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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).

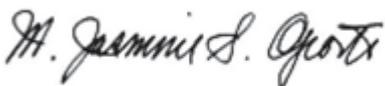
Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By:



M. JASMINE S. OPORTO
Corporate Secretary

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S.E.C. Registration Number

A B O I T I Z E Q U I T Y V E N T U R E S , I N C .

(Company's Full Name)

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SECURITIES & 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 9, 2016**
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. **32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines** **1634**
Address of principal office Postal Code

8. **(02) 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
Common Stock ₱1 Par Value	5,554,266,807
Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of December 31, 2015)	₱160,639,642,000.00

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

Item 9 : Other Events

Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV or the "Company") ended the fourth quarter of 2015 with a consolidated net income of ₱5.8 billion (bn), recording an increase of 40% year-on-year (YoY). Out of the total earnings contributions from the Company's strategic business units (SBU), Power accounted for 69% while the income contribution of the Financial Services, Food, Real Estate and Infrastructure SBUs were at 18%, 5%, 5% and 3%, respectively.

For the three-month period in review, the Company registered a non-recurring income amounting to ₱22 million (mn). This was mainly due to the net foreign exchange gains generated from the revaluation of consolidated dollar-denominated assets and liabilities. Adjusting for these one-offs, AEV closed the quarter with a core net income of ₱5.8 bn, higher by 42% YoY.

On a full-year basis, AEV's consolidated net income declined by 4% YoY to ₱17.7 bn from ₱18.4 bn in 2014. This translates to ₱3.18 in earnings per share. Power accounted for 73%, followed by the Financial Services, Food, Real Estate and Infrastructure SBUs with income contributions of 14%, 9%, 3% and 1%, respectively.

For the period ending December 31, 2015, the Company incurred a non-recurring loss of ₱602 mn (versus last year's gain of ₱436 mn), which mainly resulted from the mark-to-market revaluation of the Power business units' consolidated dollar-denominated assets and liabilities. Adjusting for these one-off's, AEV's core net income amounted to ₱18.3 bn, which was 2% higher than last year.

Strategic Business Units

Power

Aboitiz Power Corporation's (AboitizPower) income contribution to AEV increased by 6% YoY, from ₱12.7 bn to ₱13.5 bn.

AboitizPower's income performance recorded a 5% YoY increase, from ₱16.7 bn to ₱17.6 bn. This translated to earnings per share of ₱2.39. Adjusting for its non-recurring mark-to-market loss of ₱762 mn (versus last year's loss of ₱136 mn), AboitizPower's core net income for 2015 amounted to ₱18.4 bn, up by 9% YoY.

AboitizPower's generation group accounted for 79% of earnings contributions from AboitizPower's business segments, recording an income share of ₱13.9 bn for 2015, up 3% YoY. Netting out one-off items, AboitizPower's generation business generated ₱14.8 bn for the period, which was 9% higher than last year. The growth was attributable to the higher sales volume from the coal and large hydro groups that offset the decrease in revenues from the geothermal group due to steam decline. Moreover, the impact of Magat, Binga and Therma Marine Plants' income tax holiday (ITH) expiration were offset by the large hydro group's lower financing cost and the geothermal and oil groups' lower operating expenses.

For full year 2015, AboitizPower's attributable net generation rose by 11% YoY, from 11,272 gigawatthour (GWh) to 12,550 GWh, as electricity sold through bilateral contracts, which made up 91% of total energy sold during the period, expanded by 18% to 11,383 GWh. On the other hand, spot market sales decreased by 28% from 1,612 GWh to 1,168 GWh.

In terms of capacity, higher sales through bilateral contracts and ancillary services resulted to a 6% YoY increase in AboitizPower's attributable sales to 1,900 megawatt (MW). The new capacities from Therma South and Hedcor Sabangan, along with the higher ancillary revenues of the large hydros and higher dispatch of the oil group, more than offset the decrease in APRI's available capacity due to steam decline. Meanwhile, ancillary sales improved by 41% due to better water inflows as compared to the previous year. The completion of the construction of the 14-MW Sabangan run-of-river hydroelectric and 260-MW (net) Davao Coal resulted to an increase in AboitizPower's net attributable sellable capacity to 2,532 MW.

On the other hand, the power distribution group registered a 62% YoY growth in its income contribution for the fourth quarter of 2015, from ₱721 mn to ₱1.2 bn. AboitizPower's attributable sales for the period was at 1,278 GWh, increasing by 8% from 1,181 GWh a year ago. The growth in sales was mainly driven by the industrial segment.

Likewise, power distribution group's earnings share for full year 2015 increased by 19%, from ₱3.2 bn to ₱3.8 bn. This is equivalent to 21% of income contributions from AboitizPower's business segments. The group's gross margin on a per kilowatt hour (kWh) basis in 2015 decreased to ₱1.61 from ₱1.71 a year ago. This was brought about by the continued operations of Davao Light's embedded plant to meet the shortfall in the Mindanao grid. Growth in demand from lower margin industrial customers also contributed to the decline in per kilowatt margins. The overall improved performance of the group was mainly from higher attributable electricity sales which increased by 6% YoY, from 4,480 GWh to 4,759 GWh as energy sales grew across all customer segments as well as the full-year contributions from Lima Enerzone which was acquired last year.

Banking & Financial Services

Union Bank of the Philippines' (UnionBank or the "Bank") income contribution to AEV decreased by 22% YoY, from ₱3.2 bn to ₱2.5 bn.

Strong growth in recurring net income partially offset the absence of trading gains, resulting in full year 2015 earnings falling to ₱5.3 bn as compared to the ₱6.8 bn posted the previous year. This translated to return on average equity and return on average assets at 10.2% and 1.2%, respectively.

Core recurring income (net interest income and fees) surged during the fourth quarter, bringing full year up by 13% to ₱15.7 bn. Net interest income rose 13% to ₱12 bn in view of higher interest income on loans coupled with lower cost of deposits. Service fee revenue, likewise, grew by 13% to ₱3.7 bn brought about by the strong expansion in retail loans. Notwithstanding the Bank's continuous expansion, growth of operating expenses net of trust fund due, was managed at 4% to ₱9.5 bn.

As of end-December 2015, UnionBank's total resources remained steady at ₱433.3 bn, mainly as the Bank re-balanced its asset portfolio by growing customer businesses and rationalizing liquid assets funded by high cost deposits. Loans increased by 29% to ₱179.6 bn. Investment securities, which are mostly at amortized cost and providing steady stream of cash flows, increased by 26% to ₱101.6 bn. Due from banks and interbank loans, declined by 40.5% to ₱106.6 bn as the Bank deliberately let go of its investments in low-yielding assets that are funded by high cost deposits. As a result, high cost deposits declined by 8.0% to ₱165.2 bn, while demand and savings deposits (which are considered low cost deposits) increased by 11.3% to ₱146.4 bn, resulting for average CASA ratio to improve to 37.6% in 2015 from 30.2% in 2014. The Bank's capitalization remained more than adequate to support the growth of its business segment, with a capital adequacy ratio of 16.2%.

AEV's newly-acquired company, PETNET, Inc. (PETNET) only began contributing last June of the year and posted income contribution of ₱8.2 mn for the period in review.

Food

AEV's non-listed food subsidiaries (Pilmico Foods Corporation, Pilmico Animal Nutrition Corporation and Pilmico International Pte Limited) recorded a stellar 31% growth in 2015 NIAT to ₱1.7 bn. This is a ₱400 mn earnings improvement from last year's ₱1.3 bn. The increase was propelled by the spectacular performance of Feeds-Philippines whose income contribution more than doubled from ₱411 mn to ₱849 mn. Feeds-Vietnam, which celebrated its first anniversary last August, delivered ₱85 mn to the bottomline. Flour earnings contribution was flat at ₱556 mn. The growth in income of both the Feeds Philippines and Feeds Vietnam businesses was able to boost Food Group's income contribution for the period despite the decline in Farms contribution to the bottom line. Farms' income contribution fell 42% to ₱220 mn on lower prevailing market selling price of live hogs.

Real Estate

AEV's real estate subsidiary, Aboitiz Land Inc.'s (AboitizLand) total earnings and income contribution to AEV decreased by 15% YoY, from ₱633 mn to ₱536 mn.

AboitizLand posted a revenue of ₱2.6 bn at the end of 2015. The industrial business unit accounted for 52% contribution to revenues (₱1.3 bn), while the residential business unit stood at 43% (₱1.1 bn). This year's growth was driven by the industrial business unit, which has consistently topped its target, as well as the 8% increase in sales coming from the residential business unit. The rest of the revenues amounting to ₱120 mn came from the commercial business unit and other revenue streams.

AboitizLand is positioned for a more exciting 2016 as various projects in the pipeline are being prepared for launch. To support growth initiatives, the company is targeting a ₱4.6 bn CAPEX in 2016, almost three times the CAPEX spent in 2015. About 29% of total CAPEX

will be spent for land acquisition and 65% on project development, as the company prepares for growth.

Infrastructure

AEV's newly-acquired company, Republic Cement and Building Materials, Inc. (Republic) only started contributing last mid-September of the year and posted income contribution of ₱194.4 mn for the period in review.

Financial Condition

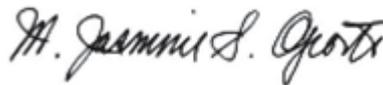
As of December 31, 2015, the Company's consolidated assets amounted to ₱340.1 bn, reflecting a 21% increase as compared to the year-end 2014 level. Cash and cash equivalents was at ₱63.6 bn, 26% higher than the year-end 2014 level of ₱50.5 bn. Consolidated liabilities amounted to ₱193.2 bn while Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent increased by 9% to ₱118.2 bn. Current ratio as of December 31, 2015 remained unchanged at 2.8x, while the net debt-to-equity ratio was at 0.7x (versus year-end 2014's 0.5x).

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:



M. JASMINE S. OPORTO

Corporate Secretary

Date: March 9, 2016