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Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter dated June 24, 2010, directing us to comment on the news article entitled "BenguetCorp eyes P686-M capex for 10-yr project" posted on Business Mirror online space on June 23, 2010, quoted in part as follows:

"DAVAO CITY – A Benguet Corp. (BC) executive said the company plans to pursue a new trend in mining of extracting gold and other metals not only from the concession areas, but also from the ponds holding the waste tailings or ores kept there for several years, as a waste depository.... We are only trying to establish our marketing and financing sources for the project," he said, citing a capital-expenditure need of \$15 million, or roughly around P686 million at a steady exchange rate of P47 to US dollar......

Please be advised that the article appears to be based on the presentation made by our Senior Vice President for Mining and Technical Services, Mr. Marcelo A. Bolaño, during the Philippine Society of Mining Engineers (PSEM)'s Mining Engineers Convention 2010 last June 9-11, 2010 at Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City. The presentation referred to our Balatoc Tailings Project (BTP) which is for the reprocessing of the impounded tailings of the Company's Benguet Gold Operations (BGO) for recovery of residual gold. This has been the subject of our previous disclosures to the PSE/SEC and the most recent of which, is in the 2010 First Quarter Report of the Company. As for the adverted project cost of BTP estimated at P686-M, we confirm that based on our study and financial assumption, capex is P686-M for the basic gold plant only.

We hope that we have clarified the above matter to your satisfaction.

Very truly yours,

BENGUET CORPORATION

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