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31 October 2008

**Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI), Inc.**

Chino Roces Ave. cor. Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City, 1263 Metro Manila

ATTENTION : **Mr. Isagani Yambot, Publisher**  
**M. Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, Editor in Chief**  
THROUGH : **M. Nancy C. Carvajal & Michael Lim Ubac, Writers**  
SUBJECT : **Use of the Word "Architect" and its Deliberate  
Association with a Major Wrongdoing**  
REFERENCE : second (2nd) paragraph of the PDI Front Page Story under the  
title "Bolante to undergo more tests, says doctor" today,  
Friday, 31 October 2008, as authored by the above-named writers

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames,

Warm greetings from the **Professional Regulatory Board of  
Architecture (PRBoA)**!

The **PRBoA** would like to call the attention of the **PDI** to the  
unfortunate, if not potentially poor choice of word/s in the above  
front page story, describing Mr. Joc-joc Bolante as "xxx the  
purported architect of the P728-million fertilizer fund scam xxx".

Architecture is a noble and several millennia old profession,  
presently practiced by duly qualified, state-regulated natural  
persons who are steeped in ethical practices. To associate the word  
"**architect**" with a major wrongdoing is a signal dishonor to the  
countless men and women who lawfully practice/d the profession.

If any wrongdoing is to be cited by the **PDI**, maybe it should  
be those that are continually done by the tens of thousands of  
natural and juridical persons who **illegally practice** the profession  
of architecture in the country, to the obvious disadvantage of the  
people who mistakenly repose trust on such entities.

The **PRBoA** hopes this letter finds print in the **PDI Opinion**  
section to promptly correct any possible misimpression created by  
the subject front page story. The **PRBoA** also hopes that the word  
"**architect**" is never again loosely associated by **PDI** writers with  
wrongdoing. Thank You very much for Your continued support of the  
Philippine registered & licensed architects (**RLAs**).

Yours sincerely,  
**for the PRBoA**  
**ORIGINAL SIGNED**  
**Armando N. ALLÍ**  
**Chairman**

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03 November 2008

**ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation**

Quezon City, Metro Manila

ATTENTION : **M. Maria Rosario N. Santos-Concio**  
President, COO & Director  
**Ms. Maria Ressa**  
Managing Director, News & Current Affairs/ ANC

SUBJECT : **Use of the Word "Architect" and its Deliberate  
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REFERENCE : 1)ABS-CBN Radio Patrol broadcast c. 7:00 p.m. (Tue, Oct 28) of a  
story about Mr. Joc-joc Bolante, as read by Mr. Julius Babao; and  
2)ANC Eye on Your Week broadcast c. 5:15 p.m. (Sat, Nov 01) of a  
story about Mr. Joc-joc Bolante, as read by Ms. Lia Andanar Yu

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If wrongdoings are ever cited by the **ABS-CBN BC/ ANC**, maybe it  
should be those that are continually done by the tens of thousands of  
natural and juridical persons who **illegally practice** the profession of  
architecture in the country, as well as the public entities who condone,  
if not promote the continuing violation of **R.A. No. 9266** (Architecture Act  
of 2004 and its IRR), to the obvious disadvantage of the general public.

The **PRBoA** hopes that the word "**architect**" is never again  
loosely associated with wrongdoing/s, by **ABS-CBN BC/ ANC** news-  
writers. We earnestly anticipate Your full support of the approx.  
8,000 Philippine registered & licensed architects (**RLAs**) and of the  
approx. 23,000 Philippine registered architects (**RAs**).

Yours sincerely,

**for the PRBoA**

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

**Armando N. ALLÍ, Chairman**

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