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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

Philippine Stock Exchange Centre
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center
Pasig City

Attention: Atty. Pete M. Malabanan
Head, Disclosure Department

Re: 4-Way Merger

Gentlemen:

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has approved the 4-Way merger of Banco De Oro Unibank, Inc. (BDO) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, thrift banks, Equitable Savings Bank and BDO Elite Savings Bank, and investment house, PCI Capital Corporation, with BDO as the surviving entity. BDO will now have to secure the approval of the Securities & Exchange Commission for the 4-Way Merger.

This 4-Way Merger is part of BDO's corporate rationalization plan that seeks to streamline operations and simplify the group's organizational structure. Cost savings are expected to be realized by consolidating administrative functions, eliminating redundancies and eventually implementing unified branding and advertising. These should lead to operational efficiency and economy as well as an optimized capital structure for the group. The productivity of the thrift bank outlets will also be enhanced by the ability to offer a wider array of products and services as branches of a universal bank.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elmer B. Serrano'.

ELMER B. SERRANO
Corporate Information Officer