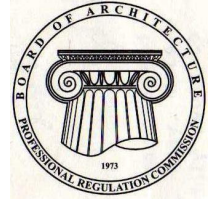




Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila

**The Professional Regulatory
Board of Architecture
(PRBoA)**



Your Ref:

Our Ref: 07_PRBoA-103

29 November 2007

**LEANDRO V. LOCSIN PARTNERS (LVLP)
ARCHITECTS**

ATTENTION : **ARCHT. EDGARDO L. LEDESMA**
Managing Partner

SUBJECT : **PORTION OF LVLP INQUIRY DEALING WITH INTERIOR
DESIGN SERVICES MUST BE RULED UPON BY THE
PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF INTERIOR DESIGN
(PRBoID)**

REFERENCES : 1) PRBoA Letter dated 26 November 2007 (PRBoA Reference No. 07_PRBoA-102;
2) Leandro V. Locsin Partners (LVLP) letter to the Professional Regulation Commission/ PRC Chairperson (Hon. Leonor Tripon-Rosero) thru the Chairman of the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture/ PRBoA (Hon. Armando N. Alli) dated 13 November 2007 (received/ first read by the PRBoA Chairman 20 November 2007); and
3) 22 November 2007 tele-conversation between the PRBoA Chairman and Architect Mae M. Cruz, LVLP Partner

Dear Sir,

Warm greetings from the **Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture** (the "PRBoA")! Thank You for Your letter of inquiry addressed to both the PRBoA and the PRC, entities tasked with implementing R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004), its implementing rules and regulations (IRR) and derivative regulations.

On the matter of the portion of Your inquiry dealing with **interior design** services, please be advised that these are covered by a separate law, **R.A. 8534 (The Philippine Interior Design Act of 1998)**, and that the matter should be properly ruled upon by the **Professional Regulatory Board of Interior Design (PRBoID)**, chaired by Mr. Jose Ma. G. Hubilla. If the intended scope of Your foreign consultant is indeed **interior design** as defined under **R.A. 8534**, then the **PRBoA** must refer Your letter to the **PRBoID** or You may elect to write the **PRBoID** separately.

Please be also advised that R.A. No. 9266 (effective 10 April 2004) only addresses the matters of **architectural interiors, space planning, architectural lay-outing and utilization of spaces** within buildings of structures and **building programming**, under its Secs. 4. (g) and 14.(3).

While the same are repeated under the IRR of R.A. No. 9266 (effective 01 December 2004), Sec. 3. (19) of the IRR also defines **architectural interiors** as "detailed planning and design of the **indoors/ enclosed areas** of any proposed building/ structure, including retrofit or renovation work and which shall cover **all** architectural and utility aspects, including the architectural lay-outing of all building engineering systems found therein;" (*emphasis supplied*). The term **architectural program** is also mentioned in the definition of the term architectural Documents under Sec. 3. (18) of the IRR of R.A. No. 9266.

The PRBoA therefore qualifies its statement in its previous letter dated 26 November 2007, as follows:

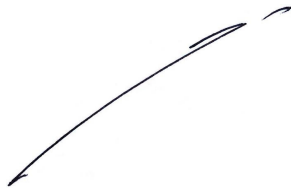
"LVLP may proceed with the limited engagement only of the individual foreign architect/s under HOK employ, **but only for architectural and building programming, space planning, architectural lay-outing of all building engineering systems and architectural interiors, as defined under R.A. No. 9266 and its IRR.** If complied with by LVLP, no legal impediment is foreseen in the interim, **insofar as R.A. No. 9266, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and derivative regulations are concerned.**"

The PRBoA trusts that sufficient qualification and clarification have been made.

Thank You very much.

Yours sincerely,

The Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture
(the "PRBoA")



ARMANDO N. ALLI
Chairman

cc : Offices of the PRC Chairperson, Chief of the PRC Legal and Investigation Division and Secretary of the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs)

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