

PCIJ Interview Guide

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As of July 2, 2018

Note: On June 5, 2018, we visited the office CLTG Builders and Alfrego Builders in Davao City. The owners were not present. We also sent letters on the same day. CLTG and Alfrego have not responded to the requests for comment despite multiple follow-up calls and emails, as of July 2, 2018.

1. Our review of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) data shows that CLTG Builders is one of the top contractors in the Davao Region. A secon company, Alfrego Builders & Supply, has also won DPWH contracts.

The rise of CLTG Builders as the principal contractor of some of the biggest projects in Davao coincides with the allotment of more money for roads in the region. Davao Region is the most blessed in civil-works projects among all regions in the country with an allocation of over P43.7 billion in 2017.

CLTG Builders bagged a total of P1.85 billion worth of infrastructure projects for the entire region from July 2010 to December 2017. This has yet to include the P2.7 billion worth of contracts won by CLTG through joint ventures with four other contractors, including Alfrego Builders. In total, CLTG won P4.6 billion worth of projects in the past seven years, more than half which was won just last year.

You are the son of Mr. Deciderio Go, the owner of CLTG Builders, and the half-brother of Mr. Alfredo Go, the owner of Alfrego Builders & Supply. CLTG and Alfrego had secured all their contracts while you were serving as executive assistant of former Davao City Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte, and since June 30, 2016, as presidential assistant of President Duterte.

By most indications, CLTG and Alfrego could have been favored as contractors in the bailiwick of the Dutertes with whom you have worked closely since 1998. People on ground typically refer to the projects of the two companies as "projects ni Sec Bong Go." Please comment.

2. An analysis of records from the DPWH and the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) also shows that CLTG and Alfrego do not have the capacity to implement most of the projects they've won in 2017, the year when DPWH Region XI budget more than doubled. Nonetheless, the records also show that CLTG and Alfrego entered into joint ventures with bigger contractors. All of these joint venture projects are still incomplete, as of April 30, 2018, or well beyond the projects' deadline for completion. Deciderio Go is listed as the authorized managing officer of these joint ventures. *Please refer to the list in Annex A below.*

Are you personally aware, or have been informed by your father and half-brother about these joint-venture contracts, and why these had all met with implementation delays?

To the best of your knowledge, what is the status of the projects awarded to the companies owned by your father and half-brother? Why did CLTG and Alfrego take on so many projects that they could not implement on their own and within project deadline?

3. President Rodrigo R. Duterte has expressed frustration over unfinished projects. In a January 2018 speech in Davao City, he ordered the DPWH to tell contractors to finish delayed projects in 30 days or have their contracts cancelled.

Davao is one of the regions with a significant number and value of incomplete projects. The region, which had the biggest allocation last year, posted a -2.05 delay rate in 2017. Of the 876 projects bidded out in Davao last year, 186 are still ongoing, while three have yet to start.

Is the President aware of this situation? Is the president aware that the contractors who have not completed the projects are closely related to you? How do you plan to address this problem?

4. Multiple sources privy to procurement activities in Davao say backroom deals are happening in order for certain contractors to corner contracts. Our sources say that CLTG Builders is among these contractors. Our sources also tell us that CLTG gets contracts and then transfers these to other contractors after getting a 10 to 30 percent share of project cost. Please comment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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ANNEX A: Status of Projects, CY 2017, as of April 30, 2018

Source: DPWH

Three W Builders and CLTG Builders

Contract ID	Contract Name	Contract Cost	Contractor	Accomplishment Rate
17L00055	Concreting/Widening/Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika Road ? Mudiang ? Malagamot ? Indangan ? Cabantian ? Tigatto Road Including Reconstruction of Mudiang Bridge and RROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 1)	151,067,751.45	Three W Builders Inc. / CLTG Builders	49.54
17L00056	Concreting/Widening/Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika Road ? Mudiang ? Malagamot ? Indangan ? Cabantian ? Tigatto Road Including RROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 2)	115,322,093.28	Three W Builders Inc. / CLTG Builders	53.34
17L00057	Concreting/Widening/Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika Road ? Mudiang ? Malagamot ? Indangan ? Cabantian ? Tigatto Road including RROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 3)	112,216,519.91	Three W Builders Inc. / CLTG Builders	52.41
17L00065	Widening / Reconstruction / Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika ? Licanan ? Bunawan ? Mahayag ? Indangan ? Cabantian ? Jct. Davao City	160,457,549.22	Three W Builders Inc. / CLTG Builders	59.73

	Diversion Road (Buhangin ? Lapanday Road) Including ROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 5)			
17L00067	Widening / Reconstruction / Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika ? Licanan ? Bunawan ? Mahayag ? Indangan ? Cabantian ? Jct. Davao City Diversion Road (Buhangin ? Lapanday Road) Including ROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 7)	139,340,238.01	Three W Builders Inc. / CLTG Builders	67.96

St. Gerrard Construction Gen. Contractor & Development Corp. and CLTG Builders

Contract ID	Contract Name	Contract Cost	Contractor	Accomplishment Rate
17L00041	Widening/Reconstruction/ Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika-Licanan-Bunawan-Mahayag-Indangan-Cabantian-Jct. Davao City Diversion Road (Buhangin-Lapanday Road) Including Reconstruction into 4 lanes of San Isidro Bridge 2 and ROW, Davao	187,995,006.09	St. Gerrard Construction Gen. Contractor & Development Corp. (Formerly:St. Gerrard Construction) / CLTG Builders	70.26
17L00042	Widening / Reconstruction / Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika ? Licanan ? Bunawan ? Mahayag ? Indangan ? Cabantian ? Jct. Davao City Diversion Road (Buhangin ? Lapanday Road) Including Reconstruction into 4 lanes of San Isidro Bridge	177,323,532.17	St. Gerrard Construction Gen. Contractor & Development Corp. (Formerly:St. Gerrard Construction) / CLTG Builders	79.25
17L00043	Widening/Reconstruction/ Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika-Licanan-Bunawan-Mahayag-Indangan-Cabantian-Jct. Davao City Diversion Road (Buhangin-Lapanday Road) including ROW, Davao City(Package 3)	112,789,240.50	St. Gerrard Construction Gen. Contractor & Development Corp. (Formerly:St. Gerrard Construction) / CLTG Builders	71.19
17L00075	Reconstruction / Concreting / Widening of Slaughter House Road ? until F. Torres Bridge Including Widening of F. Torres Bridge and RROW, Davao City 1st LD (Package 3)	154,631,530.56	St. Gerrard Construction Gen. Contractor & Development Corp. (Formerly:St. Gerrard Construction) /	66.49

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17L00152	Construction / Widening / Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Davao City Diversion Road ? Tigatto Road ? Jct. Davao City Diversion Road Including Construction of Davao River Bridge II and RROW, Davao City 2nd LD ? Site A (Package 3)	245,671,071.37	St. Gerrard Construction Gen. Contractor & Development Corp. (Formerly:St. Gerrard Construction) / CLTG Builders	28.58

CLTG Builders and Rely Construction & Supply

Contract ID	Contract Name	Contract Cost	Contractor	Accomplishment Rate
17L00144	Widening / Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika ? Licanan ? Bunawan ? Mahayag ? Indangan ? Cabantian ? Jct. Davao City Diversion Road (Buhangin ? Lapanday Road) Including ROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 8)	180,517,721.44	CLTG Builders / Rely Construction & Supply	64.36

Alfrego Builders & Supply and CLTG Builders

Contract ID	Contract Name	Contract Cost	Contractor	Accomplishment Rate
17L00142	Reconstruction/Widening/Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika ? Eliong ? Jct. Acacia Road Including RROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 1)	91,303,253.48	Alfrego Builders & Supply / CLTG Builders	52.71
17L00143	Reconstruction / Widening / Improvement of Bypass Road at Jct. Daang Maharlika ? Eliong ? Jct. Acacia Road Including RROW, Davao City 2nd LD (Package 2)	89,238,300.43	Alfrego Builders & Supply / CLTG Builders	59.98