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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.
Philippine Stock Exchange Centre
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center
Pasig City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion
Head

Ms. Sheena Paula H. Pedrieta
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Ladies:

We reply to your request for clarification on a news article entitled "Export Bank sale priced at ₱20b" published in today's edition of the *The Manila Standard Today*, the pertinent portion of which reads:

"BANCO de Oro Universal Bank, Inc., the country's largest bank, said Thursday it was acquiring the banking assets of Export and Industry Bank Inc. for about ₱20 billion through the assumption of liabilities....."

and another news article entitled "Bank integration starts" posted on the *BusinessWorld Online* today, the pertinent portion of which reads:

"BANCO DE Oro Unibank, Inc. (BDO) and Export and Industry Bank, Inc. (Exportbank) have started to integrate



operations, with BDO extending liquidity to the smaller bank until this is completed. Exportbank, in a statement, yesterday said BDO is providing liquidity “as needed” until it is fully integrated into the larger bank.... Juan Victor S. Tanjuatco, Exportbank president, in the statement said “BSP has approved in principle our asset sale to BDO subject to the condition that BDO provided liquidity as needed to Exportbank’s banking units, among other conditions”.... Exportbank said that while it has yet to secure its stockholders approval for the sale of the bank’s assets to BDO, the larger bank “has already started taking major steps in the integration process”...

The transaction between Banco De Oro Unibank, Inc. and Export & Industry Bank is not yet complete and is subject to the *final* approval of the Monetary Board. Both banks are still in the process of complying with the conditions of the approval-in-principle of the Monetary Board.

We trust we have adequately addressed your request for clarification.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elmer B. Serrano', written over a light blue horizontal line.

ELMER B. SERRANO
Corporate Information Officer