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Re: Clarification to the October 23, 2016 Manila Bulletin (Internet Edition) News Article

Dear Mr. Zuño:

This refers to the letter from the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) requesting us to confirm the veracity of the information contained in the Manila Bulletin news article dated October 23, 2016 entitled “**Aboitiz maintains P60-B capex in 2017**” a portion of which are quoted hereunder:

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“Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. is investing almost P60 billion next year for the continued expansion of its subsidiaries engaged in the power, food, cement and property development businesses.

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In an interview during the weekend, AEV Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Manuel Lozano said their capital expenditure (capex) budget is P58 billion this year and they will allot ‘probably next year also P50-plus billion again. It’s about the same.

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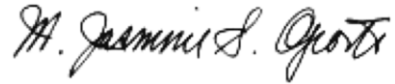
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We write to clarify what Mr. Manuel R. Lozano, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer/Corporate Information Officer of AEV, earlier stated. Mr. Lozano reported that the Aboitiz group will probably spend about P50-plus billion next year, which is about the same amount AEV budgeted for its 2016 capital expenditure, subject to the availability of investment opportunities.

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.

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