

June 4, 2019

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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Attention: **ATTY. JOSEPH B. EVANGELISTA**  
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**Gentlemen:**

We respond to the correspondence received via PSE Edge on June 4, 2019 seeking clarification and/or confirmation of the news article entitled "UnionBank forecasts 18% loan growth" posted in The Daily Tribune (online edition) on June 4, 2019, which states:

"Listed lender Union Bank of the Philippines (UnionBank) projects its lending portfolio climbing by 18 percent this year owing to the cut in the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) for banks as well as to receding interest rates.

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'So far we're already over 16 percent. Because of the reserve cuts, the interest rates will not be as high so it will be easier to book the loans. Interest rates are going down. We're really pushing to get more loans, that's the objective of the BSP,' he said after the bank's bond listing ceremony in Makati on Monday.

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We confirm the above-quoted portions of the article.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



**ATTY. JOSELITO V. BANAAG**

*Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel &  
Corporate Secretary*