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PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.

29th Floor, BDO Equitable Tower 8751 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

Attention: Attv. Suzv Claire R. Selleza

Head, Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department

Re: **BDO Unibank, Inc. – Clarification of News Report**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We write in connection with the request of the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp. for clarification of the news article entitled "BDO helps gov't raise over P580b from retail treasury bond offering" posted in the Manila Standard (Online Edition) on March 19, 2024, as follows:

The Philippines' 30th tranche of retail treasury bonds (RTB 30) raised a massive P584.9 billion, facilitated by BDO Unibank Inc.

The successful offering will fund critical government projects in agriculture, infrastructure, education and healthcare.

The RTB 30 offering ran from Feb. 13 to 23, 2024, with a maturity date set for Feb. 28, 2029.

BDO Unibank Inc. (BDO), serving as joint issue manager, made the RTB 30 accessible to investors through convenient over-the-counter placements in its branches.

It said that with a minimum investment of P5,000, investors could enjoy higher returns compared to traditional savings or time deposits. [...]

We confirm that BDO Capital & Investment Corporation (**BDO Capital**) was one of the joint underwriters and bookrunners together with other financial institutions for this latest issue of retail treasury bonds (**RTBs**) of the Philippine Government. BDO Capital played a key role in the successful placement of the RTBs by the consortium.

We clarify that the amount of P584.9 billion cited in the subject article refers to the total amount raised by the government.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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