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**MS. MALOU C. MANGAHAS**

*Executive Director*

Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism

Dear Ms. Mangahas:

Many thanks for your letter of 23 April 2009 regarding your request for some information regarding A.D. Gonzales Jr. Construction and Trading Co. and BPDG Construction and Trading.

1. A.D. Gonzales Jr. Construction and Trading Co. Inc. was first given a license to operate as a General Building Contractor by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) on 30 October 1987 while BPDG Construction and Trading acquired its license on 02 March 1993. As Category A and B contractors, respectively, both firms maintain the required number of personnel necessary to be granted the PCAB license. As such, the two firms participated and were awarded various contracts from government and private entities.
2. The contracts mentioned in your letter were all awarded prior to 30 June 2007, the day Rep. Gonzales took oath as Congressman of Pampanga's 3<sup>rd</sup> District. From the time the Congressman assumed office, up to the present, both companies have not participated in any government bidding and no contract has been awarded to either firm.
3. We're not sure as to when the SEC revoked the company's certificate of registration for its non-submission of the Commission's reportorial requirements. However, this was only brought to our attention recently, when the Congressman initiated the divestment of his shares of stock in the Company. The non-submission of the required documents to SEC was not intentional but due to inadvertence. Our legal officer's query with the SEC reveals that the company's registration can still be reinstated provided the appropriate penalties are paid and a petition to lift the order of revocation is filed with the Commission.

Again, thank you and we hope we have sufficiently provided answers to your queries.

Sincerely,

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