



SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION

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Attention: **Atty. Pete M. Malabanan**
Head - Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

We reply to your request for clarification of the news article entitled "Qtel acquires 475-M Liberty Telecoms shares for P1.52B," published in the January 16, 2009 issue of The Philippine Star. The article reported in part, that:

"...Beverage and food conglomerate San Miguel Corp., meanwhile is reportedly interested in acquiring 60 percent of Liberty. San Miguel vice chairman and president Ramon Ang confirmed there were negotiations but refused to give details. A spokesperson for Liberty Telecom said San Miguel had affirmed its investment interest, but added that the negotiations were "confidential."

We confirm that the Company is in talks with Qatar Telecom ("Qtel") for a possible investment in Liberty Telecoms Holdings. An appropriate disclosure shall be made upon conclusion by the Company of a definitive agreement with Qtel.

Very truly yours,


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