

### August 16, 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, 28<sup>th</sup> Street, cor. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) 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:

SAMMY DAVE A. SANTOS
Assistant Corporate Secretary

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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

	Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of June 30, 2	023) <del>P</del> 373,	682,368,000.00		
	Common Stock P1 Par Value		5,630,225,457		
	Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Commor Outstanding and Amount of Debt (			
10.	Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and	8 of the RSA			
	Former name or former address, if changed sin	ce last report			
9.	N/A				
	Registrant's telephone number, including area	code			
8.	(02) 8 886-2800				
	Address of principal office	-7 FF	Postal Code		
7.	32 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, N	Metro Manila, Philippines	1634		
	incorporation	,			
J.	Province, country or other jurisdiction of	Industry Classification Code			
5.	Philippines	6.			
	Exact name of registrant as specified in its char	ter			
4.	ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.				
2.	SEC Identification Number: <u>CEO2536</u>	3. BIR TIN: <u>003-828-269-V</u>			
	Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported				
Ι.	August 16, 2023				

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

### **Item 9: Other Matters**

The Philippine Ratings Services Corporation ("PhilRatings") assigned a credit rating of "PRS Aaa" with a Stable Outlook on Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc.'s ("AEV" or the "Company") fixed-rate retail bonds issuance amounting to an aggregate principal amount of up to ₱17.45 billion (bn), inclusive of oversubscription (the "2023 Bonds"). According to PhilRatings, obligations rated "PRS Aaa" are of the highest quality with minimal credit risk, an indication of the extremely strong capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. A Stable Outlook means that "The rating is likely to be maintained or to remain unchanged in the next 12 months." The rating and outlook were assigned based on the following key considerations: a) AEV's experienced shareholders and management, with a

strong track record; b) its highly diversified investment portfolio which cushioned the adverse impact of external headwinds on some of the Company's businesses in the first half of 2023 (1H2023); c) the Company's sound growth strategies, with a particular focus on digitalization and portfolio diversification; d) its sustained profitability; and e) its manageable leverage and liquidity positions.

The 2023 Bonds will be issued as the second and final tranche of AEV's ₱30.0 bn shelf registered debt securities program rendered effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 22, 2022.

Subject to market conditions, the 2023 Bonds are expected to be offered to the general public during the third quarter of 2023. AEV intends to list the 2023 Bonds with the Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp.

# 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:

Sammy Dave A. Santos

**Assistant Corporate Secretary** 

Date: August 16, 2023