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Municipality of San Agustin

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

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Ma'am:

Greetings!

Fishing is a significant source of food and income, especially for the coastal communities of our municipality. The open sea surrounding our coastal town spans through the barangays of Carmen, Sugod, and Mahabang Baybay. In 2022, we have a total fish catch 967.8 metric tons valuing at PhP79.8 million from both marginal and commercial fisherfolks. Ironically, our fisherfolks opt to sell their catch to the Lucena market in Quezon Province. This is because most of the fish traders in Romblon dictate lower prices for fish. Moreover, these fish traders do not have appropriate cold storage facilities that are enough to preserve the bulk volume of fish from the fisherfolks. Learning about the innovative solutions your office has brought to the different parts of Romblon, we also wish to avail of your assistance to establish an ice plant in our municipality. The ice plant would greatly improve the productivity of our fishing sector, reduce wastage, and generate additional income, employment, and economic value for our fishing industry. Please rest assured that the building complement for the ice plant will be prepared by our end to increase success rate of the project.

We do hope for your kind indulgence in the matter. Thank you and keep safe.

Very truly yours,

ESTEBAN SF MADRONA, JR.
Municipal Mayor