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**SUBJECT: Clarification of News Article by the Business World entitled “House Oks DBP Capital Hike”**

Dear Atty. Selleza:

We reply to your inquiry through email dated 19 November 2024, requesting clarification of the following news article published in the Business World dated 19 November 2024 entitled, “House Oks DBP Capital Hike”.

The article reported in part the following:

*“A HOUSE of Representatives committee on Monday approved a substitute bill that seeks to increase Development Bank of the Philippines’ (DBP) capital stock to P300 billion from P35 billion under a new charter.*

*The state-owned lender is seeking to update its 26-year-old charter to better fulfill its mandate of funding infrastructure projects and loans for small businesses.*

*“We have to increase the capital so we can increase our lending [capacity],” DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Michael O. de Jesus told BusinessWorld in an interview after the House banks committee approved the measure.*

*The bill gives DBP an authorized capital stock of P300 billion, with the National Government being mandated to own 70% of the bank’s capital stock at all times, according to a copy of the bill obtained by BusinessWorld.”*

*The bill also prescribes that 10.67% or P32 billion of the stock be subscribed to and paid from the state’s coffers.*

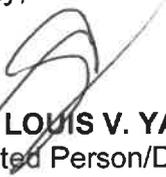
*“The bigger the bank... the more we can continue lending,” Mr. De Jesus said. “The more we build our capital, the more we have [the power] to fulfill our mandate, which is to finance industry.”Xxx*

With reference to the said article, we confirm the details provided in the same.

The requested increase in capital forms part of the Bank's strategic initiatives to better support the National Government's advocacies and spur economic development through financial inclusivity and developmental financing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**ALLEN LOUIS V. YANZA**

Associated Person/Deputy Corporate Information Officer