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Re: Clarification to the March 18, 2019 manilatimes.net News Article

Dear Ms. Encarnacion:

This refers to the letter from the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) requesting Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV, or the "Company") to confirm the veracity of the information contained in the manilatimes.net news article dated March 18, 2019 entitled "**Aboitiz Group increases 2019 capex to P81b**" a portion of which are quoted hereunder:

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*"Conglomerate Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. earmarked P81 billion for 2019 capital expenditures, up by 65 percent from P49 billion it spent in 2018.*

*AEV said in a presentation during a recent analysts' briefing that P51 billion, or 63 percent of the total, would be allotted for the expansion of the power generation business.*

*The remaining 37 percent or P30 billion will be allotted for the group's non-power generating businesses, including real estate, cement, banking, bulk water project, food and infrastructure.*

*It said funding for this year's capital expenditures would be partially secured from the group's planned bond offering.*

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We confirm that during the Company's analyst briefing held on March 8, 2019, AEV presented that it earmarked P81 bn for capital expenditures in 2019. However, we wish to clarify that the 63% is allocated for the expansion of its power-related business (not just power generation, as stated in the article). The remaining 37% of the 2019 capital expenditures is allocated for non-power related businesses.

We also seek to clarify that the Company's 2019 capital expenditures may be partially funded by its planned bond offering during the year.

We trust that we have clarified the above-quoted news article to your satisfaction.

Very truly yours,

**ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.**

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