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JERA-AEV seal deal on USD1.463 billion AboitizPower shares acquisition

Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV) and JERA Co., Inc. (JERA) finalized today the latter’s acquisition of a 25.01% stake in Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower), following the turnover of USD1.463 billion payment and the fulfillment of several conditions, including a confirmation of non-coverage from the Philippine Competition Commission and the ratification of the transaction during the AEV Special Stockholders’ Meeting held on December 10, 2021.

JERA, Japan’s largest power generation company, acquired a 27% stake in AboitizPower, which included a 1.99% stake from the Aboitiz family’s privately held parent company, Aboitiz & Company.

AEV, which still owns a controlling stake of approximately 52% in AboitizPower, will use the cash proceeds from the sale to fund its long-term growth strategy, including expanding the non-power share in its business portfolio, increasing its overseas activity, and refinancing existing higher cost debt.

During the Special Stockholders Meeting held last December 10, 2021, Aboitiz Group President and Chief Executive Officer Sabin M. Aboitiz said the JERA deal is another significant milestone in the company’s history, and an exciting new phase in its continuous transformation and evolution.

“The partnership leverages JERA’s experience and expertise for AboitizPower… It expands our network outside the country and increases our optionalities,” he told the stockholders. “We have been contributing to our country's economic growth for over 100 years, and promoting clean energy represents the next chapter in our history of driving change for a better world,” he added.

JERA, for its part, welcomes the strong partnership with the Aboitiz Group.
“We are excited to establish a strong partnership between JERA and AboitizPower, which we believe will leverage the strengths of both companies and unlock new growth opportunities. As the Philippines continues to experience rapid economic growth and increased electricity demand, we will work together to meet these needs and develop additional clean and renewable electric power generation capacity,” said Satoshi Onoda, President of JERA.

JERA, which is currently operating in more than 10 countries with a total portfolio of 80 Gigawatts (GW), is operating large-scale Renewable Energy such as wind power energy and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and is considered one of the largest LNG purchasers in the world.

The Japanese firm has expertise in the development of RE and zero-emission thermal power generation using ammonia and hydrogen, as well as development of a Zero CO2 Emissions 2050 roadmap.

AboitizPower and JERA have identified potential areas for collaboration across multiple fronts including joint development of LNG-to-Power projects, the fuel sourcing and management of LNG, potential participation in aspects of plant O&M, and exploration of the use of new generation technologies.

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**About Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc.**

Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. is the public holding company of the AEV Group with major investments in power, banking and financial services, food, infrastructure, and land. Today, AEV is recognized as one of the best-managed companies in the Philippines and in the region, consistently cited for its commitment to good corporate governance and corporate social responsibility. With five generations of AEV Group business success behind it, AEV continues to drive change for a better world by advancing business and communities.

**About AboitizPower**

AboitizPower is the holding company for the AEV Group’s investments in power generation, distribution, and retail electricity services. It advances business and communities by providing reliable and ample power supply at a reasonable and competitive price, and with the least adverse effects on the environment and host communities.

The company is one of the largest power producers in the Philippines with a balanced portfolio of assets located across the country. It is a major producer of Cleanergy, its brand for clean and renewable energy
with several hydroelectric, geothermal, and solar power generation facilities. It also has thermal power plants in its generation portfolio to support the baseload and peak energy demands of the country.

The company also owns distribution utilities that operate in high-growth areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, including the second and third largest private utilities in the country.

Currently, AboitizPower, together with its partners, is the Philippines’ largest owner and operator of renewable energy based on installed capacity. In the next 10 years, the company will significantly expand its Cleanergy portfolio, in support of the government’s efforts to promote renewable energy in the country and as the company’s contribution to the global renewable energy targets. AboitizPower is aiming for a 50:50 Cleanergy and thermal capacity mix by 2030.

About JERA Co., Inc.

Established in 2015 as an equal joint venture between two major Japanese electric companies (TEPCO Fuel & Power Incorporated and Chubu Electric Power Company), JERA is an energy company with global reach and strengths across the entire energy supply chain from participation in fuel upstream projects and procurement through fuel transportation and power generation.

JERA’s mission is to provide cutting-edge solutions to the world’s energy issues by offering to other countries energy supply models established in Japan through JERA’s global operations. Looking toward 2025, JERA focuses primarily on energy solutions in two areas: large-scale renewable energy centered on offshore wind power generation and LNG value chains. To further drive existing initiatives and clarify its long-term vision, JERA established its “JERA Zero CO2 Emissions 2050” objective in October 2020 based on the development of renewable energy and zero-emission thermal power generation using ammonia and hydrogen.

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