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**MR. MARK WOODWARD**

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World Bank

Ortigas Center, Pasig City

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED CEBU BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

Dear **Acting Country Director Woodward**,

This refers to the letter of former Country Director Bert Hofman to Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) Secretary Mar Roxas and Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama dated 24 August 2011, copy furnished to this Department, regarding the proposed Cebu Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Demonstration Project.

We take note that the said joint preparation mission discussed an institutional arrangement for project preparation of Cebu BRT and identified the availability of up to US\$1 million grant from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) for this purpose. We understand that DOTC and the joint Preparation Mission discussed that the grant will be used to prepare the feasibility study and preliminary design, develop an appraisal report and prepare a formal stakeholder involvement/communications plan, among others, for the said project.

Furthermore, in the letter of DOTC Undersecretary Rene K. Limcaoco to this Department dated 29 September 2011, DOTC informed us of your discussion on the option of World Bank to serve as the Executing Agency of the said CTF preparation grant due to the following reasons: (i) limited experience of DOTC as well as the Cebu City government to provide necessary support for the preparation studies; (ii) the Bank's international experience on BRTs and access to a wide group of specialists to better guide the preparation studies; and (iii) competing demands on the management capacity of DOTC due to latter's the priority projects in line with the government's PPP program.

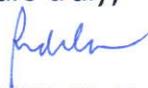
In line thereof and per the request of the Department of Transportation and Communications, we would like to formally request the World Bank to be the executing agency to administer the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) grant for the project preparation of the Cebu BRT Demonstration Project. We hope that the collaboration of the Bank with DOTC, the Cebu City Government and this Department will enable us to

move forward with the project, in recognition also of the urgency of mobilizing the CTF preparation grant.

For coordination purposes, please contact this Office at telephone number 523-9911 or facsimile number 523-9216.

We highly appreciate the World Bank's consideration in the foregoing request. Thank you and best regards.

Yours truly,



**ROSALIA V. DE LEON**

*Undersecretary*

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