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Dear CDM Executive Board,

On behalf of the Philippine Rice Research Institute, with its capacity and mandate to do research and development works for the Philippine rice sector, I am pleased to provide this certification letter in relation to the renewal/update of the standardized baseline "ASB0008: Methane Emissions from Rice Cultivation in the Republic of the Philippines (version 01.0)" which expired on the 20th of February 2018.

I hereby certify that the current version 01.0 of standardized baseline ASB0008 is still valid and therefore, recommend its renewal under the same conditions. Although recent findings have emerged such as those published by Padre et al. (2018) "Site-specific feasibility of alternate wetting and drying as a greenhouse gas mitigation option in irrigated rice fields in Southeast Asia: a synthesis" and Sibayan et al. (2018) "Effects of alternate wetting and drying technique on greenhouse gas emissions from irrigated rice paddy in Central Luzon, Philippines", the results are site specific for areas with climate type 1 and heavy clay soil in the Philippines. In addition, some exploratory modifications were introduced during the study such as dry shallow tillage during fallow period and other crop and field management strategies, which may not represent the actual practice of the majority of the Filipino rice farmers. In view thereof, the recent findings may not be applicable to generalize or represent national level GHG emissions for the Philippine rice sector.

I look forward to the renewal of the standardized baseline "ASB0008: Methane Emissions from Rice Cultivation in the Republic of the Philippines". I am ready to respond to any queries you may have regarding this matter.
Thank you.

Yours truly,

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