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ATTENTION : **ATTY. SUZY CLAIRE R.SELLEZA**  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to your letter requesting Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV, or the "Company") to confirm the veracity of the information contained in the GMA News Online news article dated April 23, 2024 entitled, "*Aboitiz Group bullish in 2024*," the relevant portion of which is quoted hereunder:

*"The Aboitiz Group on Monday said it is bullish for 2024 as it is set to integrate its acquisitions into operations as well as spending more than double its capital expenditures this year for further expansions.*

*In a press conference following its annual stockholders' meeting (ASM), Aboitiz Equity Ventures (AEV) chief financial officer Jose Emmanuel "Toto" Hilado said the group is looking to sustain growth this year.*

*"We don't actually give guidance as a matter of practice, but suffice it to say that we are confident that 2024 will see positive growth as we integrate our acquisitions like Citi's consumer business, Mactan Airport, and CCBPI," he told reporters.*

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We confirm the statement of Mr. Jose Emmanuel U. Hilado, Chief Financial Officer, that AEV is optimistic in sustaining growth in 2024 as the Aboitiz Group unlock synergies between and among its recent acquisitions (i.e. Citi's Consumer Business, Mactan International Airport, and CCBPI) and its existing investment portfolio.

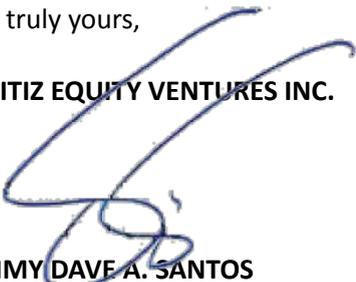
We trust that we have clarified the above-mentioned news article to your satisfaction.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.**

By:



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