



SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION

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The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.

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Gentlemen:

We reply with respect to the news articles published in various online news sites. In the news article entitled "Bank of Commerce eyes P3.2 billion from IPO" posted in philSTAR.com on December 8, 2021, it was reported in part that:

"MANILA, Philippines — The banking arm of diversified conglomerate San Miguel Corp. (SMC) is eyeing up to P3.2 billion from its initial public offer (IPO) as the bank pursues its goal of becoming a universal bank.

Francisco Raymund Gonzales, deputy of corporate communications and consumer protection division at Bank of Commerce, said the initial estimated net proceeds of the primary offering would be used to fund lending activities and upgrade existing ATM fleet and other technology assets to further improve customer experience.

'Furthermore, as part of the bank's long term-strategic vision, the IPO is being conducted to support its plans to obtain a universal banking license in the future,' Gonzales told The STAR.

On Monday, Bank of Commerce chief finance officer Antonio Laquindanum said in a disclosure to the Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp. (PDEX), the bank has filed the relevant registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the registration and initial public offering of its common shares.

Likewise, Laquindanum said the corresponding application for listing of the same shares was filed with the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) and submission of the preliminary prospectus was made to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

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Last August, SMC through SMC Equivest Corp. invested an additional P5.5 billion into the bank to boost efforts of upgrading from a commercial to universal bank.

SMC president and chief operating officer Ramon S. Ang earlier said the additional investments affirms the conglomerate's optimism and strong growth outlook in the banking sector, as well as its commitment to support Bank of Commerce in expanding its business prospects and advancing to become a universal bank.

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By way of response to the Exchange, we confirm that the Bank of Commerce ("BOC"), an affiliate of San Miguel Corporation, expects to raise P3.2 billion from its initial public offering which shall be conducted to comply with the requirements of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas for the issuance of a universal banking license.

As confirmed by the officers of BOC and reported in the aforementioned news article, the proceeds of the aforementioned offering will be used to fund lending activities and upgrade existing ATM fleet and other technology assets to further improve customer experience. The application and the relevant documents relating to the offering have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for its review and approval. BOC has likewise submitted the listing application and other supporting documents with the Philippine Stock Exchange ("PSE"), which is currently under review. Upon compliance by the BOC of the initial requirements of the PSE and its payment of the requisite filing fee, the PSE will consider the aforementioned submission as deemed filed.

Very truly yours,



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