



November 17, 2008

ATTY. PETE M. MALABANAN
Head, Disclosure Department
Philippine Stock Exchange
4th Floor Philippine Stock Exchange Center
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center
Pasig City

Dear Atty. Malabanan,

This has reference to Memorandum No. 2008-0525 of the Philippine Stock Exchange requiring us to submit our dividend policy not later than November 18, 2008.

Please be advised that as previously disclosed in the 2008 Information Statement (SEC Form 20-IS) and 2007 Annual Report (Sec Form 17-A) of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV), the AEV Board of Directors approved the policy of distributing at least one-third of its consolidated net income from the preceding fiscal year as cash dividends. This policy is of course subject to the requirements of applicable laws and regulations and the absence of circumstances which may restrict the payment of cash dividends.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Jasmine S. Oporto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. JASMINE S. OPORTO
Corporate Secretary