

March 1, 2016

via facsimile (632) 584-5593 and by hand
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

ATTENTION : **DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO JR.,**
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ATTENTION : **MS. JANET ENCARNACION**
Head, Disclosure Department

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ATTENTION : **MS. VINA VANESSA S. SALONGA**
Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosures Department

Gentlemen:

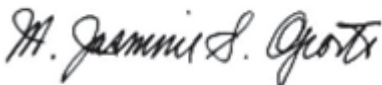
Attached is the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. filed in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code, its 2015 Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Revised Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Issuer Disclosure Operating Guidelines of 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

COVER SHEET

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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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C I T Y , T A G U I G C I T Y , M E T R O M A N I L A

P H I L I P P I N E S

(Business Address: No. Street City / Town / Province)

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Company Telephone Number

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Month Day
Fiscal Year

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FORM TYPE

3rd Monday of
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Month Day
Annual Meeting

N/A

Secondary License Type, if Applicable

SEC

Dept. Requiring this Doc

N/A

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

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Foreign

To be accomplished by SEC Personnel concerned

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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 1, 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** 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) 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 |
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| Common Stock ₱1 Par Value | 5,554,266,807 |
| Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of September 30, 2015) | ₱168,142,881,000.00 |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

Item 9 : Other Events

The Corporate Secretary of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV) has received today from the Board Corporate Governance Committee the final list of candidates qualified to be AEV's Independent Directors, namely: Justice Jose C. Vitug (ret.), Mr. Stephen CuUnjieng and Mr. Raphael P.M. Lotilla.

JUSTICE JOSE C. VITUG (ret.), 81 years old, Filipino, has served as an Independent Director of AEV since May 16, 2005. He is a Chairman of the Board Audit Committee of AEV since May 18, 2009, member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee since February 11, 2009 and member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015. Justice Vitug is an Independent Director of ABS-CBN Holdings Corporation; Board Member and Law Dean of the Angeles University Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Graduate Professor of the College of Law of San Beda College. Justice Vitug was formerly an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal, and Senior Member of the Senate Electoral Tribunal. He was also the Chairman of the Philippines Stock Exchange, Inc. Justice Vitug is a Professorial Lecturer of the

Philippine Judicial Academy and a Consultant of the Committee on Revision of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

MR. STEPHEN T. CUUNJIENG, 56 years old, Filipino, has served as Independent Director of AEV since May 17, 2010. He is a member of the Board Audit Committee of AEV since May 16, 2011, Board Corporate Governance Committee since May 21, 2012 and Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 17, 2010. He has a long and extensive experience in investment banking with a number of major international investment banks. He has led several high profile transactions in the Philippines and Asia and has won eleven Deals of the Year awards since 2005. He is currently Chairman for Asia of Evercore, an investment bank listed with the New York Stock Exchange; and Adviser to the Board of SM Investments Corporation. He is also an Independent Director of Century Properties Group and is on the Executive Board for Asia of the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, USA. He previously held Vice Chairman, Managing Director and Director positions with Macquarie, Merrill Lynch and Salomon Brothers, among others. He graduated from Ateneo de Manila University with a Degree in Bachelor of Arts and also has a Bachelors Degree in Law (with honors) from Ateneo Law School. He has an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

MR. RAPHAEL PERPETUO M. LOTILLA, 57 years old, Filipino, has served as Independent Director of AEV since May 21, 2012. He has been a member of the Board Audit Committee and Board Corporate Governance Committee since May 21, 2012, and the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015. He is also Independent Director of First Metro Investment, Inc., Trans Asia Petroleum Corporation and Petron Foundation, Inc., and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation and Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation, Inc. Mr. Lotilla served the Philippine government in various capacities – Secretary of Energy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM), Deputy Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority, Ex-Officio Chairman of the Philippines National Oil Company, Vice Chairman of the Boards of the National Power Corporation and the National Transmission Corporation, among others. Mr. Lotilla earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of Arts in History degrees from the University of the Philippines and finished his Bachelor of Laws from the same university where he became a Professor of Law. He holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Michigan Law School, U.S.A. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies.

In addition to the candidates for Independent Directors, the Corporate Secretary also received from the Board Corporate Governance Committee a list of candidates qualified to be directors of AEV consisting of the following:

MR. JON RAMON ABOITIZ, 67 years old, Filipino, has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of AEV since January 5, 2009. He was appointed Chairman of the Board Corporate Governance Committee since February 11, 2009 and is a member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 17, 2010. Mr. Aboitiz was President/ Chief Executive Officer of AEV since 1994 until his retirement in December 2008. He began his career with the Aboitiz Group in 1970. From a manager of Aboitiz Shipping Corporation, Mr. Aboitiz was promoted to President in 1976. He headed the Aboitiz Group's power business in 1989 and was President of Aboitiz & Company, Inc. (ACO) from 1991 to 2008. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of ACO; Vice Chairman of Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower); and Director of Bloomberry Resorts Corporation and International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI). Mr. Aboitiz is also Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Union Bank of the Philippines (UnionBank). He is Chairman of UnionBank's Executive Committee, Risk Management

Committee and Vice Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee, including the latter's Compensation Remuneration and Nomination Sub- Committees. He is Trustee and Vice President of Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI); and Trustee of the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) and the Association of Foundations; and member of the Board of Advisors of The Coca-Cola Export Corporation (Philippines) and Pilipinas Kao, Inc.. Mr. Aboitiz holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce, major in Management from the Santa Clara University, California, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

MR. ERRAMON I. ABOITIZ, 59 years old, Filipino, has served as President & Chief Executive Officer of AEV since January 5, 2009. He has been a Director of AEV since May 9, 1994 and has been a member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015. Mr. Aboitiz was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of AEV from 1994 to December 2008. He is also President and Chief Executive Officer of ACO; Chief Executive Officer of AboitizPower; Chairman of the Board of Directors of San Fernando Electric Light & Power Co., Inc. (SFELAPCO), Subic EnerZone Corporation (SEZ), SN Aboitiz Power-Magat, Inc. (SN Aboitiz Power-Magat), SN Aboitiz Power-Benguet, Inc. (SN Aboitiz Power-Benguet), Manila-Oslo Renewable, Enterprise, Inc., (MORE), Aboitiz Renewables, Inc. (ARI), Therma Power, Inc. (TPI), Aboitiz Land, Inc. (AboitizLand), CRH Aboitiz Holdings, Inc. (CRH Aboitiz) Abovant Holdings, Inc., Aseagas Corporation, Balamban Enerzone Corporation (BEZ), Lima Enerzone Corporation (LEZ), and Manila-Oslo Renewable Enterprise, Inc. He is Vice Chairman of Republic Cement and Building Materials, Inc. (RCBM); and Director of Union Bank of the Philippines (UnionBank), Davao Light & Power Company, Inc. (Davao Light), Cotabato Light & Power Company (Cotabato Light), Therma South, Inc. (TSI), Pilmico Foods Corporation (Pilmico), Redondo Peninsula Energy, Inc. (RP Energy), PETNET, Inc. (PETNET), AEV CRH Holdings, Inc. (AEV CRH), Archipelago Insurance Pte. Ltd. (Archipelago Insurance) and AEV International Pte. Ltd. (AEV International). Mr. Aboitiz is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (Aboitiz Foundation), and is a Director of the Philippine Disaster Recovery Foundation. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, major in Accounting and Finance, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

MR. ROBERTO E. ABOITIZ, 66 years old, Filipino, has served as Director of AEV since May 9, 1994 and has been a member of AEV's Board Audit Committee since 2006 and Board Corporate Governance Committee since May 17, 2010. He served as Chairman of AEV from 2005 until December 2008. He is Vice Chairman of ACO; Director of Tsuneishi Heavy Industries, (Cebu), Inc. (THI), Chairman and President of RAFI and West Cebu Foundation, Inc (WCFI). He is Chairman of Sacred Heart School - Ateneo de Cebu and Co-Chairman of the Metro Cebu Development and Coordinating Board. He was Director of City Savings Bank, Inc. (CitySavings) from 1992 up to March 2013. He graduated from Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science. Mr. Aboitiz was conferred Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa) and Doctor of Science in Business Management (Honoris Causa) by the University of San Jose-Recoletos. He is a recipient of the Perlas Award for Valuable Leader in Youth and Community Development. In 2009, he was conferred the Royal Decoration of the Knighthood in the Order of Nassau by Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, in recognition of his remarkable achievements and activities for the good of society. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

MR. ENRIQUE M. ABOITIZ, 62 years old, Filipino, has served as Director of AEV since May 9, 1994, and has been a member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since February 11, 2009. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of AboitizPower and a Director of ACO. Mr. Aboitiz graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, major in

Economics, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

MR. JUSTO A. ORTIZ, 58 years old, Filipino, has served as Director of AEV since 1994. He has been a member of the Board Audit Committee since 2006 and the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since February 11, 2009. He is also Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of UnionBank, Director of Bankers Association of the Philippines, Member of Philippine Trade Foundation, Inc. and World Presidents Organization. Prior to his stint in UnionBank, he was Managing Partner for Global Finance and Country Executive for Investment Banking at Citibank N.A. He graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Economics from Ateneo de Manila University. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

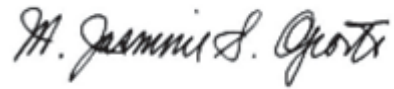
MR. ANTONIO R. MORAZA, 59 years old, Filipino, has been Director of AEV since May 18, 2009. He is currently AboitizPower's President and Chief Operating Officer. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pilmico Foods Corporation (Pilmico), Pilmico Animal Nutrition Corporation (PANC), Therma Visayas, Inc. (TVI), Therma Mobile, Inc. (TMO), Therma South, Inc. (TSI), Therma Marine, Inc. (TMI), Therma Luzon, Inc. (TLI), Luzon Hydro Corporation (LHC), Hedcor, Inc. (Hedcor), Hedcor Tudaya, Inc. (Hedcor Tudaya), Hedcor Sibulan, Inc. (Hedcor Sibulan), Hedcor Sabangan, Inc. (Hedcor Sabangan), Hedcor Bukidnon, Inc. (Hedcor Bukidnon), Cebu Private Power Corporation (CPPC), APRI, Cotabato Light, Davao Light and Pagbilao Energy Corporation (PEC). Mr. Moraza is Vice Chairman of Cebu Energy Development Corporation (Cebu Energy); Director and Senior Vice President of ACO; President and Chief Executive Officer of Abovant Holdings, Inc. (Abovant) and ARI; and Director of SN Aboitiz Power-Benguet, SN Aboitiz Power-Magat, Southern Philippines Power Corporation (SPPC), STEAG State Power, Inc. (STEAG Power), Western Mindanao Power Corporation (WMPC) and Redondo Peninsula Energy, Inc. (RP Energy). He is also Director and President of TPI and MORE; and Trustee of AFI. He holds a degree in Business Management from Ateneo de Manila University. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

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 style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

M. JASMINE S. OPORTO

Corporate Secretary

Date: March 1, 2016