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NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution dated November 28, 2019 which reads as follows:

“G.R. No. 220174 – FILINVEST LAND, INC. v. EDNA MARIE G. BABINO

The Court resolves to **DENY** the petition for review on certiorari for failure to sufficiently show that the Court of Appeals committed reversible error in rendering its assailed Decision in CA-G.R. SP No. 139058 dated August 20, 2015 as to warrant the Court’s exercise of its discretionary appellate jurisdiction.

The petition raises the core issue: is petitioner liable to pay damages for misapplying respondent’s installment payments?

In petitions for review on certiorari under Rule 45 of the Rules of Court, the Court is narrowly confined to the review of legal issues. Hence, the Court will not take cognizance of the pure factual issues raised here, let alone, calibrate anew the evidence which had already been thoroughly evaluated and considered twice by the tribunals below.¹ Petitioner’s argument regarding its liability for damages essentially requires a review of the Court of Appeals’ factual and legal findings which the Court is precluded to do *via* Rule 45.

Absent any showing that certain facts or circumstances of weight and substance have been overlooked, misapprehended or misapplied, as in this case, we accord the highest respect and finality to the factual findings of administrative agencies and quasi-judicial bodies, which have acquired expertise because their jurisdiction is

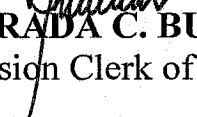
¹ *Gatan v. Vinarao*, G.R. No. 205912, October 18, 2017, 842 SCRA 602, 610.

confined to specific matters, especially when affirmed by the Court of Appeals.²

WHEREFORE, the petition is **DENIED** and the Decision dated August 20, 2015 of the Court of Appeals in CA-G.R. SP No. 139058, is **AFFIRMED**.

SO ORDERED.” *Caguioa, J., on official leave; Inting, J., additional member per Special Order No. 2726.*

Very truly yours,


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² *Marlow Navigation Philippines, Inc. v. Heirs of Ricardo S. Ganal, et al*, 810 Phil. 956, 961 (2017).