

March 8, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Secretariat Building, PICC Complex
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1307

ATTENTION : **DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.**
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via PSE EDGE

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

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ATTENTION : **MR. JOSE VALERIANO B. ZUÑO III**
OIC - Head, Disclosure Department

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ATTENTION : **MS. ERIKA GRACE C. ALULOD**
Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosures Department

Gentlemen:

Please see attached the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. filed in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code, its 2015 Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Revised Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Issuer Disclosure Operating Guidelines of the Philippine Dealing Exchange Corp. (PDEX).

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By:



MANUEL ALBERTO R. COLAYCO
Corporate Secretary

COVER SHEET

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S.E.C. Registration Number

A B O I T I Z E Q U I T Y V E N T U R E S , I N C .

(Company's Full Name)

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C I T Y , T A G U I G C I T Y , M E T R O M A N I L A

P H I L I P P I N E S

(Business Address: No. Street City / Town / Province)

MANUEL ALBERTO R. COLAYCO

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Company Telephone Number

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Month Day
Fiscal Year

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FORM TYPE

3rd Monday of

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Month Day
Annual Meeting

N/A

Secondary License Type, if Applicable

SEC

Dept. Requiring this Doc

N/A

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

x

Domestic

Foreign

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SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE (SRC)
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. **March 8, 2018**
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number **CEO2536** 3. BIR TIN **003-828-269-V**
4. **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.**
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
5. **Philippines**
Province, country or other jurisdiction
of incorporation
6. 
Industry Classification Code
7. **32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines** **1634**
Address of principal office Postal Code
8. **(02) 886-2800**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code
9. **N.A.**
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
- | Title of Each Class | Number of Shares of Common Stock
Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
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| Common Stock ₱1 Par Value | 5,633,792,557 |
| Amount of Debt Outstanding (September 30, 2017) | ₱272,128,645,062.00 |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

Item 9: Other Matters

Please see attached Notice and Agenda of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.'s Annual Stockholders Meeting on May 21, 2018. The rationale for each agenda item is all attached as Annex "A" for reference of the stockholders.

SIGNATURE (S)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manuel Alberto R. Colayco', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Manuel Alberto R. Colayco
Corporate Secretary

Date: March 8, 2018

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.** (the "Company") will be held on May 21, 2018, Monday, 4:00 p.m., at Ballroom 2, 2nd Floor, Fairmont Makati, 1 Raffles Drive, Makati Avenue, Makati City, 1224 Metro Manila, Philippines.

The Agenda* of the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Notice of Meeting
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Stockholders' Meeting held on May 15, 2017
5. Presentation of the President's Report
6. Approval of the 2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements
7. Appointment of the Company's External Auditor for 2018
8. Ratification of the Acts, Resolutions and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management from 2017 up to May 21, 2018
9. Update to the Stockholders on the Amendment of the Company's By-Laws to Move the Date of the Annual Stockholders' Meetings from the 3rd Monday of May of every year to the 4th Monday of April of every year, and to Clarify the Venue of the Company's Annual Stockholders' Meetings
10. Election of the Members of the Board of Directors
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 28, 2018 are entitled to notice of and to vote at this meeting. Registration will start at 2:00 p.m. on May 21, 2018 and will end at 3:45 p.m. of that day. Stockholders are requested to present any proof of identification, such as driver's license, passport, company ID or SSS/GSIS ID upon registration. Aside from personal identification, representatives of corporate stockholders and other juridical entities must also present a duly sworn Secretary's Certificate or any similar document showing his or her authority to represent the corporation or entity.

Stockholders who are unable to attend the meeting may execute a proxy in favor of a representative. In accordance with the Amended By-Laws of the Company, proxies must be submitted to the Office of the Corporate Secretary for inspection, validation and recording at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting, or on or before May 14, 2018, at 18th Floor NAC Tower, 32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila. The Proxy Verification Committee will inspect, examine and validate the sufficiency of the proxy forms received.

For the Board of Directors,

A blue ink signature of Manuel Alberto R. Colayco, written in a cursive style.

MANUEL ALBERTO R. COLAYCO
Corporate Secretar

**The rationale for each Agenda item is explained in the attached Annex "A" and may also be viewed at AEV's website at www.aboitiz.com under Annual Stockholders' Meeting in the Investor Relations Page.*

ANNEX “A”
EXPLANATION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS OF THE
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS’ MEETING

ITEM NO. 2: Proof of Notice of Meeting

RATIONALE: *To inform the stockholders that notice requirements for the 2018 Annual Stockholders’ Meeting (2018 ASM) have been complied with in accordance with the Company’s By-Laws and the Corporation Code of the Philippines.*

The Corporate Secretary will certify the date when notices for the 2018 ASM were sent out to the stockholders of record, including the date of publication and the newspapers where the notice was published.

ITEM NO. 3: Determination of Quorum

RATIONALE: *To inform the stockholders of the existence of a quorum for the 2018 ASM, and of the procedure for the conduct of voting for the agenda items being put to a vote.*

The Corporate Secretary will certify the existence of a quorum, as verified and confirmed by the Board of Election Inspectors. Stockholders representing at least a majority of the outstanding capital stock, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Should there be agenda items put to a vote, the following are the rules of conduct and procedures:

- (i) During the registration process, Company personnel with nametags labeled “AEV ASM Staff” will issue numbered voter receipts to stockholders and proxies. The AEV ASM Staff will keep the receipts and details of the voters in the ASM registration records.
- (ii) Voting shall be done manually. The AEV ASM Staff will distribute to the stockholders and proxies the relevant ballot for the particular agenda item put to a vote. The sample ballot for the agenda item will also be displayed on the screen in front of the Ballroom.
- (iii) The stockholders and proxies are required to present their voter receipts to the AEV ASM Staff so that they will be provided with the ballots. Valid ballots bear the signature of the Corporate Secretary at the back.
- (iv) To vote, a stockholder is required to fill up the ballot, indicate his voting number, and the number of shares of stock he owns consistent with the records of the Company. The AEV ASM Staff will collect the ballots for counting.
- (v) Each outstanding share of stock entitles the stockholder to one (1) vote, except for the election of directors where a stockholder may distribute his shares for as many nominees as there are directors to be elected, or he may cumulate his shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected.

The total number of votes cast should not exceed the total number of shares a stockholder owns.

- (vi) In general, the approval of the stockholders owning and representing at least a majority of the capital stock present at the meeting is sufficient to approve an agenda item. There is no item in the 2018 ASM Agenda that requires a higher percentage of votes from the stockholders.
- (vii) All votes received shall be tabulated by the Office of the Corporate Secretary and the results shall be validated by Luis Cañete & Company, an independent auditing firm which has been appointed as the Board of Election Inspectors.
- (viii) The Corporate Secretary shall report the votes received and inform the stockholders if the particular agenda item is carried or disapproved. The total number of votes cast for all items for approval under the agenda will be flashed on the screen.

ITEM NO. 4: Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Stockholders' Meeting held on May 15, 2017

RATIONALE: To allow the stockholders to confirm that the proceedings during the ASM were recorded accurately and truthfully.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 15, 2017 was posted at AEV's website, www.aboitiz.com, on May 16, 2017. Copies of the minutes were also distributed to the stockholders before the 2018 ASM.

A resolution approving the minutes of the May 15, 2017 ASM will be presented to the stockholders for approval.

ITEM NO. 5: Presentation of the President's Report

RATIONALE: To apprise the stockholders of the Company's operating performance, financial condition and outlook.

The President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Erramon I. Aboitiz, shall deliver a report to the stockholders on the 2017 operating and financial performance of the Company, as well as its outlook for 2018.

ITEM NO. 6: Approval of the 2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements

RATIONALE: To present to the stockholders the results of the Company's operations in 2017, in accordance with Section 75 of the Corporation Code.

The Company's audited financial statements as of December 31, 2017 is integrated and made part of the Company's 2017 Definitive Information Statement (2017 Information Statement). The 2017 Information Statement will be sent to the stockholders at least fifteen (15) days prior to the ASM, and the same will be posted at the Company's website at www.aboitiz.com.

A resolution approving the 2017 annual reports and audited financial statements shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

ITEM NO. 7: Appointment of the Company's External Auditor for 2018

RATIONALE: *To appoint an auditing firm which can best provide assurance to the directors and stockholders on the integrity of the Company's financial statements and adequacy of its internal controls. The Board Audit Committee and the Board of Directors will endorse an external auditor for 2017 for the stockholders to appoint.*

The Company's Board Audit Committee endorsed, and the Board of Directors approved for shareholders consideration the election of Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. (SGV) as the Company's external auditor for 2018.

SGV has been AEV's Independent Public Accountant for the last 24 years. Ms. Maria Veronica Andresa R. Pore has been AEV's audit partner since audit year 2017. AEV complies with the requirement of Section 3(b)(ix) of SRC Rule 68 on the rotation of external auditors or signing partners and the two-year cooling-off period.

There was no event in the past 24 years wherein AEV and SGV or its handling partner had any disagreement regarding any matter relating to accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures or auditing scope or procedures.

A resolution for the appointment of the Company's external auditor for 2018 shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

ITEM NO. 8: Ratification of the Acts, Resolutions and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management in 2017 up to May 21, 2018

RATIONALE: *To allow the stockholders to ratify the acts of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Company as a matter of procedure or policy.*

The resolutions approved by the Board in its regular and special meetings refer only to acts done by the Board of Directors, corporate officers and management in the ordinary course of business. The board resolutions are enumerated in the 2017 Information Statement. The Company also regularly discloses material transactions approved by the Board. These disclosures are available for viewing and download at the Company's website at www.aboitiz.com.

A resolution to ratify the acts, resolutions, and proceedings of the Board of Directors, corporate officers and management in 2017 up to the date of the 2018 ASM shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

ITEM NO. 9: Update to the Stockholders on the Amendment of the Company's By-Laws to Move the Date of the Annual Stockholders Meetings from the 3rd Monday of May of every year to 4th Monday of April of every year, and to Clarify the Venue of the Company's Annual Stockholders' Meetings

RATIONALE: To update the stockholders on the amendment of the Company's By-Laws

On May 18, 2009, the stockholders representing at least 2/3 of the issued and outstanding capital stock approved the delegated authority of the Board of Directors to amend or repeal the Company's By-Laws or adopt new By-Laws. The same delegated authority was renewed by an affirmative vote by stockholders representing 99.46% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company at the 2014 ASM.

By virtue of the delegated authority, the members of the Board of Directors of AEV, in its Special Board Meeting held on March 8, 2018, approved the amendment of the Company's By-laws to change the Company's ASM date from the third Monday of May of every year to the fourth Monday of April of every year, and to clarify that the venue of the ASM may be at any city or municipality in Metro Manila in accordance with Section 51 of the Corporation Code.

The change in the ASM date will ensure that the Company's financial reports and information statements are published within the first quarter following the end of the previous fiscal year, in accordance with best corporate governance practices.

ITEM NO. 10: Election of the Members of the Board of Directors

RATIONALE: To allow stockholders to elect the Company's Board of Directors in accordance with Section 24 of the Corporation Code and the Company's By-Laws.

A stockholder may submit his nominee to the Company's Board of Directors in accordance with the deadlines set forth in the Company's Amended By-Laws, which for this year shall be on or before April 27, 2018. Under the Amended Guidelines for the Nomination and Election of Independent Directors, the period for nominations for Independent Directors started on January 1, 2018 and the table of nominations closed on February 15, 2018. The stockholders who nominated the Independent and other directors are disclosed in the 2017 Information Statement. The Board Corporate Governance Committee assesses and evaluates the nominees before submitting the final list of qualified nominees to the stockholders for approval. The profiles of all the nominees are included in the 2017 Information Statement and uploaded in the Company's website for examination by the stockholders.

A stockholder may distribute his shares for as many nominees as there are directors to be elected, or he may cumulate his shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected, provided that the total number of votes cast does not exceed his shares in the Company. The nine nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected as directors of the Company.

ITEM NO. 11: Other Matters

The Chairman of the Meeting will open the floor for comments or queries by the stockholders. Stockholders may raise matters which may be properly taken up during the 2018 ASM.

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