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SUBJECT : **THE PRBoA POSITION ON THE SIGNING OF**
ARCHITECTURAL DOCUMENTS BY REGISTERED/ LICENSED
CIVIL ENGINEERS (CEs)

Dear Madam Chairperson,

Warm greetings! The **Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture** ("PRBoA") is transmitting herewith its **Position Paper** concerning the present practice of Civil Engineers (CEs) of preparing, signing and dry-sealing **architectural** documents.

Due to the sensitivity of the material found in the document and its attachments and so that unauthorized copies may **not** fall into the wrong hands or used for purposes **not** intended (including the filing of potentially misguided contempt of court charges), the material is directly transmitted to the office of PRC Chairperson in only one (1) hardcopy (to be reproduced by the PRC Chairperson for the duly designated PRC readers/ reviewers).

To facilitate the process of evaluating the positions of the PRBoA and of the **Professional Regulatory Board of Civil Engineering** ("PRBoCE") on the issue of civil engineers ("CEs") preparing, signing and sealing **architectural** documents, a **separate position paper** should be submitted by the PRBoCE directly to the PRC.

While the PRBoCE may cite the 24 May 2005 preliminary injunction on Secs. 304.3 and 304.4 of the 2004 Revised IRR of the National Building Code of the Philippines, the PRBoCE may need to be constantly reminded that those sections only concern building permit documents for submission as part of the building permit application. Those IRR (executive issuance) sections covered by the injunction do **not** govern the practice of the architectural and civil engineering professions; only RA 9266 and RA 544, as amended by **RA 1582** do. Moreover, there is **no** injunction on RA 9266, a law that has been in

effect since 10 April 2004. During almost three (3) years of RA 9266's effectivity, the CEs continue to violate RA 9266 with impunity, a critical issue which has to be addressed by the PRC.

As the PRBoCE is already very familiar with the issue, it is entirely up to the PRC whether or not the Commission still needs to furnish the PRBoCE a copy of the PRBoA position paper (in whole or in part). To facilitate the resolution of the issue, the PRBoA suggests that the PRBoCE submit its paper **independently** i.e. without reacting to the PRBoA paper.

Should the Commission decide to furnish the PRBoCE a copy of the PRBoA position paper (in whole or in part) however, the PRBoCe may need to be promptly advised that this is a purely **internal** PRC matter to be resolved **within** the confines of the PRC in consultation with the PRBoA and the PRBoCE (the "**regulators**"). As the matter need **not** involve the APOs (the "**regulatees**"), particularly the PICE, **which has not merited 2007 APO accreditation by the PRC**, all documents pertaining to the issues raised should therefore be confined **within** the four walls of the PRC.

As with the resolution of the signatory to "subdivision" plans on the basis of PD 1308 (Environmental Planning law), this matter of designating the sole, legal and rightful signatory to **architectural** documents likewise has to be resolved **internally** at the PRC on the basis of standing laws and without the intervention of private interest groups such as the **regulatee** APOs.

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,

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