



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila

2nd Indorsement
Manila, October 30, 2008

Respectfully returned to the Office of the Hon. MANUEL B. GAITE, Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs, Office of the President, regarding the Letter-Request dated August 28, 2008 of Cleofas O. Maceda of the Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers (PSME)

Please be informed that the Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers (PSME) is the integrated organization of all mechanical engineers (APO) accredited by the Commission. This organization is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as non-stock, non-profit corporation. As a private professional organization, the PSME is totally independent from any form of interference from the PRC in the conduct of its internal affairs especially on matters relating to its general membership and the manner of electing its national officers and board of directors.

The PRC was informed by the leadership of PSME that an intra-corporate dispute between the *Purissima-Vosotros* Wing and the *Cleofas Maceda* Group is presently pending before Branch 90 of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City entitled "*Cleofas O. Maceda, et al., vs. Vicente Vosotros, et al.*" docketed as Civil Case No. Q-06-164, wherein the validity of the election of the group of Vosotros, to whom the former Chairperson of PRC, Leonor Tripon-Rosero has extended recognition, is still pending resolution by the said court.

Moreover, it is not PRC's mandate under R.A. 8981, otherwise known as the PRC Modernization Act, to give legal imprimatur to an election of any professional organization such as PSME. Neither does the PSME's By-Laws require the PRC's involvement in the election of PSME to give it an impression of legality. Otherwise, any future legitimate issue on the election of the PSME officers before the court can be easily disregarded by PRC by simply sending a representative to witness an election of professional organization at the instance of a contending group within the same organization.

Incidentally, the Commission was furnished copies of Memorandum Circular No. 142 signed by Executive Secretary Eduardo R. Ermita dated September 12, 2007 which in effect recognized the activity undertaken by the PSME under the wing of Cleofas Maceda and etter dated September 13, 2007 addressed to Cleofas Maceda and signed by Marianito M. Dimaandal of the Office of the President over the same subject matter. Please see attached copies of the said documents for your ready reference.



It is the ardent desire of the Commission to be an instrument to promote cohesion and unity among the members of PSME by taking the position of complete neutrality on the dispute between and among the members of the PSME.

It is therefore the recommendation of the Commission through my Office that it should leave to the court the resolution of the aforesated intra-corporate dispute between the two contending groups within the PSME. Furthermore, the PRC shall respect the desire of the parties as expressed and manifested in court and embodied in a court order to conduct their respective activities/conventions unhampered and free from any interference from the Commission in order to maintain the peace and tranquility within the ranks and general membership of the PSME.

Respectfully submitted.


NICOLAS P. LAPENA, JR.
Chairperson

Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

Manila, September 13, 2007

HON. MA. CLEOFAS O. MACEDA
National President
Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers
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Madam :

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Memorandum Circular No. 142 dated September 12, 2007 entitled "AUTHORIZING ALL MECHANICAL ENGINEERS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO ATTEND THE 55TH PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (PSME) ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION ON OCTOBER 15-18, 2007 ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS".

Very truly yours,


MARIANITO M. DIMAANDAL
Director III
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Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 142

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The Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers will hold its 55th Annual National Convention and 4th International Expo on Mechanical Engineering on October 15-18, 2007 at the Megatrade Hall, Megamall, Mandaluyong City;

In this connection, Mechanical Engineers in various government agencies and local government units, state colleges and universities and government owned and controlled corporations, are hereby authorized to attend the above-mentioned Convention **on official time only**, at no cost to the government except payment of their salaries, provided such attendance will not adversely affect the functions of their respective offices as well as the delivery of services to the public.

By authority of the President:


EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

Manila, 12 September 2007

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