March 1, 2019

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Secretariat Building, PICC Complex
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1307

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

via PSE EDGE
PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.
PSE Tower, 28th Street, cor. 5th Avenue,
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

ATTENTION: MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION
Head, Disclosure Department

via electronic mail
PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.
Market Regulatory Services Group
37/F, Tower 1, The Enterprise Center
6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

ATTENTION: ATTY. JOSEPH B. EVANGELISTA
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:

MAILENE M. DE LA TORRE
Assistant Corporate Secretary
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1. March 1, 2019
   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

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

   Common Stock P1 Par Value 5,632,792,557

   Amount of Debt Outstanding (September 30, 2018) P282,569,797,153.00

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

   Item 9: Other Events

   Please see attached Press Release.
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:

Mailene M. de la Torre
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: March 1, 2019
Press Release  
March 1, 2019

CAAP grants Aboitiz ‘Original Proponent Status’ for Laguindingan Airport

Business sector says improved airport necessary to fast-track region’s growth and attract investments

Aboitiz InfraCapital, Inc. (AIC), the infrastructure business unit of the Aboitiz Group, was granted Original Proponent Status (OPS) by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) on February 26, 2019 for its unsolicited proposal for the upgrade, expansion, operations, and maintenance of the Laguindingan Airport in Misamis Oriental.

The PHP42.7 billion project involves capacity augmentation through expansion or construction of new passenger terminals, installation of required equipment, and enhancement and development of airside facilities.

“The granting of the OPS for the Laguindingan Airport opens up an opportunity for us to play a major role in improving our country’s vital gateways. We believe we can be instrumental in connecting our country’s local economies, thereby uplifting the lives of Filipinos. We look forward to progressing beyond project development, and into project execution and operations in 2019,” said AIC Chief Operating Officer Cosette Canilao.

The business sector in northern Mindanao enthusiastically welcomed this progress as they consider the rehabilitation and upgrade of the airport critical to the growth of investments and development of various industries in the region, particularly tourism.

“The airport is a very important factor. We are excited to know that Aboitiz got the OPS. It took us 20 years before this airport was built. We don’t want to wait another 20 years for its expansion,” Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries Region 10 Governor Ghaye Alegrio said.

Alegrio pointed out that the northern Mindanao area got the lion share of the country’s newly registered investments in 2018. “The Board of Investments (BOI) reported that BOI-registered companies last year was about PHP900 billion and 25% of that was in northern Mindanao,” she stressed.

The chamber is also promoting the region’s tourism, with the introduction of new attractions and tourist spots like the Dahilayan Adventure Park in Bukidnon, which boasts as Asia’s longest dual zipline, and the Seven Seas Water Park in Misami Oriental.

“There are five A’s for strategic investments — arrivals, access, accommodations, attractions, and activities. We might have the attractions and accommodations but we don’t have the arrivals,” Alegrio noted. She lamented the lack of proper infrastructure including airport and seaport, which are urgently needed for all these investments to go forward.

Passenger traffic at Laguindingan Airport has been above the airport’s design capacity of 1.6 million passengers per year from the time the airport began
operations in 2013, based on statistics from CAAP. In 2018, an estimated two million passengers passed through this airport.

Alegrio noted that with more investments coming in, traffic is expected to further increase in the coming years. She added there is a big opportunity to cater to international flights.

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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.