



September 4, 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.

PSE Tower, 28th Street, cor. 5th Avenue,
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig 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:

Please see attached the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) on the resignation of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc.'s Lead Independent Director, Mr. Romeo L. Bernardo, 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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(Business Address: No. Street City / Town / Province)

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| CONNIE G. CHU |
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Contact Person

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| (02) 8 886-2800 |
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-C

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

1. **September 4, 2023**
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
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 Industry Classification Code
incorporation
7. **32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines** **1634**
Address of principal office Postal Code
8. **(02) 8 886-2800**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code
9. **N/A**
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
- | Title of Each Class | Number of Shares of Common Stock
Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
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| Common Stock P1 Par Value | 5,626,456,657 |
| Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of June 30, 2023) | P 373,682,368,000.00 |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 4

Item 4: Resignation, Removal or Election of Registrant's Directors or Officers

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV) received the resignation letter of Mr. Romeo Bernardo effective September 12, 2023.

Mr. Bernardo has served as AEV's Lead Independent Director since April 26, 2021. He was also a member of various board committees in AEV, as well as serving as Committee Chairman for AEV's Environment, Social and Corporate Governance (ESCG) Committee.

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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mde la Torre', is written over the printed name and title.

Mailene M. de la Torre
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: September 4, 2023

PSE Disclosure Form 4-8 – Change in Directors and/or Officers (Resignation/ Removal or Appointment/Election)

References: SRC Rule 17 (SEC Form 17-C) and Section 4.4 of the Revised Disclosure Rules

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC. DISCLOSURE
Change in Directors and/or Officers
(Resignation/Removal or Appointment/Election)

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| Subject of the Disclosure | : | Resignation of Independent Director |
| Background/Description of the Disclosure | : | Resignation of Independent Director |
| Resignation/Removal or Replacement | | |
| Name of Person | : | ROMEO L. BERNARDO |
| Position/Designation | : | Lead Independent Director |
| Effective Date or Resignation/Cessation of Term (mm/dd/yyyy) | : | September 12, 2023 |
| Reason(s) for Resignation/Cessation | : | Appointment to government position |
| Election or Appointment | | |
| Name of Person | : | N/A |
| Position/Designation | : | N/A |
| Date or Appointment/Election (mm/dd/yyyy) | : | N/A |
| Effective Date of Appointment/Election (mm/dd/yyyy) | : | N/A |
| Shareholdings in the Listed Company | | |
| Direct | : | N/A |
| Indirect | : | N/A |
| Nature of Indirect Ownership | : | N/A |
| Promotion or Change in Designation | | |
| Name of Person | : | N/A |
| Position/Designation | | |
| From | : | N/A |
| To | : | N/A |
| Date of Approval (mm/dd/yyyy) | : | N/A |
| Effective Date of Change(mm/dd/yyyy) | : | N/A |
| Shareholdings in the Listed Company | | |
| Direct | : | N/A |
| Indirect | : | N/A |
| Nature of Indirect Ownership | : | N/A |

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| Other Relevant Information | None. |
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