

March 13, 2019

Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corporation

37th Floor, Tower 1, The Enterprise Center
6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas
Makati City

Attention: **Atty. Joseph B. Evangelista**
Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department (ICDD)

Dear Atty. Evangelista:

We would like to inform you that the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank), at its Regular meeting held on March 13, 2019, approved the proposal to merge Metrobank Card Corporation, a finance company and general insurance agency that is 100% owned by Metrobank, into the Parent Bank subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals. The merger is subject to the approval by at least 2/3 of the stockholders during the Annual Stockholders' Meeting set on April 24, 2019 after which regulatory approvals will be sought.

The proposed transaction is targeted to unlock the value of MCC, being a wholly owned subsidiary of Metrobank, and help realize the following objectives: (1) improve synergy and cross-sell, (2) increase profitability and improve capital efficiency, and (3) enable Metrobank to be more competitive in the credit card business.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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