


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. **October 21, 2013**
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number **CE02536** 3. BIR TIN **003-828-269-V**
4. **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.**
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
5. **Philippines** 6. 
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Industry Classification Code
7. **32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines** **1634**
Address of principal office Postal Code
8. **(02) 793-2800**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code
9. _____
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
(as of June 30, 2013) |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Common Stock P1 Par Value | 5,521,871,821 |
| Amount of Debt Outstanding | P68,132,540,000.00 |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

Item 9: Other Events

Aboitiz Equity Venture's (AEV) proposed issuance of Php10 billion corporate bonds with maturity dates of seven and ten years received a "PRS Aaa" rating from Philippine Rating Services Corporation (PhilRatings), the highest possible rating assigned by PhilRatings.

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. PhilRatings said that it considered the following factors in arriving at the "PRS Aaa" rating for AEV's corporate bonds: AEV's sustained and strong operating performance, with high levels of cash and cash flows in relation to debt service requirements; sound capital structure with a conservative leverage position and flexibility to accommodate additional debt as required; positive growth prospects for its business portfolio, and conservative and experienced management team.

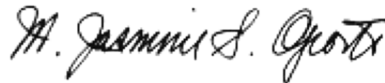
AEV filed its application with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the registration of the Php10 billion corporate bonds. AEV appointed First Metro Investment Corporation (FMIC) as Issue Manager and FMIC, together with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, as Joint Lead Underwriters.

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Jasmine S. Oporto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. JASMINE S. OPORTO

Corporate Secretary

Date: October 21, 2013