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## RESOLUTION NO. 13-2010

### PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR ARBITRATION CASES INVOLVING SMALL CLAIMS BELOW ₱100,000

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of Procedure Governing Construction Arbitration of the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission (CIAC) provide for small claims cases as follows:

*"Rule 20- SMALL CLAIMS*

**SECTION 20.1 Small Claims**- *Cases where the claim does not exceed ₱1 million shall be categorized as a small claim thereby entitled to special procedures of disposition and reduced fees.*

**20.1.1** *A small claims case shall be handled by a sole arbitrator whose fees shall be at a fixed rate of 3 % of the claim but not less than ₱ 10, 000.00 or as may be prescribed by CIAC. The expenses of the sole arbitrator and CIAC staff consisting of actual expenses of travel, accommodations and administrative costs for at most two (2) days incurred for hearing if held outside of Metro Manila shall be borne by CIAC.*

**20.1.2** *All prescribed periods under normal procedure shall whenever practicable, be abbreviated to fifty percent (50%) of that required."*

**WHEREAS**, in the past, aside from the expenses mentioned in Section 20.1.1 above, the arbitrator's fee for small claims was also borne by the CIAC pursuant to CIAC Resolution No. 09-2002, expanding the use of the CIAC Arbitration Development Fund (ADF) which was established by the Commission in 1996 primarily for the resolution of small claims cases originating from remote areas and the development and promotion of arbitration in the regions;

**WHEREAS**, the use of the ADF for the payment of the Sole Arbitrator's fees in small claims cases was discontinued in 2006 due to the absence of an express provision under the revised CIAC Rules for the said fees to be borne by the CIAC as well;

**WHEREAS**, under the CIAC Table of Fees, parties to small claims cases involving amounts below ₱100,000 are assessed total arbitration fees of ₱19, 600 per case broken down as follows: