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Gentlemen:

Please see attached the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) of Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. filed in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code, its 2015 Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Revised Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Issuer Disclosure Operating Guidelines of the Philippine Dealing Exchange Corp. (PDEX).

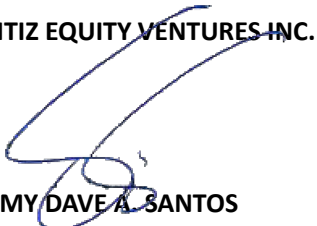
Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.

By:



SAMMY DAVE A. SANTOS

Assistant Corporate Secretary

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S.E.C. Registration Number

A B O I T I Z E Q U I T Y V E N T U R E S I N C .

(Company's Full Name)

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Month Day Fiscal Year

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4th Monday of April

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Month Day Annual Meeting

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Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

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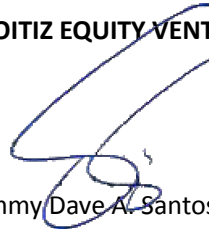
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SIGNATURE (S)

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

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.

By:



Sammy Dave A. Santos
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: May 26, 2026



PRESS RELEASE

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Aboitiz Equity Ventures Secures Investment-Grade Rating from Japan Credit Rating Agency



AEV's rating from the Japan Credit Rating Agency reflects the strength of Aboitiz Group's diversified portfolio and underscores its long-term approach to resilience, disciplined growth and value creation

Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV), the active portfolio manager of the Aboitiz Group, has secured an “A-” foreign currency long-term issuer rating with a “Stable” outlook from Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR), reinforcing the Group’s investment-grade profile and reflecting the strength of its diversified portfolio, disciplined capital allocation strategy, and resilient earnings base.

In its assessment, JCR highlighted AEV’s “strong and stable business base and cash flow generation,” while recognizing the Group’s continued diversification beyond power. Non-power businesses accounted for 42 percent of AEV’s beneficial EBITDA in 2025, reflecting the Group’s long-term strategy of building a more balanced and resilient earnings portfolio.

The agency cited the continued strength of AboitizPower as the Group’s core earnings platform while noting the growing contribution of Union Bank of the Philippines, Aboitiz InfraCapital, and Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines in broadening AEV’s exposure to infrastructure and consumer-driven sectors.



JCR also recognized AEV's investments in renewable energy, LNG, airports, water infrastructure, and digital infrastructure as supportive of its long-term growth strategy. The report referenced the planned strategic partnership between Aboitiz InfraCapital and Global Infrastructure Partners as a positive development for the Group's infrastructure platform.

The "A-" rating reflects JCR's expectation that AEV will continue to maintain a sound financial position despite global market volatility, elevated fuel prices, and geopolitical uncertainty. According to the agency, the Group's earnings stability is supported by long-term contracted power sales, diversified operating platforms, and disciplined financial policies.

JCR likewise recognized the Group's ongoing transition toward a more diversified energy portfolio. The agency noted that new investments are increasingly focused on renewable energy and LNG, in-line with the Philippines' long-term energy transition roadmap.

The rating affirms AEV's position as one of the Philippines' leading conglomerates, supported by stable cash flow generation from its power business and the growing contribution of its infrastructure, banking, food and beverage, and real estate platforms. JCR cited the Group's prudent financial management, sound liquidity profile, and conservative leverage strategy as key factors underpinning the rating.

JCR, one of Japan's leading credit rating agencies, is internationally recognized by investors and financial institutions as an independent assessor of corporate creditworthiness and financial resilience.

"This rating reflects the strength of our diversified portfolio, the resilience of our operating businesses, and the discipline of our long-term approach to growth," said Aboitiz Group President and CEO Sabin M. Aboitiz.

"As we continue to scale our businesses, we remain focused on creating sustainable long-term value while maintaining financial prudence and operational discipline," he added.

The rating strengthens AEV's position in global capital markets as the Group continues to expand its portfolio. With a more diversified earnings base and disciplined capital management, AEV is well positioned for long-term value creation amid an evolving economic landscape.

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About Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV)

Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV) is a leading Philippine conglomerate with over 100 years of business history and major investments in power, banking, food, infrastructure, land, and data science. Recognized for its strong corporate governance and sustainability efforts, AEV was named among the 2025 Asia-Pacific Best Companies, 2024 World's Best Companies by Time Magazine, and one of Southeast Asia's top performers by Fortune Southeast Asia 500.

On its transformative journey to becoming the Philippines' first Techglomerate, AEV is committed to advancing business and communities through its ESG-driven initiatives, including the #OneAboitizSustainability Synergy model. AEV actively contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, fostering positive regional change.

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