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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC AUDITOR PROCUREMENT APPEALS TERRITORY OF GUAM

| In the Appeal of               | ) | Appeal No: OPA-PA-22-001 |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Guam Pacific Enterprise, Inc., | ) | ORDER OF DISMISSAL       |
| Appellant.                     | ) |                          |
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#### **Appellant:**

Guam Pacific Enterprise, Inc. C/O Sedfrey Linsangan

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This is an order *sua sponte* dismissing the appeal filed on behalf of Guam Pacific Enterprises, Inc. ("GPE") herein without prejudice. Dismissal is warranted because the Office of Public Accountability (the "OPA") has no subject matter jurisdiction as this appeal is not properly before the OPA. The undersigned has been appointed and designated hearing officer in this

appeal. *See* Recusal of Public Auditor and Order Appointing and Designating Hearing Officer to Preside over Appeal, OPA-PA-21-015 (Jan. 6, 2022).

This appeal was brought by Sedfrey Linsangan as President, and on behalf of, GPE on January 25, 2022. Previously, in <u>Guam Pacific Enterprises</u>, <u>Inc. v. University of Guam</u>, OPA-PA-21-011, an earlier appeal involving GPE and the University of Guam ("UOG"), the duly appointed hearing officer dismissed that appeal on UOG's motion that the appeal was not properly before the OPA, in that Linsangan, who is not licensed to practice law in Guam, could not represent a corporation before this tribunal. *See* Decision and Order, OPA-PA-21-011 (Jan. 21, 2022).

Similarly, in <u>Guam Pacific Enterprises</u>, <u>Inc. v. University of Guam</u>, OPA-PA-21-015, the duly appointed hearing officer dismissed GPE's appeal in that case on the same basis: that Linsangan could not represent a corporation before this tribunal. *See* Order of Dismissal, OPA-PA-21-015 (Jan. 31, 2022).

Consistant with the dismissal of prior cases in which Lingansan purported to represent a corporation, GPE's appeal herein is not properly before the OPA, and must be dismissed because the OPA lacks subject matter jurisdiction over it.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the appeal filed on behalf of GPE herein is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

**SO ORDERED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 by:

MITCHELL F. THOMPSON Hearing Officer



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## **OPA-PA-22-001 Order of Dismissal**

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