



SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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Attention: **Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion**
Head - Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

We reply to your request for clarification of the news article entitled "SMC investment in Petron finalized in Q1 2010," published in the May 13, 2009 issue of the BusinessMirror. The article reported in part, that:

"... In an interview on Tuesday, SMC vice chairman and president Ramon S. Ang said they will not wait for two years or until December 24, 2010 to exercise option to buy SEA Bv's entire stake in SRC. "The most will be the first quarter of next year," said Ang... Ang said they are ready to do a mandatory tender offer (sic) Petron shareholders once the deal is finalized..."

We confirm that the Company is evaluating the appropriate time the option shall be exercised. As we have previously confirmed, a tender offer shall be made upon exercise of the option.

Very truly yours,



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