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ATTENTION : **MR. ANTONINO A. NAKPIL**
President and Chief Executive Officer

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 Bilyonaryo.com news article dated March 17, 2024 entitled, *"Bullish under Bongbong: Aboitiz conglomerate pours P153 billion into renewables, high-growth sectors,"* the relevant portion of which is quoted hereunder:

> *"The Aboitiz family's flagship company, Aboitiz Equity Ventures (AEV) is making a big bet on the future.*
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> *Led by bilyonaryo Sabin Aboitiz, AEV is more than doubling its capital spending in 2024 to P153 billion from P65 billion a year earlier, with a focus on clean energy and high-growth sectors.*
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> *The move underscores AEV's commitment to accelerating its expansion in the renewable energy sector, a key growth area in the Philippines, and seizing opportunities in other high-potential industries.*
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> *'This significant increase in capital spending reflects our confidence in the Philippine economy and our commitment to capturing growth opportunities,' said a company official.*
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> *Majority of the programmed budget for this year or P73 billion will be allocated to Aboitiz Power Corporation, the listed power arm of AEV, to bolster its clean energy portfolio. The Philippines aims to increase the share of renewables in its energy mix to 50% by 2040, from around 30% currently.*
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> *Beyond renewables, AEV is allocating P44 billion for strategic investments in high-growth sectors. This includes expanding the group's economic estates, water and waste management solutions, digital infrastructure, and transportation and mobility projects*
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> *Existing businesses like banking, real estate, and food will also receive a boost, with P3 billion each allocated for their growth.*
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> *. . . ."*

We confirm that AEV is more than doubling its capital spending in 2024 to ₱153 billion from ₱65 billion in 2023. Out of the increase, (i) ₱73 billion will be allocated to Aboitiz Power Corporation; (ii) ₱44 billion will be allocated for AEV's strategic investments in high-growth sectors; and (iii) approximately ₱3 billion allocated for each of AEV's Banking, Real Estate, and Food Strategic Business Units (SBUs). The capital expenditure budget provided is based on the aggregate of all of AEV subsidiaries, on a 100% basis.

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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