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Gentlemen:

We reply to your request for clarification on a news article entitled "BDO takeover of Export Bank gets gov't approval" published in today's edition of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer (Internet Edition)*, the pertinent portion of which reads:

"THE LONG-DELAYED TAKEOVER by Banco De Oro Unibank of Export and Industry Bank is finally expected to be consummated very soon after passing a tedious regulatory scrutiny, banking sources said. BDO's takeover of the select assets and liabilities of EIB-long pending on the table of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' Monetary Board and co-regulator Philippine Deposit Insurance Co. is likely to be approved by these institutions in the next few sessions.... The takeover has been delayed by debates among banking regulators over certain "incentives" that BDO should get in acquiring EIB, said sources privy to the matter. In the end,



however, the BSP and PDIC have mutually agreed to provide such incentives and allow the transaction to proceed. Under the previous proposed framework, BDO will buy selected assets and assume about P30 billion in liabilities, including about P20 billion in deposits and about P9 billion in outstanding loans to PDIC.....”

We reiterate that Banco De Oro Unibank. Inc. (BDO) and Export & Industry Bank (EIB) are in discussions on potential areas of cooperation. BDO remains interested in completing a transaction with EIB but to date, is unaware of any government approvals.

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'.

**ELMER B. SERRANO**  
Corporate Information Officer