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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

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Attention: **Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion**
Head

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Ladies:

We reply to your request for clarification on a news article entitled "BDO finds ways" posted on the Inquirer.net last 19 June 2011, the pertinent portion of which reads:

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Apart from the group of former Trade Minister Roberto V. Ongpin (through ISM Communications), we heard that BDO decided to give bidding for PBCom a shot.

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During the bank's recent briefing, bank president Nestor Tan said the takeover of Asiatrust Development Bank was no longer on the table.

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BDO chairperson Teresita Sy-Coson confirmed to Biz Buzz that her bank had indeed submitted a bid for PBCom.

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Banco De Oro (BDO) is currently not in discussion on a merger or acquisition transaction with Asiatrust Development Bank (Asiatrust). BDO is still awaiting clearer regulatory guidelines on how to proceed on a transaction relative to Asiatrust. In the meantime, BDO is exploring other options for expanding its banking business.

On Philippine Bank of Communications, we did not submit a formal offer. BDO did submit an expression of interest in the transaction subject to further discussions and qualified by certain conditions.

We trust we have adequately replied to your request.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elmer B. Serrano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ELMER B. SERRANO
Corporate Information Officer