



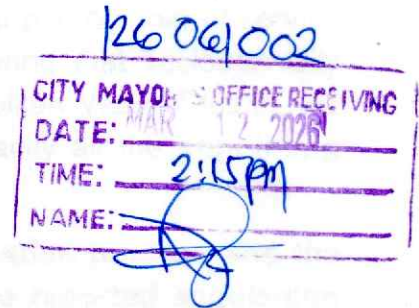
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**HON. ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ**

City Mayor  
Tacloban City



**Subject: Request for the Attention of the Appointing Authority on the Unresolved Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate the LMWD-PrimeWater Joint Venture Agreement**

**Dear Mayor Romualdez:**

Greetings.

We respectfully bring to your attention a matter of significant public interest concerning the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) between the Leyte Metropolitan Water District (LMWD) and PrimeWater Infrastructure Corporation, which relates to the delivery of water services to consumers within the LMWD service area.

In its reply dated **3 March 2026**, LMWD confirmed that it issued a **Notice of Material Breach to PrimeWater Infrastructure Corporation on 5 May 2025**, followed by a **Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate the Joint Venture Agreement on 17 July 2025** (*Letter Attached*).

From the standpoint of consumers and stakeholders, the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate represents a significant regulatory action, reflecting the determination of the contracting authority that the concessionaire had failed to comply with its service commitments under the Joint Venture Agreement, including the obligation to provide reliable and continuous water supply to consumers.

However, we understand that approximately **eight (8) months** have elapsed since the issuance of the said Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate, and the matter appears to remain unresolved. At the same time, LMWD confirmed that it was formally notified on **26 January 2026** of the reported transfer of ownership or control involving the concessionaire.

These developments understandably raise questions among consumers and stakeholders regarding the status of the pre-termination process and the future of the concession arrangement, particularly in light of continuing concerns relating to intermittent water supply conditions in several areas of the LMWD service area.

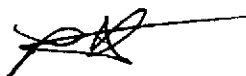
Considering that, under **Section 6 of Presidential Decree No. 198 (the Provincial Water Utilities Act)**, the members of the Board of Directors of a water district are appointed by the mayor of the city or municipality with the largest number of service connections within the district's service area, and considering that Tacloban City constitutes the principal service area of the Leyte Metropolitan Water District, we respectfully bring this matter to your attention in your capacity as the **appointing authority of the LMWD Board of Directors**.

Stakeholders believe that the **resolution of the pre-termination process and the appropriate response of the contracting authority to the reported acquisition involving the concessionaire are matters of significant public interest**, as these developments may directly affect the structure and delivery of water services within the LMWD service area.

In this regard, we respectfully hope that your office may take note of the circumstances surrounding this matter and encourage the timely and transparent resolution of the issues relating to the Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate issued on 17 July 2025, so that the interests of water consumers and the integrity of the concession arrangement may be fully safeguarded.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



**PETRONILO "Pete" L. ILAGAN**  
Chairman and CEO

**Attachments:**

-Copy of LMWD Letter Reply dated 3 March 2026

**Copy furnished:**

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