



DIGITEL

DIGITAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
PHILIPPINES, INC.

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ATTY. PETE M. MALABANAN

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Dear Atty. Malabanan:

We write in relation to the letter sent through PSE ODiSy today, January 5, 2009 requesting our Company to comment on the veracity of the information contained on the newspaper article under the title "Digitel not exempt from real tax - Court" which was published in today's issue of the Manila Standard. The article reported in part that:

"The Supreme Court said the Gokongwei-owned Digital Telecommunications Philippines, Inc. is not exempt from paying real property tax imposed on it by a local government. In a 31-page en banc decision penned by Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, the high tribunal affirmed the May 2, 2002 decision of the Batangas City Regional Trial Court Branch 8 that Digitel's franchise does not exempt it from paying real estate taxes x x x."

We would like to inform the Honorable Exchange that as of this date, we have not yet been served with a copy of the Supreme Court decision on the case filed by DIGITEL against the City Government of Batangas. However, a copy of the decision is already posted in the official website of the Supreme Court. In said decision, the Supreme Court indeed affirmed the May 2, 2002 and November 19, 2002 Orders of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 8, Batangas City, that Digitel is not exempted from the payment of real property taxes.

We trust that you will find the foregoing in order.

Very truly yours,


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Corporate Secretary