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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker *Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 1(2-S) "AN ACT TO *AMEND* ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 51 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING FACILITIES OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ISSUANCE OF ONE (1) *OR* MORE SERIES OF SUCH BONDS PURSUANT TO SUCH ARTICLE TO PAY THE COSTS OF A NEW LANDFILL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE ORDOT DUMP AND RELATED SYSTEM COSTS; TO *AMEND* §24102(f) AND 24103 OF ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTE 24 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; AND TO *AMEND* §1512.1 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES" which was signed into law on April 2, 2009 as **Public Law 30-7.**

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FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill

T.Won Pat, Ed. D. 12001 Date

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I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (SECOND) Special Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 1 (2-S), "AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 51 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING FACILITIES OF THE SOLID WASTE SYSTEM, AND APPROVING MANAGEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ISSUANCE OF ONE (1) OR MORE SERIES OF BONDS PURSUANT TO SUCH ARTICLE TO PAY THE COSTS OF A NEW LANDFILL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE ORDOT DUMP AND RELATED SYSTEM COSTS; TO AMEND §24102(f) AND §24103 OF ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 24 OF TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; AND TO AMEND §1512.1 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES", was on the 1st day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Attested

Date:

Public Law No. 30

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this _____ day of Argunt, 2009, at

10 o'clock A.M.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guåhan

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have the following meanings, respectively, unless a different meaning appears from the context:

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Bonds means an instrument of indebtedness, whether in 3 (a) the form of bonds, notes or another such instrument, issued by the 4 government and providing for repayment of the principal amount of 5 the indebtedness, plus interest, over a specified timeframe. 6 7 (b) Bondholder or holder of bonds, or any similar term, 8 means any person who *shall* be: 9 (1)the bearer of any outstanding bond or bonds registered to bearer or not registered; or 10 the registered owner of any such outstanding bond 11 (2)or bonds which shall at the time be registered other than to 12 13 bearer. Department means the Department of Public Works, 14 (c)15 acting on behalf of the government of Guam. Director means the Director of the Department of Public 16 (d)Works. 17 18 Guam Solid Waste Management and Litter Control Act (e) means Chapter 51 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated. 19 20 (f)Indenture means an agreement pursuant to which bonds 21 are issued, regardless of whether such agreement is expressed in the form of a certificate of the Governor of Guam (I Maga'lahen Guåhan) 22 or by other instrument. 23 Organic Act means the Organic Act of Guam, as 24 (g) amended, and in effect on the effective date of this Article (Title 48, 25 §1421 et seq. of the United States Code). 26

(1) Section 30 revenue means revenues derived by the government of Guam under Section 30 of the Organic Act (Title 48, §1421h of the United States Code).

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(m) Solid Waste Operations Fund means the fund by that name established pursuant to §51118(f), Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.

System means the solid waste management system, now 7 (n) 8 or hereafter existing, owned and/or operated by the Department or its 9 contractors, agents or subcontractors, including, but not limited to, landfills (whether closed or open and including Ordot Dump), transfer 10 11 stations, recycling facilities, collection trucks, appurtenant equipment such as scales, ground water monitoring equipment and pollution 12 13 control equipment, and administrative facilities supporting the 14 provision of solid waste management services, including facilities for payroll, billing and collections. 15

16 (o) System operation and maintenance costs means such
17 reasonable and necessary current expenses of the Department, paid or
18 accrued, for operation, maintenance and repair of the system,
19 including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

20 (1) legal and overhead expenses of the Department
21 directly related and reasonably allocable to the administration
22 of the system;

(2) fidelity bond and insurance premiums appertaining
to the system *or* a reasonably allocable share of a premium of
any blanket bond *or* policy pertaining to the system;

1 issued by the government pursuant to this Article that is payable only from 2 funds in the Solid Waste Operations Fund available therefor and from 3 revenue of the system *will not* be and *shall not* be deemed to be public 4 indebtedness of Guam as that term is used in said Section 11. Indebtedness 5 that is issued by the government pursuant to this Article and that is payable 6 from either Section 30 revenue or the General Fund may not be issued in an amount that would cause a violation of the debt limitation provisions of said 7 8 Section 11.

No obligation that is undertaken by the government pursuant to this 9 10 Article *shall* be or become a lien, charge or liability against the government of Guam or against the Department or against any property or funds of the 11 12 government of Guam or the Department, except to the extent of the pledge 13 of pledged revenue provided by the indenture and any pledge of the full faith 14 and credit of the government of Guam pursuant to §51822.5 of this Article."

§51804 of Article 8 of Chapter 51 of Title 10, Guam Code 15 Section 3. 16 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

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"§51804. Powers of Department. Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation, the Department has power and is hereby authorized, in 18 addition to all other powers conferred upon the Department by the Guam 19 20 Solid Waste Management and Litter Control Act or any other provision of 21 this Chapter or by any law of Guam, to exercise any or all of the powers 22 granted to the Department by this Article. The Department has jurisdiction 23 over and may collect and transport to permitted solid waste facilities, or contract for the collection and transportation to permitted solid waste 24 facilities, of solid waste from all individual dwelling units, single-family 25 26 residences, duplexes, and government-managed housing units or residences. 27 The Department may operate the Ordot Dump, or it may contract for the

1 *Except* to the extent otherwise permitted or required by an indenture 2 pursuant to which bonds are issued, rates, fees and charges, together with 3 other moneys made available to the Department for such purposes, shall at all times be fixed to yield annual revenue of the system at least equal to the 4 5 sum of annual principal payments and interest charges on all bonds then 6 outstanding, all coverage and reserve fund requirements relating to such 7 bonds, any obligations undertaken pursuant to Article 9 of this Chapter, and the annual system operation and maintenance costs. 8

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9 An indenture, lease *or* contract of indebtedness may provide for 10 payment from revenue of the system of refunds of rates and charges that are 11 collected in error and that are refundable by the Department."

Section 5. §51811 of Article 8 of Chapter 51 of Title 10, Guam Code
Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

14 "§51811. Covenants and Agreements that may be Contained in
15 Indenture. An indenture pursuant to which bonds are issued may include
16 any and all covenants and agreements on the part of the government as *I*17 *Maga'lahen Guåhan* deems necessary *or* advisable, including, without
18 limiting the generality of the foregoing, any one (1) *or* more of the
19 following:

20 (a) A provision that payments of principal and interest of
21 bonds *shall* be secured by a pledge of all *or* by part of the revenue of
22 the system *or* the Section 30 revenue *or* both.

(b) Provisions creating one (1) *or* more funds *or* accounts
into which all *or* any part of pledged revenue *shall* be deposited:

25 (1) for payment of the principal of and interest on
26 bonds at *or* prior to maturity; or

and collect annually rates or other charges in connection with the 1 solid waste management services furnished from the system which, 2 3 together with other available revenues, including, to the extent provided by an indenture, Section 30 revenue, will be: 4 5 sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the (1)bonds as they become due and payable, together with such 6 additional sums as may be required for any bond reserve fund 7 or account or other fund or account created by the indenture for 8 9 the security of such bonds; sufficient to pay any payments due under any lease 10 (2)11 or lease-back entered into pursuant to Article 9 of this Chapter; sufficient to pay the annual system operation and 12 (3)13 maintenance costs; and 14 (4) in such additional amount as *shall* be provided in the indenture for the further security or protection of such 15 bonds. 16 (i) A provision that no solid waste management service shall be 17 furnished free of charge to any person, except to the extent permitted by 18 19 the indenture. (j) A provision requiring the government to hold or cause to be 20 21 held in trust the pledged revenue or any part thereof, or to any fund or account created by any indenture for the further security or protection 22 of such bonds and to apply such pledged revenue or cause it to be 23 applied only as provided in the indenture and to invest all or any part 24 of such pledged revenue pending such application in such securities 25 26 and subject to such limitations as are specified in the indenture.

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(o) A provision designating the rights, limitations, powers and duties arising upon breach by the government of any of the covenants, conditions *or* obligations contained in the indenture.

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(p) A provision prescribing a procedure by which the terms and conditions of the indenture may be subsequently amended *or* modified with the consent of the government and the vote *or* written consent of the holders of a specified principal amount *or* specified proportion of the bonds issued and outstanding, including provisions for meetings of bondholders and for the manner in which the consent of the bondholders may be given and specifically stating the effect of such amendment *or* modification upon the rights of the holders of all of the bonds.

(q) With respect to any provision relating to the modification or 13 amendment of an indenture, the government may agree that bonds 14 15 held by the government, the United States or any instrumentality of 16 either thereof (including every public corporation, political subdivision, agency or instrumentality of any kind or class) shall not 17 18 be counted as outstanding bonds, or be entitled to vote or assent, but shall, nevertheless, be subject to any such modification or 19 20 amendment.

(r) A provision limiting the right of action by individual
bondholders in the event of a default by the government *or*proscribing the procedure for the conduct of any such action by an
individual bondholder.

(s) A provision permitting the government to purchase
outstanding bonds from any moneys *or* funds *or* accounts referred to
in the indenture *or* otherwise legally available for such purpose.

system pledged and thereafter received by the government *or* by any trustee, depository *or* custodian *shall* be deposited in a separate subaccount of the Revenue Account in the Solid Waste Operations Fund. The indenture by which such pledge is created need *not* be recorded. All such pledged revenue of the system is hereby appropriated for the purposes of paying the principal and interest on the bonds issued pursuant to this Article.

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7 Pledged revenue released from the lien of the indenture or certificate pursuant to which the bonds are issued shall be available for any other 8 9 lawful purpose. If the bonds are secured solely by such a pledge of and lien upon all or a portion of the revenue of the system, then no such bond and no 10 11 other obligation undertaken by the government under any indenture, lease or other instrument relating to such bond shall be or become a lien, charge or 12 13 liability against the government of Guam or against the Department or 14 against any property or funds of the government of Guam or the Department, except to the extent of the pledge of revenue of the system 15 16 provided by such indenture, lease or other instrument."

Section 8. A new §51822.5 of Article 8 of Chapter 51 of Title 10, Guam
Code Annotated, is hereby *added* to read as follows:

"§51822.5. Bonds May be Secured by Section 30 Revenue. If and 19 to the extent determined by I Maga'lahen Guåhan, all or any part of the 20 revenues derived by the government of Guam under Section 30 of the 21 Organic Act (Section 30 revenue) may be pledged to secure the payment of 22 23 any bonds issued pursuant to this Article, subject to any previously created lien on or pledge of such Section 30 revenue and to any parity lien created 24 pursuant to Article 9 of this Chapter. Any such pledge shall be valid and 25 26 binding against all parties in accordance with its terms and have priority against all parties in accordance with its terms from the time the pledge is 27

(a) to pay principal *or* interest on any bonds *or* any other obligations of the Department;

(b) to pay amounts due and owing under any lease *or* leaseback entered into pursuant to Article 9 of this Chapter;

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(c) to pay any amounts due and owing under any credit provider reimbursement agreement;

7 (d) to pay the annual system operation and maintenance8 costs; and

9 (e) for any other purposes of the system, as provided in any 10 indenture *or* indentures and subject to any restrictions provided by law

or any indenture."

Section 10. §51837 of Article 8 of Chapter 51 of Title 10, Guam Code
Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

14 "§51837. Credit Enhancement. I Maga'lahen Guåhan is hereby 15 authorized to enter into such contracts or agreements, on behalf of the government, with such banks, insurance companies or other financial 16 17 institutions as I Maga'lahen Guåhan determines are necessary or desirable 18 to improve the security and marketability of the bonds. Such contracts or agreements may contain an obligation to reimburse, with interest, any such 19 banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions for advances used 20 21 to pay principal of *or* interest on the bonds and to indemnify any such banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions for costs and expenses 22 incurred in connection with any such advance. Any such reimbursement 23 24 obligation and any other obligations of the government under such contracts or agreements may be secured by a pledge of pledged revenue, but only if 25 26 and to the extent that such revenue has been pledged to the bonds. In the event that the bonds shall constitute the valid and binding general 27

to refund any other *prior* obligations of the government issued for any of such 1 2 system purposes, to fund any necessary reserves relating to such bonds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds, or for any combination of such system purposes 3 4 for which bonds may be issued and secured as provided in this Article. Such 5 bonds shall have a final maturity not later than 2042, shall bear interest at such 6 rate or rates and shall be sold for such price or prices as shall result in a yield to 7 the bondholders not exceeding nine percent (9%) per annum, and shall be issued 8 and sold in the manner, for the purposes and subject to the requirements and 9 limitations provided in Article 8, Chapter 51, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated.

10 This approval is intended to *supersede* and *replace* the approval, contained 11 in Section 3 of Public Law 30-1, by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* of the issuance and sale 12 by the government of bonds pursuant to Article 8, Chapter 51, Title 10, Guam 13 Code Annotated, as enacted by said Public Law 30-1, which prior approval is 14 hereby *repealed*.

Section 12. Amendment of Provisions Relative to the Valuation of Property Subject to Real Property Taxation.

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(a) §24102(f) of Article 1, Chapter 24, Division 2 of Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"(f) Value, full cash value, fair market value, and cash value
means ninety percent (90%) of the appraised value; appraised value
means the amount at which property would be taken in payment of a
just debt from a solvent debtor as determined by the last completed
valuation conducted pursuant to §24306, Title 11, Guam Code
Annotated, as amended by the annual adjustments mandated in this
Chapter."

(b) §24103 of Article 1, Chapter 24, Division 2 of Title 11, Guam
Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

Pledge of Section 30 Revenues. All or any part of the revenues 1 (ii) derived by the government of Guam under Section 30 of the Organic Act 2 3 may be pledged to secure the repayment of any bonds issued pursuant to this Section and pay costs incurred in the creation of such debts, subject to any 4 5 previously created lien on or pledge of such revenues. Any pledge made to secure the bonds *shall* be valid and binding from the time the pledge is 6 7 made. The revenues pledged and thereafter received by the government of 8 Guam or by any trustee, depository or custodian shall be deposited in a separate account and *shall* be immediately subject to the lien of such pledge 9 without physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of such pledge 10 shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in 11 tort, contract or otherwise, against the government of Guam, such trustee, 12 13 depository or custodian, irrespective of whether the parties have notice 14 thereof. The certificate or indenture by which such pledge is created need 15 not be recorded. All revenues pledged are hereby continuously appropriated 16 for the purpose for which they have been pledged."

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- Section 14. §1512.1(i) of Article 5 of Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code
 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:
- 19 "(i) Use of Proceeds from the Sale of the Bonds. The proceeds from 20 the sale of the bonds *shall* be used and are hereby appropriated to (i) pay the General Fund expenses described below in this Subsection; (ii) establish 21 necessary reserves; (iii) pay expenses relating to the authorization, sale and 22 23 issuance of the bonds, including, without limitation, printing costs, costs of reproducing documents, credit enhancement fees, underwriting, legal, 24 financial advisory and accounting fees and charges, fees paid to banks or 25 26 other financial institutions providing credit enhancement, costs of credit 27 ratings and other costs, charges and fees in connection with the issuance,

Maga'lahen Guåhan, and approved by I Liheslaturan Guåhan, by the execution of a certificate or indenture authorizing the issuance of the bonds prior to the issuance of the bonds; provided, however, that such terms and conditions shall be consistent with this Section, and that the bonds shall mature not later than the date thirty (30) years after their date of issuance and shall bear interest at such rates and be sold for such price or prices as shall result in a yield to the bond holders that does not exceed ten percent (10%) per annum."

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8 Section 16. (a) Uses of Fees. The Guam Economic Development Authority 9 *shall* remit all of the fees earned on any bond issue authorized in Article 8 *or* 10 Article 9 of Chapter 51 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated to be deposited into the 11 cash account that disburses income tax refunds.

12 **(b)** Authorization to the Department of Revenue and Taxation. The 13 Department of Revenue and Taxation is hereby authorized to disburse funds 14 generated from this Section for the *sole* purpose of paying tax refunds to persons 15 with medical emergencies *or* funeral related expenses.

16 Section 17. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act *or* its application to 17 any person *or* circumstance is found to be invalid *or* contrary to law, such 18 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions *or* applications of this Act which can be 19 given effect without the invalid provisions *or* application, and to this end the 20 provisions of this Act are severable.