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Dear Hon. Arribas,

Greetings of Peace!

The undersigned writes for and in behalf of the Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers, Inc. ("PSME") and thank you for giving us your precious time by reading this letter. Indeed, an attention from a man of your distinction is by itself, already an honour and accolade on our part.

The PSME is the sole bonafide Accredited Professional Organization (APO) for mechanical engineers by the Professional Regulation Commission ("PRC") and the Professional Regulatory Board for Mechanical Engineering pursuant to Republic Act No. 8495 or the "Philippine Mechanical Engineering Act of 1998". It has and maintains its National Office at PSME Building, No. 19 Scout Bayoran Street, Quezon City and with our Satellite Office at Ground Floor, KB Arizona Tower, 838 P. Campa Street, Sampaloc, Manila. The PRC Recognition letter and other pertinent documents to PSME are enclosed herein for your reference.

This is to inform you that PSME Central Region Saudi Arabia ("CRSA") Chapter is our legitimate and authorized PSME Chapter duly recognized by the 2017 PSME National Board headed by Engr. Jay A. Roces as its 2017 Chapter President. Furthermore, we wish to categorically state that as of this date and for the foreseeable future, our PSME CRSA will continue its function as the designated Chapter of PSME National.

We vehemently deny and condemn the alleged insinuation that our PSME CRSA Chapter has been allegedly "delisted" and such action was meant to destabilized our PSME National Organization was done by a small faction of our organization which was involve in the PSME election fraud as affirmed by Manila RTC Branch 24 and malversation of PSME funds. This group with address at P. Paredes is connected with the former PRC Commissioner Alfredo Y. Po who has been charged in various courts including the Sandiganbayan for civil and criminal offenses.

True to its commitment as the APO for mechanical engineers, the PSME has, throughout the years, engaged in activities to pursue excellence in its concerned field and supported its members through various programs meant to enhance their profession and care for their professional welfare. As a matter of Policy, our National Board has never practiced the "mandatory Delisting" of PSME Chapters, but rather adopted the "WIN - WIN" scheme wherein Chapters could be combined and/or transferred to enhance their effectiveness in serving our mechanical engineers. Our PSME Chapters are duly authorized to issue Certificates of Good Standing for mechanical engineers.

At this juncture, the PSME entreats your priceless and instrumental support and assistance to our

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PSME CRSA chapter by recognizing their status as the legitimate chapter of our organization and moreso, as the true and rightful representative-organization of the mechanical engineering profession.

Be that as it may, we have strongly stood for the sake of the integrity of the whole PSME organization, by magnanimously encouraging the members of this "Paredes" group to re-integrate themselves to PSME, not only because our organization is the lone APO that can certify their good standing as mechanical engineers pursuant to the relevant provisions of Republic Act 8981 but in view likewise of the nobler purposes of our profession.

From the foregoing, it cannot be denied that the PSME has been embarking on several undertakings to advance the interests of its members and the profession; to clear and enlighten the minds of the misinformed; and to obtain legal remedies when the rule of justice becomes imperative.

In pursuing these goals, we express our staunch belief in a strong partnership between the government and PSME not only for the advancement of mechanical engineers in the Philippines but also to significantly contribute in nation building, both in the domestic and international scene. Hence, in the case of our chapters in Middle East our organization is continuously fostering a more resilient relationship with the good Embassies of the Philippines and your good self, as the representative of our government in Riyadh. We are aware of your reputation of valiantly championing diverse causes of Filipinos in Middle East, as such, we have no doubt you will be of great help to our CRSA Chapter members.

In culmination, we would like to assure you with our organization's continuous pledge to unceasingly work for the wellbeing and prosperity of the Filipino mechanical engineers in their chase for excellence and recognition, and in the perpetual hope that our achievements, either individually or collectively, will merit gains and benefits to our beloved Motherland and its people.

Mabuhay!

Very respectfully yours,

LEANDRO A. CONTI

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