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Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion
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Gentlemen:

We refer to your letter dated April 24, 2013 which requested us to clarify and/or confirm the information contained in the news article entitled "URC starts building \$35-m ethanol plant" posted in the Manila Standard Today (Internet Edition) on April 24, 2013. The article reported in part that:

"Universal Robina Corp. recently broke ground for its \$35-million ethanol distillery plant, which will produce ethanol fuel in support of the government's efforts to reduce the country's dependence on imported ethanol.

The plant, located in the company's sugar central facility in Manjuyod town in Negros Oriental, will start operations in March 2014. It will produce some 100,000 liters per day, or 30 million liters of ethanol fuel each year, said Renato Cabati, general manager of Universal Robina Sugar Milling Corp., or Ursumco.

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We confirm the above-mentioned information contained in the news article.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ROSALINDA F. RIVERA
Corporate Secretary

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