

July 3, 2023

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC Headquarters, 7907 Makati Avenue, Salcedo Village, Bel-Air, Makati City

ATTENTION : **DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.**

Markets and Securities Regulation Department

via PSE EDGE

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

3rd Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue, Makati City

ATTENTION : MS. ALEXANDRA D. TOM WONG

Officer-in-Charge, Disclosure Department

via electronic mail

PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.

Market Regulatory Services Group 29th Floor BDO Equitable Tower 8751 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

ATTENTION : ATTY. MARIE ROSE M. MAGALLEN-LIRIO

Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosures Department

Gentlemen:

Attached is the Press Release of Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. filed in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code, its 2015 Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Revised Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Issuer Disclosure Operating Guidelines of the Philippine Dealing Exchange Corp. (PDEx).

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.

By:

MAILENE M. DE LA TORRE Assistant Corporate Secretary

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE (SRC) AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

| 1. | July 3, 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Date of Report (Date of earliest event report | ted) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | SEC Identification Number: CEO2536 | 3. BIR TIN: 003-828-269-V | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Philippines | 6. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation | Industry Classification Co | de | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | 32 nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig Cit | 1634 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Address of principal office | | Postal Code | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | (02) 8 886-2800 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Registrant's telephone number, including are | ea code | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Former name or former address, if changed | since last report | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 a | and 8 of the RSA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Title of Each Class | Number of Shares of Co Outstanding and Amount of | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Common Stock P1 Par Value | | 5,630,225,457 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of March | 31, 2023) P | P 372,946,436,000.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. | Indicate the item numbers reported herein: | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Item 9: Other Events

Please see attached press release.

SIGNATURE (S)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.

By:

Mailene M. de la Torre

Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: July 3, 2023



Holding Statement

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Earlier today, a major newspaper published an article stating that the Aboitiz Group has acquired a majority stake in the low cost carrier AirAsia Philippines. We would like to clarify and state that this information is not true and accurate. At this time, we are actively verifying the sources that led to the publication of this article and have requested that the article be taken down. We want to assure our stakeholders and the public that any significant developments regarding our company will be communicated and disclosed first by us through official channels. We appreciate your patience as we work to clarify the matter.

Thank you.

About Aboitiz Equity Ventures

Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV) is the portfolio management company of the Aboitiz Group, leading investments in power, banking and financial services, food, infrastructure, land, and cutting-edge fields like data science and artificial intelligence. With a remarkable legacy spanning five generations, the Aboitiz Group is committed to driving change for a better world. The Group is undergoing its Great Transformation to establish itself as the Philippines' pioneering *techglomerate*. This innovative growth strategy, powered by technology and a renewed entrepreneurial mindset, empowers us to advance businesses and uplift communities.

AEV is renowned as one of the best-managed companies in the Philippines and the region, consistently recognized for our unwavering dedication to good corporate governance and corporate social responsibility (CSR) through the Aboitiz Foundation.

As proud members of influential organizations such as the APEC Business Advisory Council, Private Sector Advisory Council to the Philippine government, Global Compact Network Philippines Board of Trustees, and the Global Council for Inclusive Capitalism, we actively champion sustainability initiatives both domestically and globally. Aligned with the United



Nations Global Compact (UNGC), we drive policies, advocacies, and initiatives to make a lasting impact. Our transformative #OneNEWAboitiz Sustainability Framework aims to enhance sustainable practices in our life-essential businesses, fostering a positive impact on the environment and society.

To learn more about our journey to becoming the Philippines' first *techglomerate*, visit our website: https://aboitiz.com/.

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