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OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

IPOPHL MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-012

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL ADVISORY ON IPOPHL SERVICES RE MEDIATION

WHEREAS, in light of the Enhanced Community Quarantine imposed from 16 March 2020 to 15 May 2020, the IPOPHL issued Memorandum Circulars 2020-06 up to 2020-11 providing guidelines for the continued delivery of its services;

WHEREAS, under Memorandum Circular No. 2020-11, all hearings including mediation are suspended up to 15 May 2020;

WHEREAS, under Section 4 of the Rules of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings, as amended provides that *"The mediation proceedings shall be conducted within the IPO offices. Upon the request of both parties, the Mediation Head may authorize the mediation to be conducted at any other venue, provided all related expenses, including transportation, food and accommodation, shall be borne by both parties. If change of venue is requested by one party, it must be with the other party's conformity in which case they shall agree on the terms of handling the expenses."*;

WHEREAS, an agreement on the part of the parties to conduct the mediation through online meetings/conferences may be considered an agreement on the venue of the mediation within the purview of Sec. 4 of the Rules of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings;

WHEREAS, allowing the conduct of mediation through online meetings/conferences ensures the safety and convenience of the parties including the mediators, and the continuance of delivery of mediation services during the Enhanced Community Quarantine and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE,

Parties to pending mediation proceedings may file online request to conduct the mediation through online meetings/conferences. The request shall be addressed to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (luwin.delaconcha@ipophil.gov.ph), copy furnished the Director of the Bureau of Legal Affairs (nathaniel.arevalo@ipophil.gov.ph). The request shall be evaluated and processed in accordance with Sec. 4 of the Rules of Procedure in IPO Mediation.

This Memorandum Circular modifies section 2 of Memorandum Circular No. 2020-11 and shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until further notice.

Issued this 4th of May, 2020, Taguig City.


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