

6. The Supreme Court Mandamus on the clean-up of Manila Bay has given LGUs and Water Districts until December 31, 2020 to comply with Septage Management Program;
7. Malacañang Administrative Order No. 16 of 2019 mandates the creation of a Manila Bay Task Force to Expedite the Rehabilitation and Restoration of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystem of Manila Bay;
8. In accordance with Section 8 on Desludging of Balanga City Ordinance No. 13-2017, *"all owners and users of septic tanks shall be required to desludge every 5 years and actual desludging must be done only by the water utility or a private desludging company duly accredited by the DOH and/or DENR-EMB."*
9. For the immediate compliance by BLWD to all of the above local and national environmental laws, the BLWD intends to solicit the technical and operational assistance of a DOH-ESC licensed entity for the regular desludging of septic tanks and proper treatment and disposal thereof which involves the Census, Collection, Transportation, Treatment, and Disposal/Reuse of Septage of domestic septic tanks of residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and government establishments in Balanga City;
10. The service provider shall have an existing septage treatment facility or an agreement with a Department of Health accredited septage treatment facility within or near the Bataan area.

Now therefore, for and in consideration of above-cited premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the PARTIES agree as follows:

I. Duties and Responsibilities of the Parties

A. Envirokonsult

1. Assist and coordinate with BLWD in the implementation of the Ordinance. In particular, EK shall provide technical and operational support on the Census, Collection, Transportation, Treatment, and Disposal/Reuse of Septage.
2. Provide desludging services to **twelve (12) BLWD customers every month** (whether residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and government establishments) within the pre-identified service area of BLWD and as prioritized by the CENRO for the duration of the MOA.
3. Ensure quality services are rendered by:
 - i. Maintaining valid and up to date permits such as:
 - Compliant with ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System and ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System
 - Department of Health (DOH)- Environmental Sanitation Clearance (DOH-ESC-021-08-02, September 01, 2021) for Region 3.
 - ii. Deployment of a sufficient number of Vacuum Trucks.
 - iii. Employment of census personnel, desludging assistants and vacuum truck drivers with at least three (3) years similar working experience and Pollution Control Officers (PCOs) duly accredited by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-