November 21, 2016

BIR RULING NO. 395-16

RA 7279; BIR Ruling No. 003-16

Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation
3368 Harvard Street, Pinagkaisahan Makati City

Attention: *AAA*

Gentlemen :

This refers to your letter dated January 14, 2016, requesting issuance of Certificate of Tax Exemption for socialized housing project, the "Fully Developed & Completed Housing Units" under NHA's Yolanda Permanent Housing Program located at Brgy. Sto. Niño, Tacloban City, Leyte pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7279, otherwise known as the "Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992."

Documents submitted show that National Housing Authority (NHA), BBB, CCC, DDD, EEE, FFF, (married to GGG), HHH, III, (hereinafter referred to as Landowners) are the registered owners of parcels of land covered by eight (8) Transfer Certificates of Title (TCT) located at Brgy. Sto. Niño, Tacloban City, Leyte, to wit:

Landowners	**Lot No.**	**TCT**	**Area (sq.m.)**
NHA	4409	122-2016000790	52,305
BBB	4410-E	T-7930	14,954
CCC	4410-B	T-4373	14,954
DDD	4410-D	T-4375	14,954
EEE	4410-F	T-4377	14,954
FFF	4410-H	T-4379	14,954
HHH	4410-I	T-4380	14,954
III	4410-J	T-4381	14,954
		Total Area	156,983

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all issued by the Registry of Deeds for Tacloban City.

The following Deeds of Absolute of Sale conveying the abovementioned properties were executed by the landowners to the NHA, a government corporation organized and existing by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 757, as amended:

Landowners	Date of Deed of Absolute Sale	TCT	Lot No.	Consideration (PhP)	Area (sq. m.)
BBB	July 13, 2015	T-7930	4410-E-1	338,400.00	6,768
BBB	September 14, 2015	T-7930	4410-E-2	409,300.00	8,186
CCC	July 13, 2015	T-4373	4410-B-1	393,450.00	7,869
CCC	September 14, 2015	T-4373	4410-B-2	354,250.00	7,085
DDD [1]	July 13, 2015	T-4375	4410-D-1	564,800.00	11,296
DDD [2]	September 14, 2015	T-4375	4410-D-2	182,900.00	3,658
EEE [3]	September 14, 2015	T-4377	4410-F	747,700.00	14,954
FFF [4]	September 14, 2015	T-4379	4410-H	747,700.00	14,954
HHH [5]	September 14, 2015	T-4380	4410-I	747,700.00	14,954
III	September 14, 2015	T-4381	4410-J	747,700.00	14,954
					104,678

The above described properties (8 TCTs) have been identified and certified for development into a residential project under the Yolanda Permanent Housing Program intended for the families affected by Typhoon Yolanda and qualified for housing assistance under R.A. No. 7279.

North Hill Arbours 1

The NHA has issued Notice of Award dated October 23, 2014 to Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation (TIN: 000-000-000-000) for the "Procurement of Fully Developed Lots and Completed Housing Units under the NHA's Yolanda Housing Program located at Brgy. Suhi, Tacloban City-1,000 Housing Units" with a contract price of _____ Pesos (P_____).

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To give effect to the Notice of Award, Contract for the Procurement of House and Lot Packages at North Hill Arbours 1, Brgy. Suhi, Tacloban City was executed on July 14, 2015 between NHA and Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation, whereby the latter is committed to deliver One Thousand (1,000) units (House and Lot Package) for a price of P_____; and that according to the contract, the scope of work under this project are "survey works, earthworks, road works, drainage works, water system, electrical power lines, miscellaneous works and housing construction."

North Hill Arbours 2

The NHA has issued Notice of Award dated October 23, 2014 to EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture for the "Procurement of Fully Developed Lots and Completed Housing Units under the NHA's Yolanda Housing Program located at Brgy. Sto. Niño/Suhi, Tacloban City-1,000 Housing Units" with a contract price of _____ Pesos (P_____).

To give effect to the Notice of Award, Contract for the Procurement of House and Lot Packages at North Hill Arbours 2, Brgy. Sto. Niño/Suhi, Tacloban City was executed on September 18, 2015 between NHA and EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture, whereby the latter is committed to deliver One Thousand (1,000) units (House and Lot Package) for a price of P_____; and that according to the contract, the scope of work under this project are "survey works, earthworks, road works, drainage works, water system, electrical power lines, miscellaneous works and housing construction."

In reply, please be informed that pursuant to Sections 19 and 20 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7279, pertinent portions of which state that:

> *"Sec. 19. Incentives for the National Housing Authority. — The National Housing Authority, being the primary government agency in charge of providing housing for the underprivileged and homeless, shall be exempted from the payment of all fees and charges of any kind, whether local or national, such as income and realty taxes. All documents or contracts executed by and in favor of the National Housing Authority shall also be exempt from the payment of documentary stamp tax and registration fees, including fees required for the issuance of transfer certificates of title.*
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> *"Sec. 20. Incentives for Private Sector Participating in Socialized Housing. — To encourage greater private sector participation in socialized housing and further reduce the cost of housing units for the benefit of the underprivileged and homeless, the following incentives shall be extended to the private sector:*
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"(d) Exemption from the payment of the following:

(1) Project-related income taxes;

(2) Capital Gains Tax on raw lands used for the project;

(3) Value-Added Tax for the project contractor concerned;"

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Moreover, pertinent portions of RMC No. 42-01 dated October 5, 2001, provide, *viz.*:

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A. National Housing Authority (NHA) — The NHA, being the primary government agency in charge of providing housing for the underprivileged and homeless citizens shall be exempted from the payment of the following national internal revenue taxes:

(1) . . .

(2) Documentary stamp tax on sales transactions executed by and in favor of the NHA in connection with socialized housing projects. Since Section 19 of R.A. 7279 exempts "all documents or contracts executed by and in favor of the NHA," the exemption from documentary stamp tax extends to the other party (either seller or buyer) that is dealing or transacting with the NHA.

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NHA's acquisition of raw land

The landowner who sells her property for use in a socialized housing project is exempt from the payment of the capital gains tax.

Such being the case, the sale by the landowners to NHA of the subject properties covered by TCT Nos. T-7930, T-4373, T-4375, T-4377, T-4379, T-4380 and T-4381 are exempt from capital gains tax. (BIR Ruling No. 003-2016 dated January 6, 2016)

The exemption from documentary stamp tax of NHA in connection with any of its socialized housing project extends to the other party (either seller or buyer) that deals or transacts with the NHA. Consequently, since NHA is a party to the sale, no documentary stamp tax shall be due on such sale. Accordingly, the transfer by the landowners to NHA of the subject properties covered by TCT Nos. T-7930, T-4373, T-4375, T-4377, T-4379, T-4380 and T-4381 are likewise exempt from documentary stamp tax imposed under Section 196 of the Tax Code of 1997, as amended. (BIR Ruling No. 003-2016 dated January 6,

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2016)

Moreover, under Section 109 (1) (P) of the Tax Code of 1997, as amended by R.A. 9337, the sale of real properties utilized for low-cost and socialized housing as defined by R.A. No. 7279 shall be exempt from value-added tax (VAT), thus, the sale of the subject properties covered by TCT Nos. T-7930, T-4373, T-4375, T-4377, T-4379, T-4380 and T-4381 by the landowners to NHA for purposes of the Yolanda Permanent Housing Program is exempt from the imposition of VAT. (BIR Ruling No. 003-2016 dated January 6, 2016)

Upon application for exemption, a lien on the titles of the lands shall be annotated by the Register of Deeds having jurisdiction over the properties, to the effect that the same is to be applied or is being applied to socialized housing project pursuant to RA 7279.

Please take note that this ruling is never intended and shall not be construed as giving authority to the concerned Register of Deeds to effect transfer of the lands in the name of the buyer without the necessary certificate of authority to register issued by this Bureau. In this regard, this ruling shall be presented to the Revenue District Office (RDO) concerned in order for the latter to issue the Certificate Authorizing Registration (CAR) after the submission of the requirements provided under Revenue Memorandum Order (RMO) No. 15-2003.

Transaction between NHA and Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation

Considering that Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation is a project contractor whose services are engaged by NHA to undertake construction of 1,000 Housing Units with its necessary construction components in North Hill Arbours 1 Housing Project, Brgy. Suhi, Tacloban City and which was certified by the NHA as a socialized housing project as resettlement site pursuant to R.A. 7279, the income directly realized by Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation from the land development and housing construction with its necessary construction components for 1,000 Housing Units with its necessary construction components in North Hill Arbours 1 Housing Project, Brgy. Suhi, Tacloban City shall be exempt from project-related income taxes. (BIR Ruling No. 003-2016 dated January 6, 2016)

Moreover, pursuant to Section 20 (d) (3) of R.A. No. 7279, the housing construction with its necessary construction components for 1,000 Housing Units with its necessary construction components in North Hill Arbours 1 Housing Project, Brgy. Suhi, Tacloban City by Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation shall be exempt from VAT. However, the purchases of goods/articles by Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation shall be subject to VAT, even if the said purchases are to be used for the socialized housing project, since VAT is an indirect tax which can be passed on by the seller

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of the goods/services. It shall be understood that Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation must issue non-VAT official receipts on its gross receipts from the said socialized housing project.

Transaction between EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture and NHA

Considering that EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture is a project contractor whose services are engaged by NHA to undertake construction of 1,000 Housing Units with its necessary construction components in North Hill Arbours 2 Housing Project, Brgy. Sto. Niño/Suhi, Tacloban City and which was certified by the NHA as a socialized housing project as resettlement site pursuant to R.A. 7279, the income directly realized by EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture from the land development and housing construction with its necessary construction components for 1,000 Housing Units with its necessary construction components in North Hill Arbours 2 Housing Project, Brgy. Sto. Niño/Suhi, Tacloban City shall be exempt from project-related income taxes. (BIR Ruling No. 003-2016 dated January 6, 2016)

Moreover, pursuant to Section 20 (d) (3) of R.A. No. 7279, the housing construction with its necessary construction components for 1,000 Housing Units with its necessary construction components in North Hill Arbours 2 Housing Project, Brgy. Sto. Niño/Suhi, Tacloban City by EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture shall be exempt from VAT. However, the purchases of goods/articles by EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture shall be subject to VAT, even if the said purchases are to be used for the socialized housing project, since VAT is an indirect tax which can be passed on by the seller of the goods/services. It shall be understood that EDLY Construction/Goldenville Realty and Development Corporation-Joint Venture must issue non-VAT official receipts on its gross receipts from the said socialized housing project.

This ruling is being issued on the basis of the foregoing facts as represented. However, if upon investigation, it will be disclosed that the facts are different, then this ruling shall be considered null and void.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) CAESAR R. DULAY
Commissioner of Internal Revenue

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Footnotes

1. Married to JJJ.
2. *Id.*
3. Married to KKK.
4. (Married to FFF), represented by LLL.
5. Represented by DDD.

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