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The Professional Regulatory
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ATTENTION : **ATTY. ARSENIO C. CABRERA, JR.**

ATTY. ALNAIZA T. HASSIMAN

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION RE PROVISIONS OF R.A. No. 9266 (THE ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004) & ITS IRR**

REFERENCES : 1) Request for Legal Opinion dated 09 August 2007 (postmarked 13 August 2007 and first read by the PRBoA Chairman on 22 August 2007); documents submitted for PRC review 28 August 2007; advise received by the PRBoA from the Secretary of the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) on 12 September 2007; and 2) Sec. 44 of **R.A. No. 9266** (The Architecture Act of 2004) & its IRR including the 2006 Code of Ethical Conduct; 3) R.A. No. 8981 (PRC Modernization Act of 2000) & its IRR

Dear Attys. Cabrera & Hassiman,

Warm greetings from the **Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture** (the "**PRBoA**") and thank You for Your letter of 09 August.

The **PRBoA** thereafter reviewed **R.A. No. 9266**, its IRR & derivative regulations in relation to Your letter and is transmitting herewith the applicable provisions for guidance.

The PRBoA was unable to respond much earlier as it needed to first ascertain which entity must render the opinion i.e. whether it should be the **PRBoA**, the Professional Regulation Commission (**PRC**) or the Department of Labor and Employment/**DoLE** (under which the **PRC** was placed in mid-2006). The **PRBoA** is under the administrative control and supervision of the PRC by virtue of **R.A. No. 8981** (PRC Modernization Act of 2000) and its IRR.

Just today, the undersigned received advice during a meeting with the PRC Secretary of the Professional Regulatory Boards (**PRBs**) that the **PRBoA** may render the requested opinion, as follows:

In view of the foregoing, the PRBoA suggests that the opinion from either the PRC or the DoLE be awaited by Your office before officially advising Your Client.

Thank You very much.

Yours sincerely,
for the PRBoA

Armando N. Alli
Chairman

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attachments: 1) August 9, 2007 Letter from the Herrera Teehankee Faylona & Cabrera
Law Offices
2) Applicable Excerpts from:
a) R.A. No. 9266 (Architecture Act of 2004);
b) IRR of R.A. No. 9266; and
c) 2006 Code of Ethical Conduct (part of the IRR of R.A. No. 9266)

cc : 1) Office of the PRC Chairperson; (Leonor T. Rosero);
2) Office of the PRC Secretary of the PRBs (Atty. Carlos Almelor);
3) Office of the Chief, PRC Legal & Investigation Division (Atty. Pharson Mamalo); and
4) PRC-appointed Lawyer for the PRBoA (Atty. Dofel Singayan).