



November 16, 2022

DR. DILBERTO O. FERRAREN

Chairman, IGP-BOM and
Vice President for PRGAS

Dear Dr. Ferraren,

I have received the letter today from your office dated November 14, 2022 regarding the borrowed money from CBU which we have used for the Production Project (Mass production of planting materials) of the center of which I am the Project leader.

The project met some problems on mass producing the abaca because we lacked sources of mother plants which we usually get from Sogod, Southern Leyte. We were not allowed to travel during the pandemic, (2020-2021) thus, our production in the laboratory was really affected. Aside from that, we experienced high mortality due to the wrong chemicals that was provided to us. I am referring to the gelling agent (agar -agar from CHEMLINE) that affected the growth of our cultures. Severe browning caused death of more than 50% of the shoot tip cultures. We also experienced long power interruptions during typhoon Odette and the renovation of the laboratory building (we transferred temporarily to the NARC training hall) also contributed to the mortality of our cultures and the slowing down of the tissue culture operations. All these factors affected our production which were beyond our control. Thus, we were not able to obtain our targets and was not able to payback the amount we borrowed.

We are presently fast tracking the micropropagation activities and hopefully be able to produce planting materials for our clients. We will try our best to return the borrowed amount of P250, 000 from the IGP Capital build up funds from the income hopefully this year. Thank you very much for the usually support from your office.

Very truly yours,

FLORA MIA Y. DUATIN

Project Leader

Noted:

ROMEL B. ARMECIN

Director, NARC