

19 October 2007

Philippine Stock Exchange

Attn.: Atty. Pete M. Malabanan

Head – Disclosure Department 4/F PSE Center, Exchange Road

Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Re:

Foreign Ownership Level

Gentlemen:

Please be informed that, in view of the approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the issuance of new 13.034 Billion Preferred Shares to common shareholders, the total issued and outstanding shares of the Company now amount to 26.069 Billion. With respect to the foreign ownership limit governing the Company's capital structure, we confirm that the adjusted number of shares that can be owned by foreign nationals is now 10.427 Billion Shares, representing 40% of total issued and outstanding shares.

Please be informed further that, as of October 18, 2007, shares owned by foreign nationals amounted to 5.463 billion shares, or 20.96% of total issued and outstanding shares, consisting of 5.214 Billion Common Shares and 0.249 Billion Preferred Shares.

The above information is being disclosed in accordance with the disclosure rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Compliance Officer

cc: Securities & Exchange Commission

Attn.: Director Justina F. Callangan

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