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31 August 2016

Attention: **PAPM Partners**

SUBJECT: **Technical and Trainings Committee Update as of August 2016**

Dear Partner,

Updates on the active task forces below:

BPS Task Force

- BPS/TF met August 10 at the Barrio Fiesta Greenhills while BPS/TC25 last August 23 at the Bacolod Chicken Inasal Greenhills.
- Scanned minutes of the recent meeting as issued by DTI attached herewith.
- BPS/TF will meet September 13 at the Bacolod Chicken Inasal Greenhills while BPS/TC25 on September 28 at the Red Panda Greenhills.

EWC Task Force

- Invitations have been sent out by EcoWaste Coalition to our paint manufacturing members to avail of the lead safe certification by SCS Global.
- They have also released a blog citing the use of leaded paints on school furniture which is already prohibited by an earlier law from the Department of Education. This proved detrimental to our members, namely Roosevelt Chemicals and TNC.
- We had reasoned with EWC that the negligence is with the painting contractor, not the paint manufacturer and that there are no labels on the paint brand used that claims lead safety.
- We had previously reached a gentleman’s agreement to refrain from naming until the CCO takes effect January 1, 2017. We also requested corrective measures from them since, however, with no response to date.
- Our partnership with EWC is thus constrained until such time that a gesture of goodwill is extended.

TESDA Task Force

- TESDA invited us by email sent evening of August 4 to attend the August 10 public hearing of their proposed assessment fee for the Construction Painting NC II. This was apparently held at the Tandang Sora Hall of the TESDA Women Center in Taguig from 2PM to 5PM. We were not able to participate as it conflicted with the opening day of our PTC1.
- Quite frankly, it is a daunting task to defend something we did not make, that is the final draft of the fee proposal. The cost had been brought down repeatedly, this latest version by their own QSO’s canvassing of alternatives and consumption estimates since the TESDA Board found the industry expert’s price too expensive.

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PTC Task Force

- PTC 1 started August 10 at the PIPAC Facility from 12PM to 5PM.
- The classes have notably taken a fresh aura welcomed both by the participants and the managing volunteers.
- It is unfortunate that the originally negotiated larger laboratory area (identified from our earlier reported ocular inspection) and the lab equipment that we usually borrow has not been afforded as PIPAC is accommodating a sizeable number of their own at the moment. We had to revert back to the cramped lab space we had occupied in previous PTC classes. It is good that we had strictly limited the number of participants this season and that the prevailing climate is not as humid. We also had to make last-minute purchases of much needed lab equipment because of this.
- This in mind, we came across an offer from Adamson University College of Engineering Chairperson for Chemical Engineering Dr. Erison C. Roque (who also happens to be the Academe Sector Representative to the BPS/TC25) to include PTC as part of their curriculum as an elective subject. This will be offered to their students as well as industry members. Mechanics on how this program can move forward is yet to be discussed with the PTC Task Force Team and the School officials in the coming weeks. For now, we are optimistic that pursuing this gives us an advantage on at least 5 points, as follows:

1. Help leverage our CPD intent with PRC for Chemical Engineers
2. Provide a potential “home” for PTC
3. Increase frequency of PTC 1&2 classes
4. Increase industry awareness and tap directly into pool of potential new hires
5. Improve our revenue

- Mr. Mel Go offered to conduct an integration lecture on PTC1. Since the class schedule is full and preset, we expressed the preference to hear this directly from him in the Philippine Paint Industry Week this October possibly through a technical symposium that may be offered to PTC1-Batch 2016 finishers and interested industry members as a 5-hour crash course / refresher. This proposal will be looked into by the PTC Team and your Board.

In closing, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting APIC 2017. We are once again seeking your support to make this a success as we had done last 2014.

United with you as we move towards globalization and greener innovations.

Very truly yours,

Vergel V. Dyoco
Director
Technical & Trainings Committee