



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

31 January 2017

**ATTY. FRANCISCO M. GUTIERREZ**

Legal/Administrative Officer  
Sun Powerland Property, Inc. (SPPI)  
1606 Sunjoy Towers  
525 Lavezares Street, Binondo, Manila

Dear **Attorney Gutierrez**,

Greetings from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)!

This is in response to your request for an NCCA clearance for the construction of Sun Tower, a 26-storey storage/condominium building on Santo Cristo Street corner Lavezares Street, Binondo, Manila, as required by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)<sup>1</sup>.

Please be informed that on the basis the SPPI Site Development Plan (SDP)<sup>2</sup> and the findings of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines<sup>3</sup>, this Commission hereby **grants this clearance** for the above-mentioned project and advises your strict compliance with, but not limited to, the attached SDP<sup>2</sup>, the existing land use plan and zoning ordinance of the City of Manila<sup>3</sup>, and the National Building Code of the Philippines.

In addition, in compliance with every citizen's duty to preserve and conserve the Filipino cultural and historical heritage resources<sup>4</sup>, you are required to report to the National Museum if there will be recovery of archaeological materials during the excavation phase of the project<sup>5</sup>.

This Commission shall monitor the progress of your project until its completion. Any major deviation from your SDP<sup>2</sup> shall be subject to review by this Commission.

For future coordination, you may contact Mr. Edison N. Molanida of the NCCA Heritage Office through phone number 527-2192 local 525 or E-mail address: [heritage\\_office@ncca.gov.ph](mailto:heritage_office@ncca.gov.ph).

We hope for your strict compliance.

With assurance of our highest esteem and warmest regards.

*EVANGELINE L. VERA*  
3/28/2017

Very truly yours,

**VIRGILIO S. ALMARIO**  
National Artist  
Chairman



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<sup>1</sup> In line with Section 32 of RA 10066: *"Institutional Linkages of the National Cultural Agencies. – x x x x x Furthermore, the Commission may link up with other agencies and institutions, as it may deem appropriate, as a way of dealing with conservation in a holistic manner x x x x x"*

<sup>2</sup> Annex A

<sup>3</sup> Excerpt from the NHCP Letter to the NCCA dated 14 July 2016

<sup>4</sup> Section 7 of RA 7356

<sup>5</sup> Section 30(b) of RA 10066: *"When the presence of any cultural or historical property is discovered, the National Museum or the National Historical Institute shall immediately suspend all activities that will affect the site and shall immediately notify the local government unit having jurisdiction of the place where the discovery was made. The local government shall promptly adopt measures to protect and safeguard the integrity of the cultural property so discovered and, within five (5) days from the discovery, shall report the same to the appropriate agency. The suspension of these activities shall be lifted only upon the written authority of the National Museum or the National Historical Institute and only after the systematic recovery of the archaeological materials."*

Attachment: ANNEX A

Copy furnished: **DIR. ALFREDO GIL M. TAN II**, Regional Director, HLURE-National Capital Region  
**MAYOR JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, City of Manila  
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