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DR. MA. JOSEFINA P. ABILAY Regional Director DOST-MIMAROPA DOST Compound Bicutan, Taguig City

Ma'am:

Greetings!

The municipality of Magdiwang is known for its lush fields and for being a good producer of rice as the staple of most Romblomanons. Farmers in our municipality on the other hand practice traditional drying such as drying palay on the pavement of the roads or in a vacant stretch of land they own. These traditional drying methods are prone to contamination and molds. Drying on road pavements also promotes road accidents and is highly discouraged among farmers. However, despite our incessant reminders to farmers to avoid drying their crops on the road, farmers have very limited resources and still resort to drying their crops on the road pavement. It is in this light that our LGU seeks solutions to address this predicament. Learning about Portable Solar (PORTASOL) Dryer technology gives us hope. We believe that this technology would ease the burdens of the farmers, and would greatly help them in increasing their productivity in terms of drying their crops. In this connection, we express our intention to adopt PORTASOL technology to our valued farmers in the municipality of Magdiwang.

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

Very truly yours

HON. ARTHUR REY TANSIONGCO, M.D.

**Municipal Mayor**