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Supreme Court  
Manila

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**MS. MALOU MANGAHAS**  
Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Mangahas,

In response to the inquiry in your letter dated May 25, 2010, I write, in behalf of Justice Diosdado M. Peralta, to inform you that Catalina M. Peralta Realty and Development Corp. is a small family corporation established by his mother, Catalina M. Peralta, after the death of his father, Judge Elviro L. Peralta, in late 2004, with himself, his mother, brother, sister, and the eldest child of his deceased brother as incorporators. The same was established in order to prevent the dissipation of the modest savings and acquisitions of his parents, for the benefit of their children and grandchildren.

I trust that this matter will be treated with your highest standard of good journalism.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Josephine C. Yap".

**ATTY. JOSEPHINE C. YAP**  
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