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Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp.
29/F, BDO Equitable Tower,
8751 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

Attention: ATTY. SUZY CLAIRE R. SELLEZA
Head, Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department

Subject: Clarification of News Article

Dear Atty. Selleza:

This is in kind reply to the correspondence by the Philippine Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") dated August 15, 2024, requesting for clarification on the news report dated August 14, 2024, titled "Amid graft rap vs Vico Sotto, Converge says no tax discount from Pasig" posted in GMA News Online, which reported in part that:

"Fiber internet service provider Converge ICT Solutions Inc. on Wednesday said it has not been granted any form of tax discount by the Pasig City government.

At a press briefing, Converge chief finance officer Robert Yu said the company 'has yet to receive any formal complaints or court summons on this alleged tax discount given by Pasig to us.'

'For the record, we have not received any tax discount from the City of Pasig,' Yu said.

This developed after a graft complaint was filed against Pasig Mayor Vico Sotto and two other city officials for allegedly granting [a 100%] discount on Converge's waiver of penalties as the telecommunications provider accumulated business tax amounting to P3.67 million in 2022.

The complaint claimed that the P3.67-million business tax dues included surcharge and interest due to Converge's under-declaration of the extent of its operations, particularly the number of its employees and the size of its office space.

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We wish to clarify that Converge has yet to receive a copy of the complaint or summons on the case relating to the alleged tax discount given by the city government of Pasig to the Company. We are unaware of the alleged tax discount supposedly given to us by the Pasig City government, as reported in the media.

We wish to state that Converge has always been a good corporate citizen and strives to be a model of corporate governance, central to which is ensuring that we faithfully pay our rightful tax obligations and other payments due to the government.

If there are any updates on this matter, we shall comply with disclosure requirements.

Very truly yours,

**CONVERGE INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
SOLUTIONS, INC.**

Owen Kieffer D. Ocampo
Investor Relations Officer

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About Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.

Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. (PSE:CNVRG) is the leading pure fiber data network and internet service provider in the country. It is the first to run a pure end-to-end fiber internet network, providing Filipinos simple, fast, and reliable internet connection. Converge is ISO 9001 and CE2.0 Certified.