

Philippine Shipping Update – Manning Industry

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Firm Announcement – Metro Manila under Community Quarantine

To our valued colleagues and friends, due to the continuing rise of COVID-19 infections, the Philippine health authorities have declared a Code Red sublevel 2 status in the country. The government has now declared the whole of Metro Manila under a state of community quarantine starting 15 March 2020 until 14 April 2020. During this period, land, domestic air and domestic sea travel to and from Metro Manila will be suspended, schools will be closed, government work in the executive department will be suspended (but will have skeletal force; likely to be adopted by the judicial department) and flexible working arrangements are encouraged to be adopted in the private sector. While the agencies of the government are expected to provide guidelines on the implementation of the community quarantine, the situation will be assessed on a day-to-day basis.

Prior to this announcement, and with the primordial interests of their employees' safety and health in mind, Del Rosario & Del Rosario as well as Del Rosario Pandiphil have adopted flexible work arrangements. These arrangements may change depending on the fluidity of the circumstances. While Del Rosario & Del Rosario / Del Rosario Pandiphil commit to continue to provide the service it has been known for, there may be delays or limitations in the service provided because of such arrangements.

We shall provide further updates should there be any change in the situation. We thank you for your support and understanding during these abnormal times.