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Re: Clarification to January 16, 2009 BusinessWorld article

Dear Atty. Malabanan,

This has reference to your letter asking us to confirm the veracity of the information contained in the January 16, 2009 BusinessWorld article entitled, "Aboitiz holding firm eyes P2-billion borrowing", a portion of which is quoted hereunder:

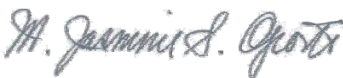
"HOLDING COMPANY Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. is seeking to raise P2 billion to P3 billion in retail bonds for additional liquidity. "We are still sounding off the market," Aboitiz Power Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Erramon Aboitiz told a briefing yesterday. He said they would need the money for next year's greenfield projects and the acquisition of more power assets from the government..."

We wish to clarify that as stated in the body of the article, it is not Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. but rather its subsidiary, Aboitiz Power Corporation, which is planning to issue retail bonds. However, the final amount sought to be raised has not been determined yet.

We hope we have sufficiently clarified this matter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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