

20 December 2024

Philippine Stock Exchange

5th Avenue cor. 28th Street, Bonifacio Global City,
Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Attention: **Mr. John Kenneth Brian E. Madronero**
Specialist, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter dated 20 December 2024, we confirm the accuracy of the information reported in the news article quoted in your correspondence.

However, we would like to clarify that the Valley of the Winds Project is still subject to a final investment decision, which will be made at the appropriate time.

“ACEN WINS AUSTRALIAN RE DEAL

ACEN Corp., the power generation arm of the Ayala Group, has won a Capacity Investment Scheme Agreement (CISA) for its flagship renewable energy (RE) project, Valley of the Winds, in New South Wales, Australia.

The project, with a capacity of 936 megawatts (MW), is the largest among the 19 projects awarded under the Australian government’s recent tender aimed at ensuring energy reliability and meeting growing demand.

“[Valley of the Winds] is part of the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone,” ACEN President and CEO Eric Francia said. “This is Australia’s green energy auction equivalent, but with a slightly different structure. We won that. It’s a very big project.”

The Commonwealth Government’s Capacity Investment Scheme serves as a mechanism to accelerate investments in renewable energy projects, akin to the Philippines’s Green Energy Auction Program.

The scheme focuses on bridging the gap between current energy demand and the ambitious net-zero targets of 2030.

The Valley of the Winds project, targeted for completion by December 2030, is expected to generate enough energy to power approximately 500,000 homes annually while reducing emissions.

The project, which will generate 500 jobs, includes provisions for future battery storage. ACEN holds an 85-percent economic stake in the development.



ACEN has a rapidly growing presence across the Philippines, Australia, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and the USA. It has an ambitious target to scale its renewable energy capacity to 20 GW by 2030.

Currently it has 6.8 GW of attributable renewable energy capacity spanning operational, under-construction, and committed projects.

By 2025, several power projects of ACEN, which will have a total capacity of 1.2 gigawatts,(GW), will be up for commercial operations.

Last November, Ayala Corp. reported that ACEN's net income 24 percent year-on-year to P8.1 billion, driven by higher attributable renewable energy generation and a strong net selling merchant position in the Philippine Wholesale Electricity Spot Market.

AC Energy and Infrastructure (ACEIC), the parent company of ACEN, registered a core net income of P8.7 billion, up 21 percent as the strong performance of ACEN, growth in net financing income, and forex gains offset lower contributions from its thermal assets. Including one-off items, ACEIC's net income was flat at P10.2 billion."

We assure you that we will promptly advise the Exchange of any developments or relevant information as applicable.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DODJIE D. LAGAZO", written over a horizontal line.

DODJIE D. LAGAZO
Group General Counsel, Group Compliance Officer
and Assistant Corporate Secretary