

February 18, 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, 28<sup>th</sup> Street, cor. 5<sup>th</sup> 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:



**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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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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Month Day

Fiscal Year

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FORM TYPE

3rd Monday of

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Annual Meeting

N/A

Secondary License Type, if Applicable

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Dept. Requiring this Doc

N/A

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

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Domestic

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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. **February 18, 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** 6.   
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Industry Classification Code
7. **32<sup>nd</sup> 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<br>Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
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| <b>Common Stock ₱1 Par Value</b>                       | <b>5,632,792,557</b>   |
| <b>Amount of Debt Outstanding (September 30, 2018)</b> | <b>₱282,569,797,153.00</b>   |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

**Item 9: Other Events**

The Corporate Secretary of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV) received today from the Board Corporate Governance Committee, the final list of nominees qualified to be AEV's Independent Directors, namely: Messrs. Ret. Justice Jose C. Vitug, Raphael Perpetuo M. Lotilla, and Manuel R. Salak III.

Below is a list of the nominees for independent directors for the year 2019-2020 with their corresponding professional background and experience:

1. Justice Jose C. Vitug (ret.), 84 years old, Filipino, has served as an Independent Director of AEV since May 16, 2005. He is Chairman of the Board Audit Committee of AEV since May 18, 2009, member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee

since February 11, 2009, the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015, and the Board Related Party Transactions Committee since May 15, 2017.

Ret. Justice Vitug is also an Independent Director of ABS-CBN Holdings Corporation, a publicly listed company. He is currently a Board Trustee and Law Dean of the Angeles University Foundation, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, a Graduate Professor of the College of Law of San Beda College, a Professorial Lecturer of the Philippine Judicial Academy, and a member of the Philippine National Group of Judges of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, Netherlands since August 18 2017 for a term of seven (7) years.

Ret. Justice Vitug was formerly an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal, and Senior Member of the Senate Electoral Tribunal. He was also the Chairman of the Philippines Stock Exchange, Inc.

He graduated cum laude from the Manuel L. Quezon University with a Bachelor's Degree in Law. He holds a Master of Laws degree from the same university and a Master's Degree in National Security Administration from the National Defense College of the Philippines. He was a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Institute of Canada. He also holds an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Law from the Angeles University Foundation. He is not connected, either as an officer or as an employee, to a government agency or instrumentality.

2. Mr. Raphael P.M. Lotilla, 60 years old, Filipino, has served as an Independent Director of AEV since May 21, 2012 and was elected as Lead Independent Director of AEV on May 15, 2017. He has been a member of the Board Audit Committee, and the Board Corporate Governance Committee since May 21, 2012, the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015, and the Board Related Party Transactions Committee since May 15, 2017.

Mr. Lotilla is also an Independent Director of Trans Asia Petroleum Corporation, a publicly listed company, Petron Foundation, Inc., and First Metro Investment, Inc. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation, and The Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation, Inc. Mr. Lotilla previously served the Philippine government in various capacities - Secretary of Energy; President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation; Deputy Director- General of the National Economic and Development Authority; Ex-Officio Chairman of the Philippines National Oil Company; Vice Chairman of the Boards of the National Power Corporation and the National Transmission Corporation, among others.

Mr. Lotilla earned his degrees in Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of the Philippines. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree from the same university where he became a Professor of Law. He holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Michigan Law School, U.S.A. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies.

3. Mr. Manuel R. Salak III, 59 years old, Filipino, was elected as an Independent Director of AEV on May 21, 2018. On the same date, he was appointed as Chairman of the Board Related Party Transactions Committee, and member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee, Board Audit Committee and Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee. Mr. Salak is currently the Senior Strategic Advisor of ING Bank N.V. Philippines, the Founder and Managing Principal of Alpha Primus Advisors, an independent director at Maxicare Philippines, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Asian Institute of Management.

Mr. Salak previously served as the Managing Director, Head of Clients Coverage and Corporate Finance – Asia of ING Bank N.V. from 2008 to 2017, Managing Director and Country Head Philippines of ING Bank N.V. from 1999 to July 2008, and Managing Director and Head of Corporate & Investment Banking of ING Barings Philippines from 1999 to 2000.

Mr. Salak earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics (Honorable Mention) from the Ateneo de Manila University and completed his Master's degree in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management (AAA Awardee). He also completed several executive and management courses, including the Senior Executive Management Course and ING Business Manager Program from the ING Business School, Hamskerk, Netherlands, the Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD) Leadership Development Workshop in Singapore, and the Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School in Boston U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

In addition to the candidates for Independent Directors, the Corporate Secretary also received from the Board Corporate Governance Committee a list of other candidates qualified to be directors of AEV, namely: Messrs. Enrique M. Aboitiz, Mikel A. Aboitiz, Erramon I. Aboitiz, Sabin M. Aboitiz, Edwin R. Baustista, and Ms. Ana Maria A. Delgado.

Below is a list of the nominees for directors for the year 2019-2020 with their corresponding professional background and experience:

1. Mr. Enrique M. Aboitiz, 65 years old, Filipino, was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors on December 11, 2018. He has served as a director of AEV since May 9, 1994, and has been Chairman of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since February 11, 2009, member of the Board Audit and Board Corporate Governance Committees since December 11, 2018, and of the Executive Committee since May 21, 2018. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower), a publicly listed company, since December 11, 2018, and Vice-Chairman of Aboitiz & Company (ACO).

Mr. Aboitiz graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Major in Economics, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

2. Mr. Mikel A. Aboitiz, 64 years old, Filipino, was appointed Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors on December 11, 2018. He has served as a director of AEV since May 15, 2017 and was formerly Senior Vice President of AEV from 2004 to 2015. He is currently a member of AEV's Board Audit Committee and Board Corporate Governance Committee, positions which he held since May 2017. He is also a member of the Executive Committee since May 21, 2018 and of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since December 11, 2018.

He has been director of AboitizPower since February 13, 1998, and was appointed as its Chairman of the Board of Directors on September 1, 2018. He was formerly Vice Chairman of the Board of City Savings Bank, Inc. (CitySavings) from 2015 to 2016 and President and CEO from 2001 to 2014. He is currently a Chairman of ACO and a trustee and Vice Chairman of Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI).

He holds a degree in Bachelor of Science, Major in Business Administration, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

3. Mr. Erramon I. Aboitiz, 62 years old, Filipino, has served as President & Chief Executive Officer of AEV since January 5, 2009. He has been a director of AEV since May 9, 1994

and a member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015, and Chairman of the Executive Committee since May 21, 2018. Mr. Aboitiz was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of AEV from 1994 to December 2008.

Mr. Aboitiz is the President and Chief Executive Officer of AboitizPower, a publicly-listed company. Mr. Aboitiz is also President and Chief Executive Officer of Aboitiz and Company, Inc; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the following companies: Aboitiz Infracapital, Inc. (AIC), Aboitiz Land, Inc., San Fernando Electric Light & Power Co., Inc., the SN Aboitiz Power Group, Pilmico Foods Corporation, Therma Power, Inc., CRH Aboitiz Holdings, Inc. (CRH Aboitiz), and Aboitiz Renewables, Inc. He is Vice Chairman of Republic Cement & Building Materials, Inc. (RCBM), and of Union Bank of the Philippines (UnionBank), a publicly-listed company. He is also Chairman of UnionBank's Executive Committee and Nominations Committee. Lastly, he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (AFI), and is a director of the Philippine Disaster Recovery Foundation.

Mr. Aboitiz was awarded the Management Association of the Philippines Management Man of the Year and Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year both in 2011.

Mr. Aboitiz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Major in Accounting and Finance, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He was also conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Management by the Asian Institute of Management. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

4. Mr. Sabin M. Aboitiz, 54 years old, Filipino, was elected Director of AEV in May 21, 2018 and has been the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since December 18, 2015. He was First Vice President of AEV from May 2014 to May 2015 and Senior Vice President from May to December 2015.

Mr. Aboitiz is the Chairman of Weather Philippines Foundation, Inc. (WeatherPhilippines) and Filagri, Inc., and Vice Chairman of AboitizLand. He concurrently serves as Chairman and President of AEV Aviation, Inc.; Director and President & CEO of Pilmico Animal Nutrition Corporation, Pilmico Foods Corporation, and AIC; Director and President of AEV CRH Holdings, Inc.; Director of UnionBank, a publicly listed company, ACO, RCBM, CRH Aboitiz, Apo Agua Infraestructura, Inc., PETNET, Inc., Aboitiz Construction International, Inc., Aboitiz Construction, Inc., Metaphil, Inc., Neptune Hydro, Inc., Republic Cement Services, Inc., and Gold Coin Management Holdings Ltd.; Alternate Director of AboitizPower International Pte. Ltd. and AEV International Pte. Ltd.; and Trustee of AFI.

He holds a degree in Business Administration - Finance from Gonzaga University, Spokane, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

5. Mr. Edwin R. Bautista, 58 years old, Filipino, was elected Director of AEV on September 1, 2018 and appointed as member of the Executive Committee on the same date. He is also currently a Director and the President and CEO of UnionBank, a publicly-listed company., the Chairman of the Board of Directors of CitySavings, and a Director in Union Properties, Inc., First Union Plans, Inc., and First Union Direct Corp.

Prior to joining AEV as director, Mr. Bautista also served UnionBank in various capacities: as Chief Operating Officer from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017, Senior Executive Vice President from 2011 to 2015, Executive Vice President from 2001 to 2011, and Senior Vice President from 1997 to 2001.

Mr. Bautista earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree from the De La Salle University. He also completed the Advance Management Program at the Harvard Business School. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

6. Ms. Ana Maria A. Delgado, 38, Filipino, was elected Director of AEV on December 11, 2018. She also holds the position of Senior Vice President, Center Head of Consumer Finance and Chief Customer Experience Officer of UnionBank, and is Treasurer of (WeatherPhilippines) from 2016 to present.

Ms. Delgado started her career with UnionBank as a Product Manager under the Retail Banking Center, and has previously held the positions of SME Banking Business Head and Cards Business Head. Prior to joining UnionBank, she was an Assistant Vice President for Product Management at Citibank, N.A. from 2006 to 2008.

Ms. Delgado graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History/Painting from Boston College and obtained her Master's Degree in Business Administration from New York University Stern School of Business in 2010. She is not a director of any other publicly-listed company. She is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

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:



Manuel Alberto R. Colayco  
Corporate Secretary

Date: February 18, 2019