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New Jubilee Agro-Industrial Economic Zone,

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Dear **Ms. Tan**;

Good day Maam!

The agreement between PCAARRD (first party) and VSU and SPMI (second party) during the pre-implementation meeting at PCAARRD (8/12/2016) for the project, **"Establishment of ten hectares' abaca hybrid plantation at VSU and evaluation of fiber quality for pulp industry"** - stated that VSU will provide the Bandala fiber to SPMI for commercial pulping test trial, while SPMI's counterpart is to assume the cost of the cooking trials at SPMI pulping plant.

In this connection, we would like to verify the following concerns:

1. Are you willing to accept or receive the spindle-stripped fiber from Bandala hybrid for the said commercial cooking trial even if the volume of the said fiber is only about 1,000 kg (dry weight)? The fiber is lighter and bulky and such volume may fill up a batch of fiber cooking.
2. Since, VSU has already established the 5-hectare Bandala hybrid plantation inside the campus, in the future endeavour, are you willing to buy and use the Bandala fiber for your commercial pulp production stripped or extracted using decortication method? If willing, how much are you willing to pay per kilogram of decorticated Bandala fiber?

Your immediate reply on these issues are badly needed for our future plans, decisions, and activities related to this Bandala project.

Thank you and God bless.

Respectfully yours,


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