

March 7, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

ATTENTION : **DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.**
Director, Markets and Securities Regulation Department

via PSE EDGE

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

via electronic mail

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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^{RCL}

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

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Domestic

Foreign

To be accomplished by SEC Personnel concerned

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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 7, 2018**
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number **CE02536** 3. BIR TIN **003-828-269-V**
4. **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.**
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
5. **Philippines** 6. 
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation 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 Events

Please see attached Press Release.

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^{RCL}

Date: March 7, 2018

PRESS RELEASE

7 March 2018

Key to regional development

Aboitiz InfraCapital submits unsolicited proposal to modernize four regional airports

MANILA, 7 MARCH 2018 -- Aboitiz InfraCapital, the infrastructure business unit of the Aboitiz Group, submitted today an unsolicited proposal to upgrade, expand, operate, and maintain four major Philippine regional airports over a 35-year concession period.

The four regional gateways – Iloilo International Airport, Bacolod-Silay Airport, Laguindingan Airport, and New Bohol International Airport in Panglao – are key entry points into Visayas and northern Mindanao.

The first three are already operating above capacity and require urgent rehabilitation, while New Bohol is eyed to open the island further to the international tourism market as part of the national tourism strategy. This move will also decongest Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

These regions have been experiencing tremendous growth in the last few years and the airports have struggled to follow the pace of the development. Iloilo and Bacolod airports have been operating for 10 years, while Laguindingan started operating in 2013 but has been operating above its capacity since its opening year.

"Through this unsolicited proposal, we intend to support the government's 'Build, Build, Build' program as we develop sustainable airport facilities that reflect and support the tremendous economic and tourism potential of the Philippines' regions and provinces," said Aboitiz InfraCapital CEO and President Sabin Aboitiz.

The Php148-billion multi-phased project aims to transform the facilities into world-class airports every Filipino deserves and can be proud of. Our approach is driven by innovation such as the 'green airports' concept where these gateways will be planned, implemented and operated with the least environmental impact utilizing a bespoke planning program, as well as the 'connected airports' concept where technology will be leveraged to enhance passenger experience.

The government earlier identified the regional airports modernization as a critical infrastructure project and launched a tender for a public-private partnership for five airports under the Build-Operate-Transfer Law in 2014, but this plan was canceled in 2017.

Aboitiz said that the pooling of resources to develop, operate and maintain all four airports is required in order to unlock synergies that would benefit all stakeholders, including the government. “Not only will none of the airports require any form of subsidy, the combined potential of the four regional gateways results in overall gains for both the government and the local economy.”

Swift implementation is key to ensuring that the airports continue to serve as a platform for sustained regional development. The approach proposed by the Aboitiz Group can assist the government in delivering the upgraded infrastructure in the shortest possible time and in the most efficient way.

If an award materializes within the year, Aboitiz InfraCapital said it could start working with the relevant government and community stakeholders to improve operations and passenger experience in 2019, and the necessary major upgrades and capacity expansions could be completed as early as 2021.

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About Aboitiz InfraCapital

Aboitiz InfraCapital (AIC) undertakes all of the infrastructure and infrastructure-related investments of the Aboitiz Group. Aside from AIC, the Aboitiz Group’s other infrastructure units include Republic Cement and Building Materials, Inc., Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.’s (AEV’s) partnership with CRH plc, and Apo Agua Infraestructura, Inc., a joint venture between AEV and J.V. Angeles Construction Corporation that will build one of the country’s largest private bulk water supply projects.

About Aboitiz Equity Ventures

Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV) is the public holding company of the Aboitiz 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 Aboitiz Group business success behind it, AEV continues to drive change for a better world by advancing business and communities.

For further queries on this Press Release, please contact:

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