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## Megawide, Splice Sleeve Japan Ltd. to bolster construction efficiency with advanced rebar coupler technology



*(L-R: Hirotoomo Ryu; AJ Ishikawa; Shigetaka Kumagai, Splice Sleeve President & CEO; Edgar Saavedra, Megawide Chairman & CEO; Frederick Tan, Megawide Construction COO; Watanabe Masashi, Megawide Construction VP for Engineering; and Martin Miguel Flores, Megawide Construction Procurement Head)*

Megawide Construction Corporation (“Megawide” or the “Company”) has officially sealed a partnership with Splice Sleeve Japan Ltd. (“Splice Sleeve”), a global leader in rebar coupler technology, through a ceremonial contract signing, held last December 16.

This collaboration aimed at integrating Splice Sleeve’s advanced rebar coupler technology into Megawide’s construction projects including large-ticket infrastructure developments.

The partnership banners Megawide’s thrust for innovation, seeking to enhance construction efficiency and structural integrity, and align with global best practices and standards in engineering and sustainability.

Megawide Chairman and CEO Edgar Saavedra and Splice Sleeve President and CEO Shigetaka Kumagai, along with other key executives, led the ceremonial signing, which highlighted the commitment of both companies to drive innovation in the construction industry.

### **Driving Innovation with Splice Sleeve Technology**

Splice Sleeve's rebar coupler technology is renowned worldwide for its efficiency, reliability, and compliance with international standards. This technology facilitates faster and more secure connections between rebars, reducing labor time and material waste while ensuring structural performance.

"Megawide is always driven to evolve and adopt innovative construction methodologies," said Saavedra. "The use of precast and rebar couplers allows us to build stronger, more sustainable, and faster infrastructure optimizing our processes and contributing to building a First-World Philippines. Precast is not only a better product but also offers competitive pricing for external clients."

Kumagai also expressed enthusiasm for the collaboration and shared "We are elated to team up with Megawide as we share the same commitment to innovation and excellence. Together, we aim to set new standards in construction efficiency and structural reliability."

### **Enhancing Megawide's EPC capabilities**

The integration of Splice Sleeve technology is expected to enhance Megawide's end-to-end Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) services. With applications across a diverse portfolio of projects the partnership is expected to create significant value for stakeholders.

### **A commitment to sustainability**

The adoption of Splice Sleeve technology also aligns with Megawide's commitment to sustainability. By minimizing construction waste and optimizing material usage, this innovation supports the company's efforts to reduce its environmental impact and promote sustainable development.

## **ABOUT MEGAWIDE**

Megawide is one of the leading infrastructure and engineering innovators in the Philippines. Publicly listed since 2011, it is one of the largest contractors for private sector construction projects in the country and a partner of the Philippine Government for flagship infrastructure projects such as the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (25-year development contract) and the Paranaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (35-year development contract). Megawide also designed and constructed the Clark International Airport New Passenger Terminal Building.

It is currently undertaking the construction of the Malolos-Clark Railway Project Package 1, Metro Manila Subway Contract Package 104, and the modernization of Cebu's historic Carbon Market District. In 2012, the company established Megawide Corporate Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization focusing on social development projects.