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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE
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Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue
Makati City

Attention: Mr. Jose Valeriano B. Zuño
OIC-Head, Disclosure Department

Dear Sir:

Re: Clarification to the May 16, 2017 PhilStar.com News Article

This refers to your letter dated May 16, 2017 requesting us to confirm the veracity of the information contained in the PhilStar.com news article dated May 16, 2017, entitled “Aboitiz spending up to \$300 M to expand cement business” a portion of which, is quoted hereunder:

“The Aboitiz Group is investing \$250-300 million in three to five years to expand cement plant capacities as the Duterte administration ushers in the country’s golden age in infrastructure.

Republic Cement & Building Materials Inc. has approved a five-year capital expenditure (capex) program that will expand its clinker and cement capacities to help meet the country’s growing cement requirements, Aboitiz InfraCapital Inc. president Sabin Aboitiz said in a briefing yesterday.

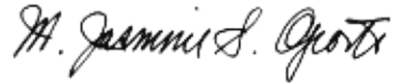
‘We have agreed to increase capacity of our cement business in the Philippines. The investment will bring about a million tons a year of capacity,’ he said. ‘Over the next five years, investment will be about \$250-300 million.’

We confirm that Republic Cement & Building Materials, Inc. approved plans to invest about USD 250 to 300 million, within three to five years, to upgrade its kiln capacities.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Jasmine S. Oporto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. JASMINE S. OPORTO

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