



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**  
Intramuros, Manila

**NOTICE OF AWARD**

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Attention : **SHARON DE GUZMAN**  
Company Representative

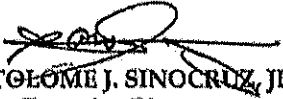
Dear Maám:

Greetings!

On behalf of the Commission *En Banc*, pursuant to Office of the Commission Secretary Memorandum No. 220111 dated 20 January 2022, the undersigned hereby **AWARDS** the Procurement Project, *Courier Service to Deliver Election Equipment, Peripherals, Forms, Supplies and Paraphernalia from Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in London, U.K. to the Commission on Elections, Philippines* to your company, with the following details, viz:

Project Description	Qty.	Total Contract Price
Courier and packing services for the return shipment (via sea cargo) of election equipment, peripherals, paraphernalia, records and materials used in 2019 and past elections from Philippine Embassy, London, U.K. to the Commission on Elections, Philippines	1 lot	GBP 2,630.00 (USD 3,945.00)

\_\_\_\_\_, Intramuros, Manila.

  
**BARTOLOME J. SINOCRUZ, JR.**  
Executive Director

CONFORME: 

**SHARON DE GUZMAN**

Name & Signature of Company's Representative

Date: 15/2/2022



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PASUGUAN NG REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
LONDON

NOTICE TO PROCEED

17 February 2022

Dear Ms. De Guzman,

Please be informed that, pursuant to the Notice of Award, issued and signed by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Executive Director, Mr. Bartolome J. Sinocruz, Jr., your firm, **Highlight Express International Ltd.**, is hereby given this Notice to Proceed to provide Courier Service to deliver Election Equipment, Peripherals, Forms, Supplies and Paraphernalia from Embassy of the Republic of Philippines in London, U.K. to the Commission on Elections, Philippines, in total contract price of **Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Pounds Sterling (GBP2,630.00) or Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five U.S. Dollar (USD3,945.00)** VAT exempt, inclusive of all other applicable taxes.

This Notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act of 2003".

Very truly yours,

  
ANTONIO M. LAGDAMEO  
Ambassador

Ms. Sharon De Guzman  
Company Representative  
Highlights Express International Ltd.  
88 Hay Lane, Kingsbury  
London NW9 0LG

RECEIVED BY: 

DATE: 17/2/2022

Name & Signature of Company Representative

SHARON DE GUZMAN

## ENGAGEMENT OF COURIER SERVICE TO DELIVER ELECTION MATERIALS AND PARAPHERNALIA TO THE PHILIPPINES

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Embassy of the Philippines in London, U.K. needs to engage the services of a qualified and licensed courier service provider which would ensure a faster, efficient and timely delivery of all election materials and paraphernalia used in the 2019 National and Local Elections and previous years to the Commission on Elections, Philippines.

#### I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Service Provider shall, to the satisfaction of the Embassy of the Philippines in London, U.K. render, undertake and perform the following:

1. Forward deployment via sea cargo, if possible, of all election-related equipment, paraphernalia, forms and supplies used in the 2019 National and Local Elections and previous years to the Commission on Elections in the Philippines, as per the **attached** list in particular.
2. Pack properly the cargoes from the Philippine Post in accordance with its nature, and packing and shipping standards.
3. Pick up the cargo from the Philippine Embassy on weekday or on weekend, whichever is agreed upon, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
4. Delivery of cargoes to the COMELEC Central Warehouse, **KM.43, Tagaytay-Sta-Rosa Road, Brgy. Pulong Sta. Cruz, Sta. Rosa City 4026, Laguna.**
5. Release of cargoes shall be made only to the addressee or to its authorized representative.
6. Submit to the Philippine Embassy in London within ninety to one hundred twenty (90-120) calendar days, reckoned from the Post's dispatch the following:
  - Delivery Status Report and Delivery Receipts duly acknowledged by the addressee or his/her authorized representatives, with signature over his/her printed name as proof that the addressee has received the cargoes;
  - Other reports and relevant documents as may be required by the Post;
  - Billing/Statement of Accounts.

#### II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Service Provider must have a respectable track record in nationwide or international courier services and must have been in the same business for at least three (3) years attested by previous or current clients through the submission of Certificate of Satisfactory Services Rendered or any other similar document issued to it.
2. The Service Provider must have completed at least two (2) similar contracts.
3. The Service Provider must offer domestic and international courier.
4. The Service Provider must have branches nationwide and international.
5. The Service Provider should have assigned point person that will handle the account and all the necessary transaction of the Post with the courier service provider.

### III. DURATION OF ENGAGEMENT

The Contract shall immediately take effect upon its execution and shall remain effective for a period of 90 to 120 days or until the cargoes are fully received, due to shipping delays and rerouting of shipping vessels in the current situation.

The Embassy of the Philippines in London, U.K. reserves the right terminate this Contract for any cause which may include failure of the Service Provider to perform in a timely and acceptable manner any of their works, duties, functions, responsibilities or obligations stipulated herein or failure to carry out the tasks herein required in a manner acceptable to the Embassy of the Philippines in London, U.K. or violation by the Service Provider of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract, subject to sanctions and remedies provided for herein and under the pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMELEC

The COMELEC agrees to pay the Service Provider the Contract Price in accordance with the mode and terms of payment set for in this Contract.

Whenever the performance of the obligations under this Contract requires the Service Provider to obtain permits, approvals, import, and other licenses from local authorities, the COMELEC shall, if so needed by the Service Provider, make its best effort facilitate and/or to assist the Service Provider in complying with such requirements in a timely and expeditious manner.

### V. TERMS AND MANNER OF PAYMENT

Payment shall be made in [check] by the COMELEC within twenty (21) calendar days upon receipt of the billing statement.

COMELEC shall pay the Service Provider for its services actually rendered. Such payment shall not exceed Service Provider's financial offers for this project in the total amount of **Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Pounds Sterling (£2,630.00)** VAT exempt, and all other applicable taxes. For the purpose of claiming payments, the

all-in rates of Service Provider are fixed and not subject to variation or price escalation on any account.

#### **VI. CHARGING RATES**

Rates shall be based on the amount of the award and no payment therefor shall be made except upon issuance by the COMELEC or its authorized representative of a Certificate of Completion of delivery to COMELEC.

Rates are "ALL IN" for all Cargoes such as freight, relevant taxes as may be applicable, subject to tax treatment on the exemption of this Commission from taxes and customs duties pursuant to RA 9369, insurance, handling fee, fuel, waybill issuance fees, and all other charges, fees or fiscal levies pertinent to this Project, shipment of cargoes, including manpower.

#### **VII. APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT (ABC)**

The ABC for this Project is **Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Pounds Sterling (£2,630.00)** or **Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five U.S. Dollar (\$3,945.00)**.

#### **VIII. CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

The winning bidder shall execute and sign a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Undertaking upon Notice of Award.

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**SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT,  
PERIPHERALS, FORMS, SUPPLIES AND PARAPHERNALIA USED IN THE 2019  
AND PREVIOUS YEARS FROM THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN LONDON, U.K.  
TO THE PHILIPPINES**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

This Contract is made and entered into this day 17 February 2022 in London, U.K. by and between:

The **EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.**  
(hereinafter referred to as "Post")

--- and ---

**HIGHLIGHTS EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL LTD.** (hereinafter referred to as "PROVIDER"),

The **EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.** and the Service Provider shall hereinafter be individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

**WHEREAS**, **EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.** wishes to obtain the Services of Service Provider;

**WHEREAS**, Service Provider has the skills, qualifications, and expertise required to provide the Services to the **EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.**;

**WHEREAS**, Service Provider wishes to render such Services to **EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.**

**NOW**, therefore, in consideration of the promises and covenants contained herein, as well as other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged), the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1 - DEFINITIONS:**

As used in this Agreement:

- 1.1. "COMELEC" refers to the Commission on Elections.
- 1.2. "Contract Price" refers to the price payable to the Service Provider under this Contract for the full and proper performance of its contractual obligations.
- 1.3. "Contract" refers to this agreement by and between the **EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.** and Service Provider, together with all its Annexes for this Project.

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- 1.4. "Commencement Date" shall be used to refer to the date the Service Provider begins work on the Services for the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. The Commencement Date shall be the date of service requested by the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. and accepted by Service Provider.
- 1.5. "Completion Date" shall be used to refer to the date that the Service Provider will complete or cease the provision of Services to the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.. The Completion Date is currently unknown, and for the purposes of this Agreement, will mean the date in the future that the Service Provider has completed the rendering of all services to the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K..
- 1.6. "Day" refers to calendar day.
- 1.7. "Delay" refers to the time difference or interval between the date when the goods and/or services are supposed to be delivered as specified under the contract and the date when the same are actually delivered for any reason whatsoever even without demand on the part of the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.
- 1.8. "Effectivity Date" of the Contract will be the date of receipt by the Service Provider of the Notice to Proceed or the date provided in the Notice to Proceed. Performance of all obligations shall reckon from the Effectivity Date of this Contract.
- 1.9. "Services" refer to those general support services such as transportation and insurance, and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, and other obligations of the Service Provider covered under the Contract.
- 1.10. "Technical Requirements" refer to the technical bid submitted by the Service Provider during the bidding process for the Project to prove its eligibility.

**Article 2 - EFFECTIVITY:**

- 2.1. This Contract shall take effect upon the fulfillment of all of the following conditions:
  - a. Signing of this Contract in five (5) copies by the parties; and
  - b. Receipt by the Service Provider of the Notice to Proceed.
- 2.2. The term of this Contract begins from the Effectivity Date until the Completion Date or delivery of the Cargoes have been completed.

**Article 3 – SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:**

- 3.1. Forward deployment via sea cargo, if possible, of all election-related equipment, paraphernalia, forms and supplies used in the 2019 National and

Local Elections and previous years to the Commission on Elections in the Philippines, as per the attached list in particular.

- 3.2. The Consignee of shall be the **Commission on Elections (COMELEC)**.
- 3.3. Cargoes shall be picked-up from the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. located at 6-11 Suffolk Street, SW1Y 4HG London..
- 3.4. The Service Provider shall pack properly the cargoes from the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. in accordance with its nature, and packing and shipping standards.
- 3.5. Release of cargoes shall be made only to the addressee or to its authorized representative:

**Addressee: COMELEC**  
**Authorized representative: Atty. Catherine Fernandez**  
**Contact details: (M) +63 917 713 1109**
- 3.6. Submit to the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. within ninety to one hundred twenty (90-120) calendar days, reckoned from the Post's dispatch the following:
  - a. Delivery Status Report and Delivery Receipts duly acknowledged by the addressee or his/her authorized representatives, with signature over his/her printed name as proof that the addressee has received the cargoes;
  - b. Other reports and relevant documents as may be required by the Post; and
  - c. Billing/Statement of Accounts.

#### **Article 4 - DELIVERY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 4.1. Service Provider agrees to strictly follow the instructions of Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in London, United Kingdom in the performance of its obligations and responsibilities under this Contract, the Terms of Reference (TOR), Schedule of Requirements, as well as any subsequent agreement that may be reached by the parties in furtherance of EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. shipment requirements.
- 4.2. Service Provider shall exercise extraordinary diligence in the handling and delivery of all cargoes. Any loss or damage to the shipments is subject to the pertinent provisions of this Contract.
- 4.3. The classification and quantity of the cargoes to be shipped out, the chargeable weights, destination, and other material details are declared/manifested in the Bill of Lading under the service provider/courier/forwarder's name, with a **Certificate of Shipment** issued to COMELEC by the Service Provider as Consignee. All other matters shall be governed by Service Provider's waybills.



- 4.4. All items are surveyed and numbered and not weighed during the property inspection in the UK. The Service Provider shall provide a Numbered Inventory to be reflected in the Certificate of Shipment by the Service Provider. The representatives of the COMELEC and Service Provider shall affix their signatures at the Certificate of Shipment when all items are received in order.
- 4.5. Service Provider shall give priority to this shipment, and shall ensure that the same are delivered on time, intact and undamaged, to the consignee specified in the BL.
- 4.6. Service Provider shall use the cheapest but fastest means of transportation. However, in case of urgency, Service Provider may, subject to prior approval of the COMELEC via EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. employ all the necessary means, including transport by air or diversion of routes, to ensure that shipments shall arrive at intended destination on time.
- 4.7. Failure of Service Provider to employ the most economical means of transportation as warranted by circumstances, or if it has misrepresented in its urgent or instant request to divert route/s, specifically if it is detrimental to the interest of EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. and COMELEC, the latter shall be entitled to reimbursement of the difference in the rate/charge if the same were transported by the most economical mode of transport (land or sea). This is without prejudice to civil and/or criminal actions that may be taken against Service Provider and motu proprio termination of any existing contract or agreement with the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K..
- 4.8. Service Provider shall be precluded from:
  - a. Bumping off cargoes in favor of other clients;
  - b. Refusing to deliver the cargoes, unless due to force majeure or fortuitous event;
  - c. Exercising stoppage in transit or other analogous circumstance, which would halt any cargoes in transit from proceeding to its destination, except in case of fortuitous event or force majeure.
- 4.9. Upon the effectivity of this Contract, Service Provider shall deliver to EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. the following:
  - i. an accurate, regular and timely cargo monitoring system or tracking device to regularly and frequently up-date the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. of all movements; and

- ii. an efficient means of updating the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. such as a valid and active e-mail account and a website where the [Post]'s representative could conveniently and accurately monitor the movements of cargoes;
- 4.10. The parties agree that this Contract, as well as its annexes, is subordinate to the rules and regulations which may be imposed from time to time by the government regulatory bodies pertaining to the shipment and transportation of goods.

#### Article 5 – CONTRACT PRICE AND PAYMENT:

- 5.1 COMELEC shall pay the Service Provider for its services actually rendered. Such payment shall not exceed Service Provider's financial offers for this deployment project in the total amount of **Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Pounds Sterling (£2,630.00)** or **Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five U.S. Dollar (\$3,945.00)**, VAT exempt, inclusive of all other applicable taxes.
- 5.2. For purposes of claiming payments, the all in rates of Service Provider are fixed and not subject to variation or price escalation on any account.
- 5.3. Service Provider shall be paid after delivery of cargoes by the COMELEC and receipt of billing statement within twenty one (21) calendar days.
- 5.4. All payments to Service provider be subject to deduction of applicable withholding taxes, in accordance with law.
- 5.5. All payments shall be based on the rates and parameters stated in this Article.
- 5.6. For purposes of determining claims to loss of shipment, the value indicated in the BL shall be controlling.
- 5.7. Service Provider shall be entirely responsible for all the applicable taxes, duties, license fees, and such other levies imposed for the completion of this Contract.
- 5.8. The Mode of Payment shall be through the Electronic Modified Disbursement System (eMDS) to Service Provider's account. It shall be through Authority to Debit Account prepared by COMELEC.

#### Article 6 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF POST:

- 6.1 During the provision of the Services, the Client hereby agrees to:
  - a. Cooperate with the Service Provider for anything the Service Provider may reasonably require;
  - b. Provide any information and/or documentation needed by the Service Provider relevant to the provision of Services or payment for the provision of Services;

- c. Require any staff or agents of the Client to co-operate with and assist the Service Provider as the Service Provider may need;
- d. Make available to the Service Provider, without fee or cost, any facilities, which may include, but are not limited to, a work space, computer, or other physical equipment, the Service Provider may reasonably require.

**Article 7 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVICE PROVIDER:**

- 7.1. Service Provider hereby agrees to provide EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. the service as described in Article 3 (Scope of the Project) of this Contract and the Terms of Reference (TOR).
- 7.2. The Services to be performed shall be done with utmost efficiency and care demanded of a good father of a family in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Schedule of Delivery.
- 7.3. Service Provider shall not be liable for forfeiture of its security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under this Contract is the result of a force majeure or an event which Service Provider could not have foreseen, or which though foreseen, was inevitable. It shall not include ordinary unfavourable weather conditions; and any other cause the effects of which could have been avoided with the exercise of reasonable diligence by Service Provider.  
  
Force majeure may include acts of God or the public enemy, war, riot, embargo, fire, explosion, sabotage, flood, accident, labour disputes, and other analogous causes.
- 7.4. The liability of Service Provider for any loss, theft, robbery, damage to the cargoes and for such similar circumstances shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines, other relevant laws and this Contract and of the TOR. Service Provider shall immediately notify EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. not later than three (3) hours upon discovery of such loss, theft, robbery or damage.

**Article 8 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMELEC:**

- 8.1. COMELEC agrees to pay the Service Provider the Contract Price in accordance with the mode and terms of payment set forth in Article 5 of this Contract.
- 8.2. Whenever the performance of the obligations under this Contract requires the Service Provider to obtain permits, approvals, import, and other licenses from local public authorities, the COMELEC shall, if so, needed by the Service Provider, make its best effort facilitate and /or to assist the Service Provider in complying with such requirements in a timely and expeditious manner.

**Article 9 – WARRANTIES:**

- 9.1. The Service Provider represents and warrants that it will perform the Services using reasonable care and skill for a Service Provider in their field and that any end products or materials given by the Service Provider to the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. under the terms and conditions of this Contract will not infringe on or violate the intellectual property rights or any other right of any third party.

**Article 10 – ENTIRETY AND MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT:**

- 10.1. Subsequent memoranda, letters of instruction, agreements and all communications coming from the parties shall form part and parcel of this Service Contract.
- 10.2. This contract cannot be altered, modified, amended, changed, extended, waived or terminated, except in writing and signed by both parties.

**Article 11 – TIME FOR PERFORMANCE:**

- 11.1. Time shall be of the essence for the performance by the Service Provider of its obligations under the Contract. Any dates, periods or times for performance specified in the Contract are to be met, and in default, the Service Provider will be in breach of the Contract. However, considerable delays can happen on situations beyond the service provider's control, due to rerouting of shipping vessels.

**Article 12 – TERMINATION:**

- 12.1. This Contract may be terminated by either party, upon notice in writing to EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K.:
- a. If the other party commits a material breach of any term of this Agreement that is not capable of being remedied within fourteen (14) days or that should have been remedied within fourteen (14) days after a written request and was not;
  - b. If the other party becomes unable to perform its duties hereunder, including a duty to pay or a duty to perform;
  - c. If the other party or its employees or agents engage in any conduct prejudicial to the business of the other, or in the event that either party considers that a conflict or potential conflict of interest has arisen between the parties.
- 12.2. This Contract may be terminated by the Service Provider if the COMELEC fails to pay any requisite fees within fifteen (15) days after the date they are due as stated in Article 5 of this Contract. If this Contract is terminated before the expiration of its natural term, and for any and all expenditure due for payment after the date of termination for commitments reasonably made and incurred by Service Provider related to the rendering of Services prior to the date of termination. Any termination of under this subpart shall not affect the accrued rights or liabilities of either Party under this Contract or at law and shall be without prejudice to any rights or remedies either Party may be

entitled to. Any provision or subpart of this Contract which is meant to continue after termination or come into force at or after termination shall not be affected by this subpart.

**Article 13 – DATA PRIVACY, SECURITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE CLAUSE:**

- 13.1. All documents that the Service Provider shall receive from the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. in the course of the Project are deemed confidential information. In the event that the Service Provider receives information from the EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K. which contains personal information and sensitive personal information, it shall comply with the relevant provisions of the Data Privacy Act of 2012.
- 13.2. The Service Provider shall keep all confidential information secret and shall not disclose said confidential information except to those personnel involved in this Project. Such personnel are bound by obligations of confidentiality no less effective than those contained in this Contract and applicable law and rules.
- 13.3. The Service Provider shall use the confidential information only to the extent necessary in connection with the purpose of the Project.
- 13.4. The Service Provider shall use the standard under the Data Privacy Act of 2012 to establish and maintain satisfactory security measures to safeguard the confidential information from unauthorized access or use.
- 13.5. The Service Provider undertakes not to make or have made any copy, record or duplication of any of the confidential information or reduce it into writing or in any medium if disclosed orally, without the prior written consent of the COMELEC through EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K., except to the extent that is reasonably necessary for the Project.
- 13.6. The Service Provider shall be liable for inadvertent, deliberate or unauthorized disclosure and improper use of confidential information under pertinent laws and rules.
- 13.7. All confidential information of the COMELEC, including any copies, thereof, shall remain to be its property and shall be promptly returned by the Service Provider upon the termination of this Contract. Upon such termination, all copies made by the Service Provider of the confidential information shall be promptly sent by the Service Provider to the COMELEC through EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LONDON, U.K..
- 13.8. All proprietary rights in the confidential information of the COMELEC shall remain vested in it. The confidentiality obligations contained herein shall remain in force even after the termination of this Contract. In no case shall the Service Provider retain any copy of the confidential information.

**Article 14 - SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:**

- 14.1. If any dispute shall arise between the Parties in connection with or arising out of this Contract, the Parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute by mutual consultation.
- 14.2. If after thirty (30) days, the Parties have failed to resolve their dispute by such mutual consultation, then either Party may give notice to the other Party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given.
- 14.3. Any dispute in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Article shall be settled by arbitration by an arbitral tribunal composed of three (3) arbitrators. The first arbitrator will be appointed by the Party giving notice of its intention to commence arbitration, the second arbitrator, except for the case as specified hereinafter, will be appointed by the other party within fifteen (15) days after the date on which the latter has received notice of arbitration, and the third arbitrator, who will act as Chairman of the arbitral tribunal, will be designated by mutual agreement of the two arbitrators already appointed by the Parties within fifteen (15) days after the appointment of the second arbitrator or, failing such agreement, by the President of the Dispute Resolution Centre, Inc. ("PDRCI"). The President of the PDRCI shall also designate: (i) the second arbitrator if the party receiving the notice of arbitration has failed to nominate the second arbitrator; and (ii) the replacement of any arbitrator who is unable or unwilling to accept the appointment or to continue acting as such. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after the performance of the Services and the delivery of the Goods under this Contract.
- 14.4. In the case of a dispute between the Parties, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with RA 9285, otherwise known as the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted within Metro Manila and the proceedings shall be conducted in English. The decision of the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding upon the Parties.
- 14.5. Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein, the Parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Contract unless they otherwise agree; and the COMELEC shall pay the Service Provider any monies due the Service Provider.

**Article 15 - GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

- 15.1. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the United Kingdom and any applicable law. Both Parties consent to jurisdiction under the law where this Contract is executed.
- 15.2. **LANGUAGE:** All communications made or notices given pursuant to this Contract shall be in the English language.

- 15.3. ASSIGNMENT: This Contract, or the rights granted hereunder, may not be assigned, sold, leased or otherwise transferred in whole or part by either Party.
- 15.4. NO WAIVER: None of the terms of this Contract shall be deemed to have been waived by any act or acquiescence of either Party. Only an additional written agreement can constitute waiver of any of the terms of this Contract between the Parties. No waiver of any term or provision of this Contract shall constitute a waiver of any other term or provision or of the same provision on a future date. Failure of either Party to enforce any term of this Agreement shall not constitute waiver of such term or any other term.
- 15.5. SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Contract is declared illegal, unenforceable or void, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to agree upon a substitute provision that is legal and enforceable and consistent with the intentions of the Project. The rest of this Contract that is not materially affected by such declaration shall subsist.
- 15.6. NOTICES ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PERMITTED: i) Any notice to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be sent by first class mail, air mail, or e-mail, to the address of the relevant Party set out at the head of this Contract, or to the relevant email address set out below or other email address as that Party may from time to time notify to the other Party in accordance with this clause. The relevant contact information for the Parties is as follows:

Service Provider:

Highlights Express International Ltd  
88 Hay Lane, Kingsbury  
London NW9 0LG  
United Kingdom

Post:

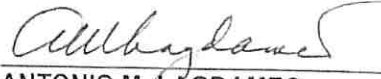
Philippine Embassy, London  
6-11 Suffolk Street  
London SW1Y 4HG  
United Kingdom

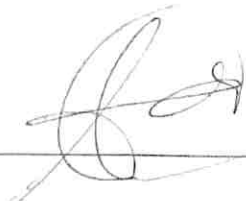
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, acting through their duly authorized representatives hereby sign this Contract this 17<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2022 in London, United Kingdom.

Service Provider:


  
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SHARON DE GUZMAN  
Company Representative

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