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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
DENR Regions IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, X and XIII

THE DIRECTORS
Land Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE RE: APPLICATION FOR
TENURIAL INSTRUMENTS, PERMITS AND CLEARANCES OF
CONVERGE ICT SOLUTIONS INC. FOR THE PROPOSED
CONVERGE DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE NETWORK
(CDSCN) PROJECT**

DATE : **OCT 23 2020**

This pertains to the herein attached letter dated 16 October 2020 of Secretary Gregorio B. Honasan II, Department of Information and Communications Technology endorsing the letter dated 13 October 2020 from Mr. Dennis Anthony H. Uy, President and CEO of Converge ICT Solutions Inc. regarding the above-mentioned subject. Attached also is the follow up letter 21 October 2020 from Mr. Uy submitting the locations of the proposed CDSCN projects vis-à-vis the needed regulatory documents from this Department.

Converge ICT Solutions Inc. is the grantee of a congressional franchise under RA No. 9707 "An Act Granting the Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Telecommunications Systems throughout the Philippines". Their project, CDSCN, once installed will interlink the islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao using state-of-the-art pure fiber optic facilities. This will enable the government to fulfill its mandate to provide every community across the country equal access to telecommunication services.

Relative to this, you are hereby instructed to immediately check the submitted list of projects and provide the necessary assistance in order to fast track issuance of the regulatory documents from our Department in the soonest time possible. Regularly update this Office on the progress of their application, for record and monitoring purposes.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, *CESO I*

Cc: OSEC
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MR. DENNIS ANTHONY H. UY

President and CEO of Converge ICT Solutions Inc.
2F Reliance IT Center Main Bldg.
99 E. Rodriguez Jr., Ave., Bo. Ugong, Pasig City

Dear Mr. Uy:

This pertains to your letter dated 13 October 2020 which was indorsed by Hon. Gregorio B. Honasan, Secretary of the Department of Information and Communication Technology in his letter dated 13 October 2020 to Secretary Roy A. Cimatu regarding the request for assistance on the applications for tenorial instruments, permits and clearances for your proposed Converge Domestic Submarine Cable Network (CDSCN) Project. Accordingly, the said project will interlink the islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao using state-of-the-art pure fiber optic facilities which enable the government to fulfill its mandate to provide every community across the country equal access to telecommunication services.

We would like to thank you for sending your follow up letter dated 21 October 2020 submitting the locations of the proposed CDSCN projects vis-à-vis the needed regulatory documents from this Department.

Relative to this, the undersigned has instructed the concerned Regional Offices and Bureaus of this Department to immediately check the submitted applications/list of projects and to provide the necessary assistance in order to fast track the issuance of the requested regulatory documents.

Rest assured that we will do everything in our mandate to help you implement your project.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, *CESO I*

Cc: Secretary Roy A. Cimatu
DENR

Secretary Gregorio B. Honasan II
DICT



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**Indorsement from Information and Communications Technology Secretary
Gregorio B. Honasan II to Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy A.
Cimatu regarding the attached letter from Converge ICT Solutions Inc.,
requesting for assistance in the issuance of necessary permits and clearances
for the installation of the Converge Domestic Sub-Marine Cable Network
(CDSCDN)**

1 message

DICT Office of the Secretary <osec@dict.gov.ph>

To: ohea.denr@gmail.com

Cc: dnvillafuerte@metroworksict.com, mtchua@metroworksict.com

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 9:26 PM

ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City,
1100 PhilippinesDear **Secretary Cimatu**:

Greetings from the Department of Information and Communications Technology
(DICT)!

The Department respectfully endorses, for your appropriate action, the herewith attached Letter, dated 13 October 2020, from Dennis Anthony H. Uy, President and CEO of Converge ICT Solutions Inc., regarding their request for assistance in the issuance of necessary permits and clearances for the installation of the Converge Domestic Sub-Marine Cable Network (CDSCDN), a submarine fiber optic cable that will interlink the islands of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao using state-of-the-art pure fiber optic capabilities for a more reliable internet connection service.

In this regard, Converge respectfully requests the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in securing the necessary permits and clearances for the said Project.

We hope for your kind consideration on this matter. Advice of the action taken hereon direct to the party concerned, copy furnished this office, shall be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

GREGORIO B. HONASAN II

Secretary

2 attachments

 **ILt to DENR re CONVERGE request for assistance on the issuance of DENR permits for its ICT
Deployment-DS.pdf**
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 **CONVERGE_DENR.pdf**
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October 21, 2020

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Attention: HONORABLE ROY A. CIMATU
Secretary

Dear Hon. Secretary Roy Cimat, 4:20 PM
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Greetings from Converge!

Our company, **Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions Inc. ("Converge ICT")** is a corporation duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). It is a grantee of congressional franchise under Republic Act No. 9707, *"An act granting Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain telecommunications system throughout the Philippines."* It has likewise obtained from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) a Provisional Authority to install, operate and maintain a nationwide wired and wireless broadband network in the Philippines and to offer broadband communications services and ancillary services.

Converge plan to install a submarine fiber optic cable to interlink islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The submarine fiber optic cable is to be known as the **CONVERGE DOMESTIC SUBMARINE CABLE NETWORK (CDSCN)** which will provide connectivity within the Philippines.

On 19 October 2020, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) from the Office of the Secretary, Hon. Gregorio B. Honasan II issued a request letter for your assistance in the securing the necessary permits and clearances for the Project from your good office.

In line with this, we would like to inform you that our permitting contractor (Fleet Marine Cable Solutions Inc.) is currently undertaking the following DENR permits and have completed most of the LGU permits.

The following permits are ongoing:

1. Under Environment Management Bureau (EMB) ECC for;
 - a) Region 4B
 - Roxas, Mindoro
 - Taytay, Palawan
 - Coron, Palawan
 - b) Region 5
 - Pasacao, Camarines Sur
 - Milagros, Masbate
 - Masbate City
 - c) Region 6
 - Boracay, Malay, Aklan
 - Roxas City, Capiz
 - Leganes, Iloilo

- Talisay, Negros Occidental
 - San Carlos, Negros Occidental
 - Toledo, Cebu (filed at EMB R6)
- d) Region 7
- Bacong, Negros Oriental
 - San Remegio, Cebu
 - Naga, Cebu
 - Bogo, Cebu
 - Tagbilaran, Bohol
 - Baclayon, Bohol
- e) Region 8
- Ormoc City, Leyte
- f) Region 10
- Cagayan de Oro
- g) Region 13
- Buenavista, Agusan Del Norte
2. Tenurial instruments (Special permits)
- h) Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) under Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) for Manoc-manoc, Boracay, Malay, Aklan site.
- i) Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) Clearance and Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) under the Tanon Strait Protected Seascape (TSPS) for San Remegio, Toledo, San Carlos (Region 6 and Region 7)
- j) Verde Island Passage MPAN Endorsement under Biodiversity Management Bureau - Coastal Marine Division (BMB-CMD) for San Juan, Batangas and Roxas, Mindoro
- k) Miscellaneous Lease Application (MLA) under Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) for Ormoc City, Leyte
- l) Endorsement for Temporary Permit for Foreshore Lease Agreement (FLA) if necessary

Due to the current pandemic situation, there has been many challenges we encountered in securing the aforementioned permissions. Thus, we are requesting for your kind assistance and consideration to expedite the approval of the ongoing permits and the issuance of temporary permits so we can be able to implement the submarine project commencing December 2020.

Rest assured that our contracting agent will be task to complete all the necessary permits.

Should you need to contact us, you may reach the following representatives:

1. Mr. Norberto Pascual – +63 967 230 1400
2. Ms. Benlybeth Dagohoy – + 63 906 228 0921 / 0933 854 2691

We hope for your preferential attention on this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MR. DENNIS ANTHONY H. UY
President and CEO



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

16 October 2020

ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, 1100 Philippines

Dear **Secretary Cimat**:

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We hope for your kind consideration on this matter. Advice of the action taken hereon direct to the party concerned, copy furnished this office, shall be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

GREGORIO B. HONASAN II

Secretary



Copy furnished:

DENNIS ANTHONY H. UY

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16 October 2020

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October 13, 2020

HONORABLE GREGORIO B. HONASAN II
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
C.P. Garcia Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Thru: ELEAZAR H. ALMALBIS JR.
Undersecretary for Special Concerns

Dear Hon. Secretary Gregorio Honasan,

Greetings from Converse!

Our company, **Converse Information and Communications Technology Solutions Inc. ("Converse ICT")** is a corporation duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). It is a grantee of congressional franchise under Republic Act No. 9707, *"An act granting Converse Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain telecommunications system throughout the Philippines."* It has likewise obtained from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) a Provisional Authority to install, operate and maintain a nationwide wired and wireless broadband network in the Philippines and to offer broadband communications services and ancillary services.

Converse intends to install a submarine fiber optic cable, known as **"CONVERGE DOMESTIC SUB-MARINE CABLE NETWORK (CDSCN)"**, that will interlink the islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao using state-of-the-art pure fiber optic facilities. This initiative is in response to the national government mandate towards providing every community across the country equal access to telecommunications services. Specifically, it will provide reliable internet connection service, especially in this time of pandemic, to employees who are working from home, students who are into e-learning, and everyone who engages in internet-based activities.

In line with this, we would like to secure from your good office urgent endorsement of our project to the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) for the issuance of necessary permits and clearances for the said project.

Hoping for your favorable endorsement on this matter.

Very truly yours,



DENNIS ANTHONY H. UY
President and CEO

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