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Attention: **MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION**  
Head, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

Further to our filing of the Certification of Independent Directors on 12 November 2018, we write to submit to the Exchange the consularized copy of Mr. George Y. Sycip's Certification.

We trust that you will find the attached document in order.

Very truly yours,

**PAXYS, INC.**

By:

  
**MAYETTE H. TAPIA**  
Corporate Information Officer



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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Before me, **RAQUEL R. SOLANO**, *Deputy Consul General* of the Republic of the Philippines for Northern California, Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared on 06 November 2018:

**GEORGE EDWIN SYCIP**

is known and known to me to be the same person/s who executed the attached instrument, and being apprised of its contents, acknowledged that the same is of his/her/their own free will and deed.

This Consulate General assumes no responsibility for the contents of said document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Consulate General on November 06, 2018.

*Raquel R. Solano*  
**RAQUEL R. SOLANO**  
*Deputy Consul General*

Annexed document is a/an **CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR**

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GEORGE Y. SYCIP

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_,  
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## MATERIAL PENDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

(1) Victory Fund Limited, Harvest All Investment Limited, Bondeast Private Limited, and Hedy S. C. Yap Chua (collectively, “**Complainants**”), who are minority stockholders of Alliance Select Foods International, Inc. (“**Alliance**”), filed a complaint against Jonathan Y. Dee, Alvin Y. Dee, Joanna Y. Dee-Laurel, George E. SyCip, Teresita Ladanga, Grace Dogillo, Arak Ratborihan, Raymond See, Marie Grace Vera Cruz, and Antonio Pacis (collectively, the “**Respondents**”) who were or still are directors and/or officers of Alliance, for Syndicated *Estafa* and Falsification of Public Documents before the Office of the City Prosecutor in Manila (“**OCP-Manila**”). Respondent Jonathan Dee, *et al.* filed a counter-charge for Perjury against Hedy Yap-Chua. The OCP-Manila dismissed both complaints (*i.e.*, Syndicated *Estafa* and Falsification of Public Documents charges, and the Perjury counter-charge) through a *Joint Resolution* dated July 12, 2016. The Complainants then filed a *Petition for Partial Review* dated August 29, 2016 in the Department of Justice (“**DOJ**”) which was denied in the DOJ’s *Joint Resolution* dated March 31, 2017.

The Complainants filed a *Motion for Partial Reconsideration* dated April 17, 2017, which the DOJ granted in its *Joint Resolution* dated March 27, 2018. The DOJ affirmed the dismissal of the Complainants’ charges of Syndicated *Estafa* and Falsification of Public Documents against the Respondents but found probable cause to charge the Dees, George SyCip, Teresita Ladanga, Grace Dogillo, and Arak Ratborihan with simple *Estafa* under paragraph 2(a), Article 315 of the Revised Penal Code.

Mr. SyCip received the March 27, 2018 Resolution on April 5, 2018. He filed a timely *Motion for Reconsideration* on April 15, 2018 to dispute the factual and legal findings of the DOJ. The *Motion for Reconsideration* has not been resolved.

Meanwhile, the Complainants filed a *Petition for Certiorari* dated May 25, 2018 in the Court of Appeals questioning the DOJ’s ruling affirming the dismissal of the Complainants’ charges of Syndicated *Estafa* and Falsification of Public Documents against the Respondents. Mr. SyCip filed his *Comment* dated September 19, 2018 on the Petition.

The OCP-Manila wrote to DOJ Undersecretary Deo L. Marco seeking clarification on the latter’s directive to file criminal *Informations* charging Jonathan Dee, *et al.*, including Mr. SyCip, with simple *Estafa*. The OCP-Manila said it “cannot not find any act constituting the said offense or any single offense or any single element thereof that might have happened or occurred in the City of Manila.”

Undersecretary Marco agreed that the essential elements of the alleged crime were not committed in the City of Manila but were supposedly committed in Makati and Pasig. He thus ordered the OCP-Manila to transfer the records to the Office of the City Prosecutor of Makati (“**OCP-Makati**”), which was directed to file criminal *Informations* for simple *Estafa* against Jonathan Dee, *et al.*, including Mr. SyCip. As of October 3, 2018, Undersecretary Marco’s directive was reportedly still being reviewed by the OCP-Makati for appropriate action.

(2) On February 13, 2014, Dr. Albert Hong Hin Kay acting in his personal capacity and on behalf of three foreign corporations which are all stockholders of Alliance Select Foods International, Inc. (“**Alliance**”), filed a complaint against Mr. SyCip and Alliance’s Assistant Corporate Secretary, Atty. Annsley Bangkas, for alleged violation of the complainant corporations’ right to inspect under Secs. 74 and 75, in relation to Sec. 144, of the Corporation Code. The case was titled *Harvest All Investment Limited, et al. v. Annsley Bangkas, et al.* and initially docketed as I.S. No. XV-14-INV-14B-00503 at the Office of the City Prosecutor in Pasig (“**OCP-Pasig**”).

Thereafter, the same foreign corporations filed on March 11, 2014 another criminal case for alleged violation of the right to inspect, this time against the following members of the Board: Mr. SyCip, Jonathan and Alvin Dee, and Ibarra Malonzo. The case was titled *Harvest All Investment Limited, et*

*al. v. George SyCip, et al.* and initially docketed as I.S. No. XV-14-INV-14C-00974, at the OCP-Pasig. These cases were consolidated and transferred to the DOJ and re-docketed as NPS Docket Nos. XVI-INV-15B-00033 (formerly I.S. No. XV-14-INV-14B-00503) to 00034 (formerly I.S. No. XV-14-INV-14C-00974). These cases were initially dismissed by the DOJ. However, the DOJ later reversed its previous rulings through its *Resolution* dated December 4, 2017 and found probable cause to indict Mr. SyCip and his co-respondents. Mr. SyCip filed a *Motion for Reconsideration* dated December 19, 2017 which is currently pending resolution.

At the same time, Albert and Hedy Yap-Chua filed a petition for inspection of Alliance's corporate books and records before the Regional Trial Court of Pasig on May 12, 2014. The petition, titled *Hedy S. C. Yap-Chua, et al. v. George E. SyCip, et al.*, is docketed as Commercial Case No. 14-219 (the "**Civil Inspection Case**") and is currently pending before Branch 161 of the Regional Trial Court of Pasig. The Civil Inspection Case is also based on the same Inspection Request in the above-stated criminal cases.

As a result of the issuance of the DOJ Resolution dated December 4, 2017, two (2) Informations for violation of Sec. 74 in relation to Sec. 144 of the Corporation Code were filed in January 2018 before the Metropolitan Trial Court of Pasig ("**MeTC Pasig**"). The criminal cases, titled *People of the Philippines v. Amsley Bangkas, et al.*, are docketed as Criminal Case Nos. M-PSG-18-00148-CR to 00149-CR and were raffled to Branch 72 of the MeTC-Pasig. The MeTC-Pasig issued an *Order* dated February 23, 2018 finding that there is probable cause for the issuance of warrants of arrest against all of the accused including Mr. SyCip and directed the issuance of such warrants. However, the trial court failed to rule on a previously filed *Motion to Suspend Due to a Prejudicial Question* in relation to the Civil Inspection Case.

Mr. SyCip received his copy of the February 23, 2018 Order, through counsel, on April 11, 2018. He filed a *Motion for Reconsideration* dated April 16, 2018 of the order. During the hearing, the court gave the public prosecutor ten (10) days to file his comment on the motion.

The arraignment of the accused was previously scheduled on May 15, 2018. On that date, the court rescheduled the arraignment to June 15, 2018 due to the incidents that still remained pending. Subsequently, June 15, 2018 was declared a national holiday and so the court rescheduled the arraignment to September 11, 2018.

On September 11, 2018, the court again reset the arraignment to November 12, 2018 due to the pending incidents, which include Mr. SyCip's April 16, 2018 *Motion for Reconsideration*. The court also ordered the public prosecutor anew to file his comment on the motions for reconsideration, including Mr. SyCip's April 16, 2018 *Motion for Reconsideration*.