



**March 5, 2024**

*via electronic mail*

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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

ATTENTION

: **DIR. OLIVER O. LEONARDO**  
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**  
Head, 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

: **MR. ANTONINO A. NAKPIL**  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Gentlemen:

Please see attached the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) on the Notice of and Agenda for the 2024 Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. These are being 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

1. **March 5, 2024**  
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**  
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
6.  **Industry Classification Code**
7. **32<sup>nd</sup> 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<br>Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
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| <b>Common Stock P1 Par Value</b>                             | <b>5,619,785,757</b>   |
| <b>Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of September 30, 2023)</b> | <b>₱ 386,624,150,000.00</b>  |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

**Item 9: Other Events**


Please see attached Notice and Agenda for Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc.'s Annual Stockholders' Meeting to be held at 11:00 AM (Philippine time) on April 22, 2024. The rationale for each agenda item is also attached as Annex "A" for reference of the stockholders.

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: March 5, 2024



## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.** (the “Company”) will be held on **April 22, 2024, Monday, at 11:00 a.m.** (the “2024 ASM”). The meeting will be conducted virtually and will be streamed live from NAC Tower, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. The 2024 ASM will be accessible through the hyperlink which will be provided on the Company’s website at <https://aboitiz.com/2024asm> (the “ASM Portal”) on March 25, 2024.

The Agenda\* of the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Notice of Meeting and Determination of Quorum
3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Stockholders’ Meeting on April 24, 2023
4. Presentation of the President’s Report
5. Approval of the 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements
6. Appointment of the Company’s External Auditor for 2024
7. Election of the Members of the Board of Directors
8. Ratification of the Acts, Resolutions and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management from April 24, 2023 up to April 22, 2024
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 21, 2024 are entitled to notice of, to participate in, and to vote at this meeting by registering at the ASM Portal beginning on March 25, 2024 until 08:00 a.m. on April 22, 2024. Once registered, stockholders may send in questions or remarks through the ASM Portal.

Stockholders may vote through proxy, or remotely *in absentia*.

Registered stockholders may cast their votes by remote communication or *in absentia* using the online voting platform available at the ASM Portal beginning on March 25, 2024. Votes cast by registered stockholders until 08:00 a.m. of April 22, 2024 will be tabulated and presented during the 2024 ASM.

Stockholders may still vote after the cut-off time, and the final votes received through proxy and through the ASM Portal after the cut-off time will be reflected in the minutes of the 2024 ASM and posted on the Company’s website.

The procedures for attendance and voting during the 2024 ASM will be included in the Information Statement and will be distributed to the stockholders and published on the Company’s website at [www.aboitiz.com](http://www.aboitiz.com) and in the PSE EDGE portal at [edge.pse.com.ph](http://edge.pse.com.ph).

Stockholders may send their duly accomplished proxies on or before the close of business hours on April 15, 2024, to the Corporate Secretary either through email at [AEV\\_BoardSecretariat@aboitiz.com](mailto:AEV_BoardSecretariat@aboitiz.com) or hard copies delivered prior to the cut-off date at the NAC Tower, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. Validation of proxies will be on April 18, 2024 virtually from the Office of the Corporate Secretary. **WE ARE NOT SOLICITING PROXIES.**

For the Board of Directors,



**CONNIE G. CHU**  
Corporate Secretary

\*The rationale for each Agenda item is explained in the attached Annex “A” and may also be viewed at AEV’s website at [www.aboitiz.com/2024asm](https://aboitiz.com/2024asm) under Annual Stockholders’ Meeting in the Investor Relations Page.

**ANNEX “A”**  
**EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEMS**  
**(including Agenda items requiring Stockholders’ Approval)**

**ITEM NO. 1:** The Chairman will formally open the meeting at approximately 11:00 A.M.

**ITEM NO. 2:** **Proof of Notice of Meeting and Determination of Quorum**

**RATIONALE:** *To inform the stockholders that notice requirements for the 2024 Annual Stockholders’ Meeting (ASM) have been complied with in accordance with the Company’s Amended By-Laws and the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines, and that quorum exists for the transaction of business.*

The Corporate Secretary will certify the date when notices for the 2024 ASM were sent out to the stockholders of record, including the dates of publication and the newspapers where the notice was published. The Corporate Secretary will also certify to the existence of a quorum, as verified and confirmed by the Board of Election Inspectors. Stockholders representing at least a majority of the outstanding capital stock, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Voting shall be through proxy or remote communication or *in absentia*. Pursuant to Section 4, 5, and 6 of the Company’s Amended By-Laws and Sections 23 and 57 of the Revised Corporation Code which allow voting through remote communication or *in absentia*, stockholders may access the link: <http://www.aboitiz.com/2024asm> (the “ASM Portal”), to register and vote on the matters at the meeting beginning on March 25, 2024. A stockholder voting in absentia shall be deemed present for the purpose of quorum.

Votes may be cast by registered stockholders until 08:00 a.m. of April 22, 2024, which will be tabulated and presented during the 2024 ASM. Stockholders may still vote after the cut-off time, and the final total votes received through proxy and through the ASM Portal will be reflected in the minutes of the 2024 ASM.

The following are the rules of conduct and procedures for voting and participation in the meeting through remote communication:

1. Stockholders may register and vote at the Company’s ASM Portal beginning on March 25, 2024 until 08:00 a.m. on April 22, 2024. Only stockholders who registered before the cut-off time will be counted for quorum purposes.
2. Votes cast by registered stockholders until 08:00 a.m. of April 22, 2024, will be tabulated and presented during the 2024 ASM. Stockholders may still vote after the cut-off time, and the final total votes received through proxy and through the ASM Portal will be reflected in the minutes of the 2024 ASM.
3. The conduct of the 2024 ASM will be livestreamed and registered stockholders may participate through the Company’s ASM Portal.
4. Stockholders may send in their remarks or questions in advance, or during the meeting, through the ASM Portal. The moderator shall read out the remarks or questions, and direct them to the relevant director or officer.
5. Each of the proposed resolutions for approval will be shown on screen at the time they are being taken up at the meeting.
6. All votes received within the cut-off shall be tabulated by the Office of the Corporate Secretary and the results shall be validated by Luis Cañete & Company, an independent auditing firm which has been appointed as the Board of Election Inspectors.
7. The Corporate Secretary shall report the votes received and inform the stockholders if the particular agenda item is carried or disapproved. The total number of votes cast for all items for approval, as of the cut-off time, will be flashed on the screen.

**ITEM NO. 3: Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on April 24, 2023**

**RATIONALE:** *To allow the stockholders to confirm that the proceedings during the ASM were recorded accurately and truthfully.*

The minutes of the stockholders' meetings held on April 24, 2023 was posted at AEV's website, [www.aboitiz.com](http://www.aboitiz.com), on April 25, 2023. Copies of the minutes will also be part of the Information Statement provided to the stockholders.

A resolution approving the minutes of April 24, 2023 will be presented to the stockholders for approval.

**ITEM NO. 4: Presentation of the President's Report**

**RATIONALE:** *To apprise the stockholders of the Company's operating performance, financial condition and outlook.*

The Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Sabin M. Aboitiz, shall deliver a report to the stockholders on the 2023 operating and financial performance of the Company, as well as its outlook for 2024.

**ITEM NO. 5: Approval of the 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**RATIONALE:** *To present to the stockholders the results of the Company's operations in 2023, in accordance with Section 74 of the Revised Corporation Code.*

The Company's audited financial statements as of December 31, 2023 will be integrated and made part of the Company's Information Statement that will be sent to the stockholders at least 15 business days prior to the 2024 ASM. The Information Statement and the Company's 2023 Annual Report will be posted on the Company's website at [www.aboitiz.com](http://www.aboitiz.com).

A resolution approving the 2023 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

**ITEM NO. 6: Appointment of the Company's External Auditor for 2024**

**RATIONALE:** *To appoint an auditing firm that can best assure the directors and stockholders of the integrity of the Company's financial statements and the adequacy of its internal controls. The Board Audit Committee and the Board of Directors will endorse an external auditor for 2024 for the shareholders to appoint.*

The Company's Board Audit Committee endorsed, and the Board of Directors approved for the stockholders' consideration the election of Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. (SGV) as the Company's external auditor for 2024.

The accounting firm of SGV has been AEV's Independent Public Accountant for the last 29 years. Ms. Jhoanna Feliza C. Go has been AEV's audit partner from SGV since 2022. Ms. Go replaced Ms. Maria Veronica R. Pore who previously served as AEV's audit partner from 2017 to 2022. AEV complies with the requirements of Section 3(b) (ix) of SRC Rule 68 on the rotation of external auditors or signing partners and the two-year cooling-off period.

There was no event in the past 29 years wherein AEV and SGV or its handling partner had any disagreement regarding any matter relating to accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures, or auditing scope or procedures.

A resolution for the appointment of the Company's external auditor for 2024, and ratifying the fees shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

**ITEM NO. 7: Election of the Members of the Board of Directors**

**RATIONALE:** *To allow stockholders to elect the Company's Board of Directors in accordance with Section 24 of the Revised Corporation Code and the Company's Amended By-Laws.*

Under the Amended Guidelines for the Nomination and Election of Independent Directors, the period for nominations for Independent Directors started on January 1, 2024 and the table of nominations closed on February 15, 2024, unless the Board Environment, Sustainability, and Corporate Governance (ESCG) Committee, acting as the Nominations Committee, unanimously agree to extend the deadline for meritorious reasons. The stockholders who nominated the Independent and other directors are disclosed in the Company's Information Statements. The Board ESCG Committee assesses and evaluates the nominees before submitting the final list of qualified nominees to the stockholders for approval. The profiles of all the nominees were (i) disclosed to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Philippine Dealing Exchange (PDEX), (ii) included in the Company's Information Statements, and (iii) uploaded in the Company's website for examination by the stockholders.

Article 6 of the Company's Amended Articles of Incorporation provides that the number of directors of AEV shall be nine who are to serve until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in the Company's Amended By-Laws.

To vote, a stockholder may distribute his shares for as many nominees as there are directors to be elected, or he may cumulate his shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected, provided that the total number of votes cast does not exceed his shares in the Company. The nine nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected as directors of the Company.

**ITEM NO. 8: Ratification of the Acts, Resolutions and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management from April 24, 2023 up to April 22, 2024**

**RATIONALE:** The acts and resolutions of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management to be ratified were those taken and adopted during the period from the conclusion of the Company's 2023 ASM last April 24, 2023 until April 22, 2024. These included the approval of contracts and agreements and other transactions in the ordinary course of business. A summary of these acts and resolutions is enumerated in the Information Statement. The Company also regularly discloses material transactions approved by the Board of Directors. These disclosures are available for viewing and download at the Company's website at [www.aboitiz.com](http://www.aboitiz.com).

A resolution ratifying the acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management will be presented to the stockholders for approval.

**ITEM NO. 9: Other Business**

The Chairman will open the floor for comments or queries by the stockholders. Stockholders are given the opportunity to address the members of the Board, ask questions, and raise matters which may be properly taken up during the 2024 ASM.

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