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HON. JOY SALONGA

Administrator
Local Water Utilities Administration
Katipunan Avenue, Diliman
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Subject: Information on Developments Concerning the LMWD–PrimeWater Joint Venture Agreement and the Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate Issued by the Leyte Metropolitan Water District

Dear Administrator Salonga:

Greetings.

We respectfully bring to your attention recent developments 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 within the LMWD service area.

On **12 March 2026**, we transmitted a communication to the Board of Directors of the Leyte Metropolitan Water District requesting decisive action on the Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate the Joint Venture Agreement and clarification regarding the reported transfer of ownership involving the concessionaire.

This communication was issued in response to the **LMWD reply dated 3 March 2026**, which confirmed that the water district had previously 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**.

From the standpoint of consumers and stakeholders, the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate reflects the determination of the contracting authority that the concessionaire had failed to fulfill certain service commitments under the Joint

Venture Agreement, including obligations relating to the reliability and continuity of water supply services within the LMWD service area.

However, based on the information presently available, **approximately eight (8) months have already elapsed since the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Pre-Terminate**, and the matter has yet to reach a clear resolution.

The same communication from LMWD further indicated that the water district had been **formally notified on 26 January 2026 of a reported acquisition or transfer of ownership involving the concessionaire**.

These developments understandably raise questions among consumers and stakeholders regarding the present status of the concession arrangement and the future direction of water service delivery within the communities served by the Leyte Metropolitan Water District.

The reply from LMWD likewise indicated that certain obligations under the Joint Venture Agreement, including the **implementation of septage management services**, remain unfulfilled and have been cited as part of the violations attributed to the concessionaire. Considering the importance of wastewater management to environmental protection and public health, this aspect of the matter highlights the broader regulatory and public interest involved.

In view of the supervisory and regulatory functions of the **Local Water Utilities Administration** over local water districts pursuant to **Presidential Decree No. 198**, we respectfully share this information for your awareness.

We trust that the involvement and guidance of LWUA, as the sector regulator, remain essential in ensuring that the interests of consumers are protected and that the governance of water districts continues to uphold transparency, accountability, and reliable public service delivery.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



PETRONILO "PETE" L. ILAGAN

Chairman and CEO

Attachments

1. Copy of PH Haiyan Letter dated 12 March 2026 addressed to LMWD
2. Copy of LMWD Reply dated 3 March 2026

Copy furnished

Hon. Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson Philippine Competition Commission
Hon. Arturo N. Salazar, OIC RED DENR VIII

Hon. Alfred S. Romualdez, City Mayor of Tacloban
Hon. Raymund Romualdez, Vice Mayor of Tacloban
The Honorable City Councilors of Tacloban
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