

February 20, 2013

MS. JANET ENCARNACION

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Re: Clarification to *philSTAR.com News Article dated February 20, 2013*

Dear Ms. Encarnacion,

This refers to your letter requesting us to confirm the veracity of the information contained in *philSTAR.com news article* dated February 20, 2013, a portion of which is quoted hereunder:

“MANILA, Philippines – Aseagas, the joint venture between the Aboitiz Group and Gazasia Ltd. of the United Kingdom, is setting aside roughly \$30 million for the construction of a biomass facility in the country, Aseagas director Juan Alfonso said yesterday on the sidelines of the renewable energy forum organized by British Embassy Manila.

Construction of the plant, which is expected to produce liquid bio methane (LBM) fuel, is targeted to start in the second quarter of the year and will be completed in June 2014.

The Company has yet to disclose the exact site of the plant but Alfonso hinted that this could be in Luzon.

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The plant will have an annual capacity of 8,000 metric tons of biomethane, which can help fuel 200 buses or heavy trucks per year.

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Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV), through its wholly owned subsidiary, Aseagas Corporation (Aseagas), is allotting an estimated amount of USD30 million for the construction of a biomass facility that will convert organic waste material to liquid biomethane. The construction of the facility is expected to break ground between the second and third quarter of the year. Once operational, the facility will have an indicative annual capacity of 5,000 to 8,000 metric tons of biomethane.

The project company is still studying several potential sites where the biomass facility will be constructed. At this point, there is nothing final or definite on the exact location of the facility.

We hope we have sufficiently clarified this matter.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jasmine S. Oporto". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

M. JASMINE S. OPORTO
Corporate Secretary