Sumulong vs. Guerrero, G.R. No. 48685, September 30, 1987**, wherein it was held:

“x x x Absent a clear showing of fraud, bad faith, or gross abuse of discretion, which petitioners herein failed to demonstrate, the Court will give due weight to and leave undisturbed the [expropriator]’s choice and the size of the site for the project. The property owner may not interpose objections merely because in their judgment some other property would have been more suitable, or just as suitable, for the purpose. The right to the use, enjoyment and disposal of private property is tempered by and has to yield to the demands of the common good. x x x.” (Bracketing and replacement supplied.).

16. To fully implement and complete the project, NGCP needs to immediately take, by voluntary acquisition or expropriation, properties, or portions thereof, that are affected or traversed by the Project. It is genuinely necessary to take the properties traversed by the transmission line project because the transmission line would physically occupy the affected properties, through its construction and through its operation and maintenance after it is energized. The high voltage of electricity that would be transmitted by the transmission line requires that its transmission/power line corridor be cleared of occupants and of both natural and man-made obstacles for its proper operation and maintenance, and for the safety of people, properties and the transmission line itself. This public use of the affected properties necessitates their taking.

17. The genuine necessity and public use for which the taking of properties for the transmission line project of NGCP are in accordance with the rulings of the Supreme Court, particularly in the cases of **The Manila Railroad Company vs. Mitchell, G.R. No. 19280, March 16, 1923 (En Banc)**,<sup>6</sup> and **MORE Electric and Power Corporation vs. Panay Electric Company, Inc., G.R. No. 248061, September 15, 2020 (En Banc)**,<sup>7</sup>and **National Power Corporation vs. Benjamin Ong Co, G.R. No. 166973, February 10, 2009**.<sup>8</sup>

18. In the exercise of its right of eminent domain, NGCP intends to expropriate a portion of a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 3425**, a private property located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. As indicated in the pertinent portion of the Index Map,<sup>9</sup> the said portion of Lot No. 3425 is within the route and site of the project.

<sup>6</sup> “When the law says that private property may be taken for public use only when it is necessary for such use, it means a reasonable, not an absolute necessity. x x x.”

<sup>7</sup> “x x x Without a doubt, the provision of uninterrupted supply of electricity is a public purpose which is distinct from the general purpose of electricity distribution. Such distinct purpose is both public and genuine.”

<sup>8</sup> “x x x there is no doubt that the installation of transmission lines is important to the continued growth of the country. Electricity moves our economy; it is a national concern.”

19. **Lot No. 3425** is registered and declared in the names of Natividad Tomas Vda. de Villanueva, Glicerio T. Villanueva, married to Eva S. Villanueva, Glenia T. Villanueva, Tiburcio T. Villanueva, married to Beatriz Villanueva, Eva T. Villanueva, Esperanza T. Villanueva, Dioscoro T. Villanueva, married to Kathy Villanueva, Edison T. Villanueva, Noel T. Villanueva, married to Chachi Villanueva and Elizabeth T. Villanueva, under **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-34818**<sup>10</sup> and **Tax Declaration (TD) No. 15-04-011-00203**.<sup>11</sup>The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **4,164square meters**, more or less, as shown in the Sketch Plan<sup>12</sup> and Narrative Technical Descriptions,<sup>13</sup> and is more particularly described below, to wit:

<b>Lot No.</b>	3425
<b>TCT No.</b>	T-34818
<b>TD No.</b>	15-04-011-00203
<b>Registered and Declared Owners</b>	Natividad Tomas Vda. de Villanueva, Glicerio T. Villanueva, married to Eva S. Villanueva, Glenia T. Villanueva, Tiburcio T. Villanueva, married to Beatriz Villanueva, Eva T. Villanueva, Esperanza T. Villanueva, Dioscoro T. Villanueva maried to Kathy Villanueva, Edison T. Villanueva, Noel T. Villanueva, married to Chachi Villanueva and Elizabeth T. Villanueva
<b>Total Area</b>	28,296 sq.m.
<b>Affected Area</b>	<u>4,164 sq.m.</u>
<b>Classification</b>	Industrial <sup>14</sup>
<b>Market Value of Affected Area (Php12.00/sq.m.)</b>	(Php49,967.71)
<b>Assessed Value of Affected Area (Php1.87/sq.m.)</b>	(Php7,794.99)
<b>BIR Zonal Value of Affected Area (Php10,000.00/sq.m.)</b> <sup>15</sup>	<u>Php41,640,000.00</u>
<b>Total Amount of Compensation</b>	<b>Php41,640,000.00</b>

<sup>9</sup> **ANNEX “C”** –Portion of Index Map of the project as traversing Lot No. 3425.

<sup>10</sup> **ANNEX “D”** –Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-34818.

<sup>11</sup> **ANNEX “E”** – Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00203.

<sup>12</sup> **ANNEX “F”** – Sketch Plan for Lot No. 3425.

<sup>13</sup> **ANNEX “G”** – Narrative Technical Description for Lot No. 3425.

<sup>14</sup> ANNEX “H” – Zoning Certification.

20. To enable NGCP to construct and maintain the **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**, it is both genuinelynecessary and urgent to acquire, upon payment of just compensation, the above-described portion of Lot No. 3425, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras, as well as other parts of the country.

21. NGCP’s personnel endeavored to locate the defendants in order to negotiate with them for the acquisition of the above-described portion of Lot No. 3425 for the implementation of the project. On September 29, 2021, NGCP’s personnel went to the site of the affected area of the subject property and made inquiries with neighboring landowners and barangay officials regarding the identities of its owners. However, none of the defendants could be located despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, no negotiations could be conducted. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, NGCP has no other recourse but to file the instant case.

22. NGCP is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-describedportionof Lot No. 3425, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, any other applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall directly pay to the Government.

23. Recognizing further the urgency of the resolution of expropriation cases involving transmission lines, in OCA Circular No. 127-2021 dated 13 October 2021, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court enjoined judges to give primacy to cases that involve, among others, government expropriation, and infrastructure projects (including energy transmission projects),commercial - and economic-impact cases.

24. Moreover, an expropriation proceeding being an action *quasi in rem*,<sup>16</sup> jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. It is only required that there is jurisdiction over the res. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

<sup>16</sup> **ANNEX “I”** –Schedule of Applicable BIR Zonal Valuations.

<sup>15</sup> **Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority**, G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980, cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

25. In **NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company**,<sup>17</sup>the Supreme Court held that:

“[W]hen the case instituted is an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem*, Philippine courts already have jurisdiction to hear and decide the case because, in actions *in rem* and *quasi in rem*, jurisdiction over the person of the defendant is not a prerequisite to confer jurisdiction on the court, provided that the court acquires jurisdiction over the *res*.”

26. Again, in **Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.**,<sup>18</sup> the Supreme Court held:

“Jurisdiction over the person, or jurisdiction *in personam*—the power of the court to render a personal judgment or to subject the parties in a particular action to the judgment and other rulings rendered in the action—is an element of due process that is essential in all actions, civil as well as criminal, except in actions *in rem* or *quasi in rem*. Jurisdiction over the defendant in an action *in rem* or *quasi in rem* is not required, and the court acquires jurisdiction over an action as long as it acquires jurisdiction over the *res* that is the subject matter of the action. The purpose of summons in such action is not the acquisition of jurisdiction over the defendant but mainly to satisfy the constitutional requirement of due process.”

**ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION**

27. Section 13 of R.A. 11361<sup>19</sup> provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs NGCP’s expropriation cases.Under Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court, NGCP may already enter and possess the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,<sup>20</sup> thus:

“SEC. 2. *Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depositary.* — Upon the filing of the complaint or at any time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depositary an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depositary.”

<sup>17</sup> G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011

<sup>18</sup> G. R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013

<sup>19</sup> Section 13, R.A. 11361 provides that “Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lineshall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court.”

<sup>20</sup> **National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al.**, G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

28. Pursuant to the above Rule, NGCP shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the instant Amended Complaint, a Notice to Take Possession<sup>21</sup> upon the defendants.

29. In the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, NGCPshall deposit with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, **100% of the BIR zonal value** of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriated in the total amount of**Forty-One Million Six HundredForty Thousand Pesos (Php41,640,000.00)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

30. Upon deposit of the provisional amount, which is higher than the assessed value of the affected portion of the subject property, NGCP will have fully complied with the requirements for the issuance of a writ of possession as mandated by law.

31. In a long line of cases<sup>22</sup>and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the NGCP, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the NGCP an order to take possession of the subject property and start the implementation of the Project.

32. In the case of **Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation**,<sup>23</sup> the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. “No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x x x x. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial.”

<sup>21</sup> **ANNEX “J”** – Notice to Take Possession.

<sup>22</sup> **Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain**, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; **SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines**, G.R. No. 137537, January 28, 2000; **Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla**, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139936, November 22, 2000; **City of Manila vs. Serrano**, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; **Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili**, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; **City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi**, G. R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.

<sup>23</sup> “Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016

33. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession, and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the NGCP into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated are necessary. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28<sup>24</sup> of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures, the Order for issuance of a writ of possession needs to specifically direct the PNP to render assistance in order for the PNP to have basis to act. As such, NGCP prays that this Honorable Court also direct the PNP Officers to assist in the implementation of the Writ of Possession that will be issued.

**TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

34. NGCP intends to present at least three (3) witnesses, namely:

a) Jesse L. Asuga, Construction Project Manager, whose testimony is being presented to establish the propriety of expropriation for NGCP’s project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex “K.”**

b) Asterio B. Tubera, Regional Survey and Geotechnical Supervisor, whose testimony is being presented to establish the areas and transmission line route necessary for the construction of NGCP’s



project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex “L;”** and

c) **Jun A. Celoso**, Regional Right-of-Way Senior Associate, whose testimony is being presented to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation and the activities relating to negotiations, among others. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex “M.”**

<sup>24</sup> “28.2 – Requirements for Police Assistance. Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only, upon compliance of the following conditions:

- a. The request for police assistance is based on an order of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
- b. The written request for police assistance shall be signed by the Sheriff or equivalent officer in quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
- c. The request is filed at least five (5) working days prior to the actual implementation; and
- d. The original document of the final decision/order/resolution must be presented. In the absence of the same, a copy duly authenticated by the Clerk of Court or other authorized representative of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative body will suffice.”

35. NGCP intends to introduce the following as documentary evidence:

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>“A”</u>	<u>ERC Notice of Resolution</u>
<u>“B”</u>	<u>Sketch Plan</u>
<u>“C”</u>	<u>Narrative Technical Description</u>
<u>“D”</u>	<u>Portion of Index Map</u>
<u>“E”</u>	<u>Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-34818</u>
<u>“F”</u>	<u>Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00203</u>
<u>“G”</u>	<u>Zoning Certification</u>
<u>“H”</u>	<u>Certified Schedule of Applicable Zonal Valuations</u>

NGCP reserves its right to present additional testimonial and documentary evidence as circumstances may require during trial.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, NGCP most respectfully prays for this Honorable Court to:

1. ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in NGCP's favor:
- a) Authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of Lot No. 3425, subject of this Amended Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, as described in paragraphs 18 and 19 hereof.

b) Ordering the demolition of affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any.

c) Ordering all defendants to vacate the same.

d) Directing the PNP to assist the NGCP in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case, and

e) If necessary, allowing NGCP to have temporary access in going to the area subject of the Amended Complaint while the construction of the Project is on-going;
2. ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that NGCP has a lawful right to take and condemn to public use the subject portion of Lot No. 3425sought to be expropriated, consisting of 4,164 square meters, more or less, as specified in paragraphs 18 and 19 of this Amended Complaint;
3. After the determination of just compensation, ISSUE a **Judgment**:
- a) Authorizing NGCP to pay to the defendants the amount of just compensation fixed after deducting the provisional deposit, capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall pay to the Government;

b) Declaring NGCP as the lawful owner of the portion of Lot No. 3425, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 4,164square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 18 and 19 hereof;

c) Directing the Registry of Deeds for the City of Iloilo, to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation and Judgment on TCT No. T-34818, and, upon application by NGCP, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name of NGCP over the portionof Lot No. 3425, sought to be expropriated herein, free of all liens, encumbrances and other matters annotated on TCT No. T-34818, and without the need for the presentation of the owner's duplicate copy of the said certificate of title; and

d) Directing the City Assessor of Iloilo, to cancel Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00203, and toissue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of NGCP over the portionof Lot No. 3425sought to be expropriated herein.

NGCP prays for other reliefs just and equitable under the premises.

Quezon City for Iloilo City, 16th January, 2025.

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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, **ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state:

1. I am the Regional ROW Manager, Visayas Right-of-Way Division (VROWD), of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);

2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate dated 22 July 2021 hereto attached as **Annex “N;”**

3.I caused the preparation of the foregoing Amended Complaint. I have read the foregoing Amended Complaint and I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge or based on authentic records on file. It is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;

4.I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact to this Court within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, in Cebu City, Philippines.

**(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS**  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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**NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,**

*Plaintiff,*

*-versus-*

**NATIVIDAD TOMAS VDA. DE VILLANUEVA, ET AL.,**

*Defendants.*

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NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

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**M.B. (Moscoso Banusing) Lending Corporation**  
Industrial Zone, E. Lopez Ave., 150 Ungka I, Pavia, Iloilo

**Trustees, stockholders, creditors and other interest-holders of the M.B. (Moscoso Banusing) Lending Corporation of unknown identities and whereabouts, and all other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 3425, located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City**

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over specific areas of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. 3425**, situated in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. The property is registered and declared in the names of Natividad Tomas Vda. de Villanueva, Glicerio T. Villanueva, married to Eva S. Villanueva, Glenia T. Villanueva, Tiburcio T. Villanueva, married to Beatriz Villanueva, Eva T. Villanueva, Esperanza T. Villanueva, Dioscoro T. Villanueva, married to Kathy Villanueva, Edison T. Villanueva, Noel T. Villanueva, married to Chachi Villanueva and Elizabeth T. Villanueva under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-34818** and **Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00203**.

The affected area of the subject property, which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Amended Complaint, and will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**.

NGCP shall deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Kalibo, Aklan, the provisional amount of **Forty-One Million Six Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (Php41,640,000.00)**, equivalent to the current BIR zonal value of the affected area of the subject property.

Further, please be informed that the plaintiff and/or its representatives shall enter and take possession of the subject property immediately after the Honorable Court issues the Writ of Possession in compliance with the law and Rules. Likewise, NGCP will no longer pay any improvements that will be introduced in the subject property after receipt of this Notice.

**January 16, 2025.** Cebu City for Iloilo City, Philippines.

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