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Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza  
Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue  
Makati City

**Attention: JANET A. ENCARNACION**  
Head, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

We refer to your letter dated 09 August 2010 seeking clarification and/or confirmation of a news article that appeared in BusinessWorld. The article reported in part that:

LISTED SUGAR producer Roxas Holdings, Inc. wants to take advantage of P8 billion in capital spent in the past few years to increase profits for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.... For its bioethanol venture, ROXOL Bioenergy Corp. commissioned its 100,000 liter per year plant in July. It will be in full operation next month... Meanwhile, sugar production is expected to increase in the 2010-2011 fiscal year ending June. "The La Carlota [plantation in Negros Occidental] has completed the expansion to 18,000 metric tons (MT) per year from 11,000 MT," Mr. Roxas said. Production capacity in Nasugbu, Batangas has also been increased to 13,000 MT from 10,000 MT, he said. "We have plans of bringing it up to 16,000 to 17,000 MT," Mr. Roxas said. This will require another P600 million in investments."

We confirm the veracity of the above-quoted news article.

Very truly yours,

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VP Legal & Assistant Corporate Secretary