

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD**  
**Technical Support Office**  
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**NPM No. 37-2004**(A)

March 26, 2004

**MR. ERNESTO S. SAN JOSE**  
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee  
PNOC Exploration Corporation  
PNOC Energy Companies Bldg.,  
Meritt Road, Fort Bonifacio  
Makati City

**Re : List of Pre-selected Consultants with Expertise in Coal Development and Mining**

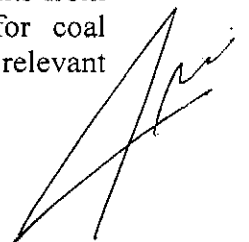
Dear Mr. San Jose:

This refers to your letter dated March 22, 2004, which we received through facsimile on even date, requesting for a list of pre-selected consultants with expertise in coal development and mining for the conduct of the Alternative Method of Procurement through Limited Source Bidding under Republic Act No. 9184 ("R.A. 9184") and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A ("IRR-A"), particularly, Section 49 thereof, which is quoted hereunder to wit:

**" x x x The pre-selected suppliers or consultants shall be those appearing in a list maintained by the relevant Government authority that has expertise in the type of procurement concerned, which list should have been submitted to, and maintained updated with, the GPPB. x x x "**  
(Emphasis Supplied)

In connection with your concerns, we appreciate your efforts to comply and implement the procurement rules and regulations introduced under R.A. 9184 and its IRR-A, specifically the invitation to bid from a list of pre-selected suppliers or consultants with known experience and proven capability on the requirements of the project, which should be submitted to and maintained by the Government Procurement Policy Board ("GPPB"). However, we wish to inform your office that no such list has been submitted to and maintained by the GPPB as of date.

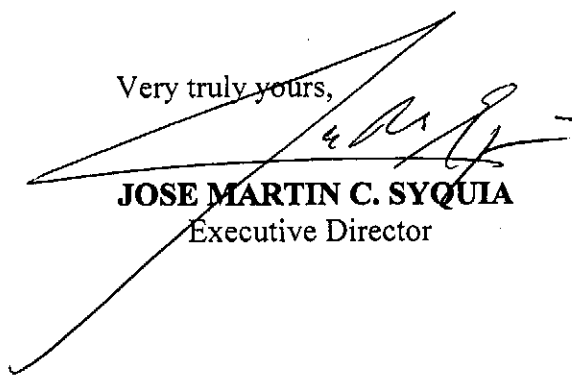
Accordingly, in order to prevent delay, inconvenience or hiatus in your procurement of the aforesaid project, your office may, in the meantime, secure the list of consultants from a relevant government authority which has expertise in consulting services for coal development and mining. If upon diligent search and inquiry, you find that no relevant



government authority maintains such list, your office must confer with and seek advice from the Confederation of Filipino Consulting Organizations Inc. ("COFILCO") for assistance. In the absence of such list from COFILCO, then your office may draw up its own list of consultants engaged in this kind of project.

We trust that this clarifies matters.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is slanted upwards from left to right and appears to be the name 'Jose Martin C. Syquia'.

**JOSE MARTIN C. SYQUIA**  
Executive Director

RESPONSE SHEET FOR PHONE OPINIONS

PhO No. 019-2004

Date Received/Date Called : March 22, 2004

Requesting Agency : PNOC Exploration Corporation

Contact Person : Mr. Ernesto San Jose (BAC Chairman)

Issues/Requests : List of pre-selected consultants with expertise in coal development & mining.

Response : No existing list of pre-selected suppliers maintained by GPPD as of date. The agency may use their list of suppliers.

Remarks : Letter requested.

Assigned to: Donnis

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March 24, 2004

**MR. ERNESTO S. SAN JOSE**

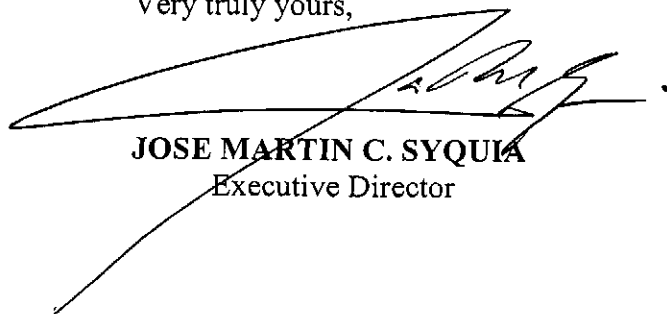
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We wish to inform you that we shall respond to your concerns either through phone or in writing at the earliest possible opportunity, or raise the same to the Government Procurement Policy Board for appropriate resolution should referral thereto becomes necessary.

Very truly yours,



**JOSE MARTIN C. SYQUIA**  
Executive Director