



March 27, 2019

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Secretariat Building, PICC Complex
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1307

ATTENTION : **DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.**
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via PSE EDGE

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

via electronic mail

PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.
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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:

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MAILENE M. DE LA TORRE
Assistant 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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C I T Y , T A G U I G C I T Y , M E T R O M A N I L A

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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Company Telephone Number

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Month Day

Fiscal Year

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FORM TYPE

4th Monday of April

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Month Day

Annual Meeting

N/A

Secondary License Type, if Applicable

SEC

Dept. Requiring this Doc

N/A

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

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Domestic

Foreign

To be accomplished by SEC Personnel concerned

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SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE (SRC)
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. **March 27, 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. **32nd 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
Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
|---|--|
| Common Stock ₱1 Par Value | 5,632,792,557 |
| Amount of Debt Outstanding (December 31, 2018) | ₱285,305,308,057.00 |

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

Item 9: Other Events

Please see attached Press Release.

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:



Mailene M. de la Torre
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: March 27, 2019



PRESS RELEASE
27 March 2019

Aboitiz taps Ireland-based daa International for regional airport bids

Aboitiz infrastructure business unit Aboitiz InfraCapital, Inc. has teamed up with Irish airport operations company daa International for the future upgrade, expansion, operations and maintenance (O&M) of the Bohol-Panglao and Laguindingan Airports.

daa International is the global airport operations management subsidiary of Ireland's Dublin Airport Authority with over 75 years experience in airport management ownership and development. Its principal activities include airport management and development growth, routes development, international travel retail, and associated aviation services.

"We are very excited to be working in the Philippines and in particular, with Aboitiz. Our team strives to build and continually improve successful operations in the airports in which we operate for the benefit of the passenger and client," daa International said.

"The Philippines represents a new environment with great potential and promise for daa International. It fits perfectly with our model and long term strategy of sharing international and regional airport management and operational expertise. We will be working with Aboitiz in building sustainability and unlocking value for these airports and their surrounding environs," daa International added.

daa International operates Ireland's main gateway Dublin Airport which accommodates about 31 million passengers and the award-winning Cork Airport, a regional airport which can accommodate 2.3 million passengers--similar to the Philippines' own regional airports. In total, over 85 million passengers travel through the company's airports worldwide including Terminal 5 in Riyadh and several other investments across Europe.

The European operator boasts of an untarnished record in various airport activities from project design, execution and operations to retail. daa International will review and optimize the airports' O&M plans, define and document processes, train personnel, support the airports' long-term development, and assist in the implementation of the innovative concepts of "connected" and "green" airports.

“We are pleased to work with the reputable daa International for both the Bohol-Panglao International Airport and Laguindingan Airport. Our robust management and execution track record combined with daa International’s global perspective and technical expertise will ensure the transformation of these two airports into world-class regional gateways that we can truly be proud of,” said Cosette V. Canilao, Aboitiz InfraCapital Chief Operating Officer.

Recently, Aboitiz InfraCapital was granted “original proponent status” for its unsolicited proposals to upgrade, expand, operate, and maintain the Bohol-Panglao International Airport and Laguindingan Airport in Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental.

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 the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP). In 2018, an estimated two million passengers passed through this airport.

Meanwhile, the Bohol-Panglao International Airport is bracing for similar congestion level. According to airport consultant ICF, tourism in Bohol has grown at an impressive annual rate of 25.2% from 2011 to 2017, and by 30% from 2016 to 2017, reaching an estimated 1.3 million tourists. Panglao is the most popular tourist destination in Bohol, welcoming 704,000 tourists in 2017.

Aboitiz InfraCapital’s proposed improvements to the Bohol-Panglao International and Laguindingan airports will result in efficient passenger flow within the airport terminals, a better retail and dining experience, and increased flight destinations with reduced congestion at the terminals.

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.

About Aboitiz Equity Ventures

Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV) is the public holding company of the Aboitiz Group with major investments in power, banking and financial services, food, infrastructure, and land. Today, AEV is recognized as one of the best-managed companies in the Philippines and in the region, consistently cited for its commitment to good corporate governance and corporate social responsibility. With five generations of Aboitiz Group business success behind it, AEV continues to drive change for a better world by advancing business and communities.

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