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**ATTY. PETE MALABANAN**

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Re: Clarification to January 26, 2009 BusinessMirror article

Dear Atty. Malabanan,

This has reference to your letter asking us to confirm the veracity of the information contained in the January 26, 2009 BusinessMirror article entitled, "Aboitiz-owned firms tap carbon credit market", a portion of which is quoted hereunder:

*"...Hedcor, Inc., which is fully owned by the Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. also applied for additional CER units for the clean energy that it claims its 15 small hydro-power plants in Davao and in Benguet produces. Hedcor president Rene B. Ronquillo, however, did not cite the dollar equivalent of the CER units it applied with ADB..."*

We wish to clarify that Hedcor, Inc. is not a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. but rather of Aboitiz Power Corporation (AP). Thus, any request for information about Hedcor, Inc. should be referred to AP.

We hope we have sufficiently clarified this matter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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