



Republic of the Philippines
Presidential Electoral Tribunal
Manila

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Tribunal issued a Resolution dated **OCTOBER 5, 2016**, which reads as follows:*

"P.E.T. Case No. 005 (Ferdinand 'Bongbong' R. Marcos, Jr. vs. Maria Leonor 'Leni Daang Matuwid' G. Robredo).- The Tribunal Resolved to

(a) **NOTE** the Letter dated September 22, 2016 of Atty. John Gerald B. Dela Cruz, Division Clerk, First Division, Commission on Elections (COMELEC), and **GRANT** his request for authority for the temporary prior custody of (i) the ballot boxes and the contents therein, recount of ballots and other election documents or paraphernalia, including the data storage devices used in the May 9, 2016 Elections for the position of Mayor of Talisay City, Negros Occidental, in all the ninety-seven (97) clustered precincts therein, relative to EPC No. 2016-21 (*Sheila Y. Saratan versus Nilo Jesus Antonio Neil E. Lizares III*) and (ii) ballot boxes and the contents therein, recount of ballots, other election documents or paraphernalia, including the lists of voters such as the Election Day Computerized Voter's List (EDCVL), Voter's Registration Record (VRR) and Book of Voters (BOV), as well as the data storage devices used in the May 9, 2016 Elections for the position of Mayor of Marawi City in the therein enumerated clustered precincts relative to EPC No. 2016-31 (*Omar 'Solitario' M. Ali versus Majul U. Gandamra*);

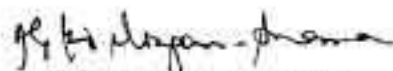
(b) **NOTE** the Letter dated September 27, 2016 of Commissioner Christian Robert S. Lim, Project Director, 2016-AES Project, COMELEC, informing the Court that the COMELEC has approved the request of Smartmatic TIM 2016, Inc. (SMTI) for the release of one thousand three hundred fifty-six (1,356) units of vote counting machines (VCMs) which were delivered to the COMELEC for contingency purposes during the last May 9, 2016 National, Local and ARMM Elections since the said units were not actually deployed and/or used during the said Elections; that the COMELEC considers the said VCMs as not within the scope of the Precautionary Protection Order issued by the Tribunal and,

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accordingly, intends to begin releasing the same on October 26, 2016; and that the COMELEC shall allow the parties and their representatives to observe the preparations for the release of the said units and shall hold a briefing at the Training Room, 2nd floor, Building 2, JAM Liner Warehouse, Barangay Pulong, Sta. Cruz, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, on October 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the protocol to be observed during the said release; and

(c) **NOTE** the Entry of Appearance with Motion dated September 29, 2016 filed by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), entering its appearance as counsel for the COMELEC and **GRANT** its prayers for (i) service of copies of all pleadings, appearances, motions, notices, orders and documents relative to the instant proceedings on the COMELEC through the OSG at the latter's address and (ii) an additional period of ten (10) days from October 3, 2016, or until October 13, 2016 within which to file a reply to the comment on the Letter dated August 10, 2016.* Sereno, C.J., on official business. Brion, J., on leave. (2)

Very truly yours,


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