



December 15, 2021

**DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN**

President

Visayas State University

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**Thru: Dr. Maria C. Juliet Ceniza**

VP for Research, Extension and Innovation

Dear Dr. Tulin,

I would like to request termination of the project entitled: **Development and Evaluation of Mulberry Functional Drink** with project code DFST.0720-0821 effective January 1, 2022 due to the following reasons to wit:

1. Originally, this project was conceptualized as an upshot to the request of a private industry to develop a product from mulberry. They committed to supply us with mulberry fruit from Negros Occidental. However, we realized significant constraints of this arrangement along the way which is coupled with the problems caused by the pandemic. One of which is the seasonal fruiting and harvesting of the raw material, hence, we were not able to proceed to the targeted activities related to product development.
2. The team decided to include establishment of planting materials and farm sites for the production of mulberry fruit in our locality because to date, only Pampanga and Negros Occidental are considered the biggest plantation of this fruit. Relative to this, the project had already distributed 115 mulberry planting materials to the identified farmer chargeable against the project funds.
3. However, while the project team discussed this concern with an expert, it was found out that it will take 3 to 5 five years before we can harvest enough volume of the fruit for the product development activities. The project team realized that we cannot produce the expected deliverables of the project given the scenario.

Thus, I respectfully submit this request to your office for approval.

Thank you very much for your usual support.

Sincerely yours,

  
**IVY C. EMNACE**

Project Leader

Noted:

  
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