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Securities and Exchange Commission

SEC Building, Mandaluyong City

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Mesdames/Gentlemen:

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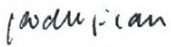
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We would like to confirm the statements made by our Chief Finance Officer, Mr. Jose Teodoro K. Limcaoco, in the said article.

Very truly yours,



JOSE TEODORO K. LIMCAOCO
Chief Finance Officer



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PSE Disclosure Form 4-13 - Clarification of News Reports
*References: SRC Rule 17 (SEC Form 17-C) and
Section 4.4 of the Revised Disclosure Rules*

Subject of the Disclosure

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Other Relevant Information

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