



20 August 2025

Atty. Suzy Claire R. Selleza  
Head – Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department  
**PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.**  
29/F BDO Equitable Tower  
8751 Paseo de Roxas  
Makati City

Subject: Press Release

Dear Atty. Selleza,

Please see attached disclosure for the information of the Exchange. It concerns RCBC's Press Release entitled "SMFL acquires 30% stake in RLFC".

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
**MARIA THERESA M. BLAZA**  
Vice President, Division Head  
Economics and Industry Research Division  
Corporate Planning Group  
Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17  
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE  
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. August 20, 2025  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number 17514                      3. BIR TIN 000-599-760-000
4. RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION  
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
5. Philippines    6.  (Sec Use only)  
Province, country or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation                                      Industry Classification Code
7. 6819 Ayala cor. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City                      0727  
Address of principal office    Postal Code
8. 8894-9000  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code
9. Not Applicable  
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA  

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amt. of Debt O/S</u>
Common Stock, P10.00 par value	2,419,536,530 (as of August 20, 2025)
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 9

**Item 9. Other Events.**

This is to inform the Exchange that the Bank will release to the press the attached statement entitled "SMFL acquires 30% stake in RLFC".

Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited (SMFL) has entered into an agreement to purchase a 30% equity stake in RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation (RLFC), the leasing arm of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), through a third-party share issuance.

This new partnership brings together SMFL's knowledge and expertise from its global presence with RLFC's operations and RCBC's local network to more effectively capitalize on the various opportunities arising from the Philippines' strong economy.

This transaction also aligns with the multi-franchise strategy of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (SMFG), which seeks to solidify SMFG's presence in high-growth areas such as India, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines by establishing new business bases in these areas.

In 2023, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), a wholly owned subsidiary of SMFG, acquired an additional 15% stake in RCBC, bringing their total share to 20%.

Both SMFL and RLFC are working together towards the execution of definitive transaction agreements. This will be contingent upon the terms and conditions outlined in those agreements, as well as the approval of relevant regulatory bodies.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code/ the Revised Securities Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORP.  
Registrant

Date: August 20, 2025

  
MARIA CHRISTINA P. ALVAREZ  
Corporate Information Officer

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### **About RLFC:**

Incorporated in 1957, RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation (RLFC) is engaged in financial leasing business as well as operating leases through its wholly owned subsidiary. RLFC maintains a nationwide presence with 5 offices in key cities in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao and close collaboration with RCBC.

### **About SMFL:**

SMFL is a prominent financial services company based in Japan and a joint affiliate of the Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and Sumitomo Corporation. The company's core business involves providing a comprehensive range of leasing and financing solutions globally, which include everything from asset and equipment leasing to more specialized services like aircraft and ship finance.

### **About RCBC**

RCBC is a leading financial services provider in the Philippines offering a wide range of banking and financial products and services. RCBC is engaged in all aspects of traditional banking, investment banking, microfinance, retail financing (auto, mortgage and housing loans, and credit cards), remittance, leasing, foreign exchange, and stock brokering. RCBC is a member of the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC), one of the oldest and largest conglomerates in South East Asia. For more information, please visit <https://www.rcbc.com>.

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