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COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

- versus -

BORACAY BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OF SCUBA SHOPS, ECLIPSE DIVE CENTER BORACAY, INC., UNDERWATERWORLD EXPLORER, INC., DIVEGURUS DIVING SERVICES, AQUALIFE DIVERS ACADEMY, FISHEYE DIVERS, VICTORY DIVERS, BIG BLUE DIVE **RESORT CORP., BORACAY ISLAND** NEW WAVE DIVERS, BORACAY SCUBA INC., CALYPSO DIVING INTERNATIONAL. EASY DIVE. GO DIVING, NEPTUNE DIVE CENTER. ISLAND STAFF DIVING & TOUR SHOPPE INC., KE & SAM DIVE CENTER, LAPU-LAPU DIVING CENTER, LETS GO DIVING, MARIO DIVING GROUP CO., MILKY'S DIVE CENTER AND HELMET-DIVING AND SCUBA **DIVING, OCEAN PHIL., PARADISE DIVE** CENTER, PARTY HOUSE DIVING. SHARKY DIVING, SCOTTY'S SHANGRILA, SEA WORLD CORP., BORACAY VIKING DIVERS CENTER INC., WHITEBEACH DIVERS, YAPAK K. DIVE ACADEMY INC., YEGRINA DIVE CENTER, DIVERS ADVENTURES, BLUE OCEAN, BLUE SEA DIVERS, BORACAY **D5** DIVING CENTER, CALYPSO FRIDAYS. FROG DIVERS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CORP.. PROSCUBA DIVING, SCUBA CHAMP INC., SEA GAIA INC. DIVING RESORT, FREE WILLY DIVING, INC., SEAPARK DIVING,

Respondents.

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PCC Case No. E-2021-001

For: Violation of Sec. 14(a)(1) of Republic Act No. 10667 or the Philippine Competition Act





SUMMONS

TO: BORACAY D5 DIVING CENTER Barangay Balabag Boracay, Malay, Aklan

Through:

Michael A. Martillano; Ruben T. Fuentes; Mylen Arboleda; Salvador F. Bondoc; Carlos Blanch; Viktor Ocskai; and/or Mardiory T. Dulaong *Trustees*

Please take notice that an administrative complaint for violation of Section 14(a)(1) of Republic Act No. 10667 or the Philippine Competition Act has been filed against you by the Competition Enforcement Office ("Complainant") before this Commission.

The charge involves the alleged execution by and among members of the Boracay Business Administration of Scuba Shops (BBASS) of prohibited agreements, specifically the 2016 BBASS Rules and Regulations, the 15 January 2018 Price Agreement among Dive Shops, Instructors, Assistant Instructors and Divemasters and the 1 February 2019 Price Agreement among Dive Shops, Instructors, Assistant Instructors, Assistant Instructors, Assistant Instructors, Assistant Instructors, Assistant Instructors and Divemasters, which restrict competition as to price, or components thereof, or other terms of trade. Complainant's detailed claim is stated in the Statement of Objections dated 13 December 2021 attached and served with this Summons.

In order to defend against this complaint, you are required to respond to the *Statement* of *Objections*, within <u>sixty (60) days</u> from receipt of this Summons, by filing with the Commission a Verified Answer stating your defense in writing and serving a copy to the Complainant. You have the right to defend yourself or to be represented in this case by counsel.

Your failure to file a verified answer may be sufficient ground for you to lose the opportunity to answer or participate in any stage of the case. Such failure will also authorize the Commission to render a decision granting such relief as the records and evidence may warrant and impose the appropriate penalties and remedies.

You may refer to Rule IV of the 2017 Rules of Procedure of Philippine Competition Commission to direct you on the contents of the Verified Answer, the prohibited motions, and the procedures observed in the adjudication proceedings before the Commission.

Any and all filings to the Commission must be done in accordance with PCC Interim Guidelines During Periods of Community Quarantine issued on 25 May 2021. 16 December 2021.

For the Commission:

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