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COMPANIES ("MRPT")

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I. Transactions between Subsidiaries/Affiliates of Publicly Listed Companies (PLCs) with other entities or individuals (non-related party)

For a related party transaction (RPT) to be considered material under the MRPT Rules, it must:

- Meet the criteria of representing 10% or more of the Company's total assets;
- The criteria is applied to both individual and cumulative value of the transactions with the said related party within a 12-month period; and
- The company's total assets is determined based on the most recent AFS.

However, the said rules cover only those transactions that directly involve the reporting PLCs. Hence, transactions between Subsidiaries/Affiliates of a reporting PLC and a non-related party are not covered by the MRPT Rules.

II. Effect of the consolidated financials of a Subsidiary/Affiliate with the AFS of Parent-PLC

A subsidiary has an independent and separate juridical personality, distinct from that of its parent company. Hence, the consolidation of the financials of the said Subsidiary/Affiliate with the AFS of Parent-PLC has the following effects:

- Under the MRPT Rules, it does not mean that any or all transactions of the said Subsidiary/Affiliate are deemed that of the Parent-PLC; and
- The consolidation merely serves as a critical component of financial reporting to enhance financial transparency and accountability. It is not meant to disregard the juridical personality of each entity in the group.

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Notes:

- For tax reporting purposes (e.g. BIR Form No. 1709), taxpayers are required to disclose all related party transactions, regardless of the amount.
- While the materiality of the related party transactions is among the factors to be examined by revenue officers pursuant to RAMO No. 1-2019, otherwise known as the of Transfer Pricing Audit Guidelines, taxpayers are still required to defend their transfer pricing practices irrespective of the amount of the related party transaction if