RHI
ROXAS HOLDINGS, INC.

san carlos Bioenergy, Inc.

and

Minapasok Farmers Association (MIFA)

Memorandum of Agreement Signing
A Community Based Stewardship Contract (CSC)

November 7, 2018 |
Minapasuk, Calatrava, Negros Occidental

A SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AGRO-FORESTY PROGRAM

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Ma. Clarissa N. Medina
RHI - SRCC Associate

A Community Based CSC Sustainable Livelihood through Agroforestry Project of San Carlos Bioenergy, Inc. (SCBI) and Roxas Holdings , Inc. (RHI) through the Corporate Social Responsibility Team headed by Ms . Angie Bondad and in partnership with Provincial Environmental Management Office (PEMO), DENR PENRO and CENRO Cadiz and the Minapasok Farmer's Association (MIFA) was sealed through a Memorandum of Agreement Signing and Tree Planting activity last November 7, 2018 held at Minapasuk , Calatrava Negros Occidental .

With the objectives of establishing an agroforestry project by planting at least 6500 coppicing trees in partnership with the key agencies including DENR, PEMO, LGUs and MIFA that will enable SCBI to comply with the environmental conditions of bioethanol plants and at the same time provide an alternative source of income to CSC holders from selling of wood trimmings and from diversification of crops.

RHI and SCBI will provide the necessary assistance for the plantation establishment and MIFA - a Silver Awardee of Seal of Good Environmental Governance of 2018, headed by Mr. Rogelio Rebucas will provide the land area for the plantation and will be in-charge of the maintenance and protection of the plantation.

SCBI has initially delivered a total of 2,000 Melia dubia and 800 coffee seedlings to MIFA. The seedlings were sourced by SCBI from San Carlos Development Board Inc. (SCDBI) and Philex Gold Philippines Inc., respectively. Included in the initial delivery was 200 sacks of organic fertilizers (mud press).

This was made possible with the help and support from Mr. Dave Agudelo, Jr. (Factory Operations Manager - SCBI), Ms. Nanette Abuan (Head, HR/Admin - SCBI), Mr. Bienvenido Tanaman (EMSD-SCBI), Mr. Saul Jerome Mantua (EMD - SCBI); Ms. Lovely Oliveros (CSR - SCBI), Ms. Roselle Recreo (Environment & Regulatory Affairs -RHI), Ms. Jaynee Manicad (CSR - RHI) , Mr. Mark William Santos (Agribusiness Development, RHI-ADC), Hon. Araceli T. Somosa (Calatrava Mayor), Hon. Marilyn A. Era (Calatrava - Vice - Mayor), Mr. Ric Infante (MAO), Mr. Anastacio Nunez (MPDO), Mr. Elmer Espeja (PEMO), Mr. Dennis S. Piñosa (Protected Area Superintendent, NNNP) Ms. Ma. Theresa Erellana – CENRO Cadiz, and Mr. Romeo Duhaylungsod (MIFA-Vice President).

THE MOA SIGNING

Mr. Elmer Espeja of PEMO while giving his message .

The committee during the signing.

Hon. Araceli T. Somosa while giving her message to the members of MIFA.

(from left)Hon. Arceli T. Somosa, Mr. Dave Agudelo, Jr., Mr. Rogelio Rebucas & Vice Mayor Marilyn Era.

(from left)Ms. Theresa Erellana, Ms. Angie Bondad, Vice-Mayor Marilyn Era, Hon. Araceli T. Somosa, Mr. Dave Agudelo, Jr., , Mr. Elmer Espeja, Mr. Dennis S. Piñosa (Protected Area Superintendent, NNNP), Mr. Rogelio Rebucas - President - MIFA, Ms. Roselle Recreo and Mr. Romeo Duhaylungsod - Vice President-MIFA.

THE TREE PLANTING

from (Left) Vice - Mayor Marily A. Era,(center) Mr. Rogelio Rebucas President of MIFA & (right) Mayor Araceli T. Somosa

- from (Left) Mr. Dave Agudelo, Jr., Factory Operations Manager - SCBI & Mr. Romeo Duhaylungsod - Vice President-MIFA

from (Left) Ms. Roselle Recreo (Manager - ERA - RHI) Mr. Dennis S. Piñosa (Protected Area Superintendent, NNNP)

from (Left) Ms. Ma. Theresa Erellana - CENRO Cadiz (center) Ms. Angie Bondad (Head - CSR - RHI (right) Mr. Elmer Espeja - PEMO

THE PARTNERS

ROXAS HOLDINGS, INC. | SAN CARLOS BIOENERGY, INC.

THE MESSAGE

Another milestone shared with our internal and external partners! It's easy to do a tree-planting project, but this is an innovative and has been a more challenging tree growing project. We are tapping on the strength of our government and local partners so that we can optimize the use of available resources and maximize the gains from the project which aims to benefit 3Ps – our Plant (in this case, SCBI), our Planet, and the People.

For SCBI, we will meet the requirement to plant trees. We will have a new local partner where we can deliver our organic fertilizers and later hopefully can supply some of our biomass requirement from wood trimmings once these coppicing trees have matured. For our Planet – of course, the trees will help in carbon sequestration. The use of organic fertilizers will help in improving the soil properties, and the diversification of crops will optimize land use. This is one of our initiatives on Climate Change Action. For the People – this is an alternative source of livelihood with minimal cost from their end and with a more productive land in their possession -- they will have more opportunities for crop growing and income generation.

We are very happy for the support extended by our DENR partners (PENRO and CENRO Cadiz), the province through PEMO, and the local government of Calatrava headed by Hon Mayor Araceli Somosa. Moreso, having a local community partner with a good track record that understands and shares the value of this project is a big factor. I hope these partnerships will make a big difference in ensuring the sustainability of this project. We hope that this project will open more opportunities for private-public partnerships instead of restrictive engagement when it comes to environmental protection.

Ms. Angeline C. Bondad
Head,RHI - Corporate Social Responsibility

THE MESSAGE

In behalf of the Official Government of Negros Occidental, especially the Commission on Environment Management Office, we would like to thank the San Carlos Bioenergy, Inc. (SCBI) & Roxas Holdings, Inc. (RHI) for this opportunity given to the farmers to come up with a sustainable livelihood agroforestry program. This is the greatest achievement for this year and hopefully we could continue this particular partnership with San Carlos Bioenergy, Inc. (SCBI) & Roxas Holdings, Inc. (RHI) and hopefully, obtain the objectives set for the farmers that is, the sustainable development on the country side.

Thank you so much. May you continue to be with us as we go along. This is the start of the new opportunity that we are venturing right now. God bless us, SCBI and RHI. Mabuhay!

Mr. Elmer Espeja
Provincial Environment Management Office