

February 21, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Secretariat Building, PICC Complex
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1307

ATTENTION : **DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO, JR.**
Director, Markets and Securities Regulation Department

via PSE EDGE

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

9th Floor, PSE Tower, Bonifacio Global City
28th Street, cor. 5th Avenue, BGC, Taguig City

ATTENTION : **MR. JOSE VALERIANO B. ZUÑO III**
OIC - Head, Disclosure Department

via electronic mail

PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.

Market Regulatory Services Group
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6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

ATTENTION : **MS. ERIKA GRACE C. ALULOD**
Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosures Department

Gentlemen:

Please see attached the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. filed in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code, its 2015 Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Revised Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Issuer Disclosure Operating Guidelines of the Philippine Dealing Exchange Corp. (PDEX).

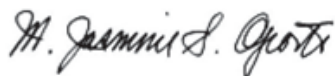
Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By:



M. JASMINE S. OPORTO
Corporate Secretary^{RCL}

COVER SHEET

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S.E.C. Registration Number

A B O I T I Z E Q U I T Y V E N T U R E S , I N C .

(Company's Full Name)

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C I T Y , T A G U I G C I T Y , M E T R O M A N I L A

P H I L I P P I N E S

(Business Address: No. Street City / Town / Province)

M. JASMINE S. OPORTO

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Company Telephone Number

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Month Day

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FORM TYPE

3rd Monday of

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Annual Meeting

N/A

Secondary License Type, if Applicable

SEC

Dept. Requiring this Doc

N/A

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

x

Domestic

Foreign

To be accomplished by SEC Personnel concerned

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SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE (SRC)
AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. **February 21, 2018**
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number **CE02536** 3. BIR TIN **003-828-269-V**
4. **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.**
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
5. **Philippines** 6. 
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Industry Classification Code
7. **32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines** **1634**
Address of principal office Postal Code
8. **(02) 886-2800**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code
9. **N.A.**
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
- | Title of Each Class | Number of Shares of Common Stock
Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
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| Common Stock ₱1 Par Value | 5,633,792,557 |
| Amount of Debt Outstanding (September 30, 2017) | ₱272,128,645,062.00 |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

Item 9: Other Events

The Corporate Secretary of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV) received today from the Board Corporate Governance Committee, the final list of nominees qualified to be AEV's Independent Directors, namely: Messrs. Ret. Justice Jose C. Vitug, Raphael Perpetuo M. Lotilla, and Manuel R. Salak III.

1. Justice Jose C. Vitug (ret.), 83 years old, Filipino, has served as an Independent Director of AEV since May 16, 2005. He is Chairman of the Board Audit Committee of AEV since May 18, 2009, member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee since February 11, 2009, and of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015.

Ret. Justice Vitug is an Independent Director of ABS- CBN Holdings Corporation, a publicly listed company. He is also a Board Member and Law Dean of the Angeles University Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Angeles University

Foundation Medical Center and a Graduate Professor of the College of Law of San Beda College.

Ret. Justice Vitug was formerly an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal, and Senior Member of the Senate Electoral Tribunal. He was also the Chairman of the Philippines Stock Exchange, Inc. Ret. Justice Vitug is a Professorial Lecturer of the Philippine Judicial Academy.

He graduated cum laude from the Manuel L. Quezon University (MLQU) with a Bachelor's Degree in Law. He holds a Master of Laws degree from the MLQU and a Master's Degree in National Security Administration from the National Defense College of the Philippines. He was a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Institute of Canada. He also holds an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Law from the Angeles University Foundation. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

2. Mr. Raphael P.M. Lotilla, 59 years old, Filipino, has served as an Independent Director of AEV since May 21, 2012 and was elected as Lead Independent Director of AEV on May 15, 2017. He has been a member of the Board Audit Committee, the Board Corporate Governance Committee since May 21, 2012, the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015, and the Board Related Party Transactions Committee since May 15, 2017.

He is an Independent Director of Trans Asia Petroleum Corporation and First Metro Investment, Inc., both publicly listed companies. He is an Independent Director of Petron Foundation, Inc., and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation and Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Lotilla has previously served the Philippine government in various capacities - Secretary of Energy; President and Chief Executive Officer of Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation; Deputy Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority; Ex-Officio Chairman of the Philippines National Oil Company; Vice Chairman of the Boards of the National Power Corporation and the National Transmission Corporation, among others.

Mr. Lotilla earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of Arts in History degrees from the University of the Philippines, and finished his Bachelor of Laws degree from the same university where he became a Professor of Law. He holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Michigan Law School, U.S.A. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies.

3. Mr. Manuel R. Salak III, 58 years old, Filipino, was nominated as an Independent Director of AEV for the first time. Mr. Salak is currently the Senior Strategic Advisor of ING Philippines, the Founder and Managing Principal of Alpha Primus Partners, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Asian Institute of Management.

Mr. Salak previously served as the Managing Director, Head of Clients Coverage and Corporate Finance – Asia from 2008 to 2017, Managing Director and Country Head Philippines of ING Bank N.V. from 1999 to July 2000, and Managing Director and Head of Corporate & Investment Banking of ING Barings Philippines from 1999 to 2000.

Mr. Salak earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics (Honorable Mention) from the Ateneo de Manila University and completed his Master's degree in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management. Mr. Salak also completed

several executive and management courses, such as the Senior Executive Management Course and ING Business Manager Program from the ING Business School, Hamskerk, Netherlands, the INSEAD Leadership Development Workshop in Singapore, and the Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School in Boston U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

In addition to the candidates for Independent Directors, the Corporate Secretary also received from the Board Corporate Governance Committee a list of other candidates qualified to be directors of AEV, namely: Messrs. Jon Ramon Aboitiz, Enrique M. Aboitiz, Erramon I. Aboitiz, Antonio R. Moraza, Mikel A. Aboitiz, and Sabin M. Aboitiz:

1. Mr. Jon Ramon Aboitiz, 69 years old, Filipino, has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of AEV since January 5, 2009. He was appointed Chairman of the Board Corporate Governance Committee since February 11, 2009 and has been a member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 17, 2010.

Mr. Aboitiz began his career with the Aboitiz Group in 1970. From being a manager of Aboitiz Shipping Corporation, he was appointed to President in 1976. He headed the Aboitiz Group's power business in 1989 and was President of Aboitiz & Company, Inc. (ACO) from 1991 to 2008. Mr. Aboitiz was President/Chief Executive Officer of AEV since 1994 until his retirement in December 2008.

He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of ACO and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI). He also holds several positions in the following publicly listed companies: Vice Chairman of Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower) and Union Bank of the Philippines (UnionBank); a director of Bloomberry Resorts Corporation, and International Container Terminal Services, Inc.; and the Chairman of UnionBank's Executive Committee, Risk Management Committee and the Vice Chairman of its Corporate Governance Committee, including the latter's Compensation Remuneration and Nomination Sub-Committees. Mr. Aboitiz is also a trustee of the Santa Clara University and the Association of Foundations. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of The Coca-Cola Export Corporation (Philippines) and Pilipinas Kao, Inc.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce, Major in Management from the Santa Clara University, California, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

2. Mr. Erramon I. Aboitiz, 61 years old, Filipino, has served as President & Chief Executive Officer of AEV since January 5, 2009. He has been a director of AEV since May 9, 1994 and a member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 18, 2015. Mr. Aboitiz was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of AEV from 1994 to December 2008.

Mr. Aboitiz is a director and the Chief Executive Officer of AboitizPower, and a director of UnionBank, both publicly listed companies. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Aboitiz Land, Inc. (AboitizLand), and a director and the President and Chief Executive Officer of ACO. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the following companies, namely: Aboitiz Infracapital, Inc. (Aboitiz InfraCapital), San Fernando Electric Light & Power Co. Inc., the SN Aboitiz Power Group, Manila-Oslo Renewable Enterprise, Inc. (MORE), Therma Power, Inc. (TPI), CRH Aboitiz Holdings, Inc. (CRH Aboitiz), and Vice Chairman of Republic Cement and Building Materials, Inc. (RCBM). He is also a director of Aboitiz Renewables, Inc. (ARI), Davao Light & Power Company, Inc. (Davao Light), Cotabato Light & Power Company (Cotabato Light), Apo Agua Infraestructura, Inc. (Apo Agua),

Pilmico Foods Corporation (Pilmico), PETNET, INC. (PETNET), Archipelago Insurance Pte. Ltd., AEV International Pte. Ltd. (AEV International), and AboitizPower International Pte. Ltd. (AboitizPower International). Lastly, he is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (Aboitiz Foundation), and is a director of the Philippine Disaster Recovery Foundation.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Major in Accounting and Finance, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

3. Mr. Enrique M. Aboitiz, 64 years old, Filipino, has served as a director of AEV since May 9, 1994, and has been a member of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since February 11, 2009. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of AboitizPower, a publicly listed company, and Vice-Chairman of ACO.

Mr. Aboitiz graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Major in Economics, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

4. Mr. Mikel A. Aboitiz, 63 years old, Filipino, has served as a director of AEV since May 15, 2017 and was formerly the Senior Vice President of AEV from 2004 to 2015. He is currently a member of AEV's Board Audit Committee and Board Corporate Governance Committee.

He has been a Director of AboitizPower since February 13, 1998, a member of the Board Audit Committee of AboitizPower since October 26, 2007, and of the Board Risk and Reputation Management Committee since May 19, 2014. He was formerly Vice Chairman of the Board of City Savings Bank, Inc. from 2015 to 2016, and President and Chief Executive Officer from 2001 to 2014. He is currently Director of ACO and a Trustee and Vice Chairman of RAFI.

He holds a degree in Bachelor of Science, Major in Business Administration, from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

5. Mr. Sabin M. Aboitiz, 53 years old, Filipino, has served as the AEV's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since December 18, 2015.

He was the First Vice President of AEV from May 2014 to May 2015 and the Senior Vice President from May to December 2015. He is also the Chairman of Weather Philippines Foundation, Inc. and Filagri, Inc. He is also Chairman and President of AEV Aviation, Inc.; and a director and President/Chief Executive Officer of Pilmico Animal Nutrition Corporation (PANC), Pilmico, and Aboitiz InfraCapital. Mr. Aboitiz is also a director of UnionBank, a publicly listed company, ACO, RCBM, MORE, APRI, CRH Aboitiz, and PETNET; a director and President of AEV CRH Holdings, Inc. and Apo Agua; and Vice Chairman of AboitizLand. He is also an Alternate Director of AboitizPower International and AEV International.

He holds a degree in Business Administration - Finance from Gonzaga University, Spokane, U.S.A. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

6. Mr. Antonio R. Moraza, 61 years old, Filipino, has been a director of AEV since May 18, 2009. He is currently a director and the President and Chief Operating Officer of AboitizPower, a publicly listed company.

He is also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pilmico, PANC, Therma Visayas, Inc., Therma South, Inc., Therma Luzon, Inc., Cebu Private Power Corporation, Cotabato Light, Davao Light, and Pagbilao Energy Corporation. Mr. Moraza is likewise a director and Senior Vice President of ACO; President and Chief Executive Officer of Abovant Holdings, Inc. and ARI; and a director of the SN Aboitiz Power Group, Southern Philippines Power Corporation, STEAG State Power, Inc., Western Mindanao Power Corporation, Redondo Peninsula Energy, Inc., Therma Marine, Inc., Therma Mobile, Inc., Therma Power-Visayas, Inc., Luzon Hydro Corporation, Cebu Energy Development Corporation, Hedcor Bukidnon, Inc., Hedcor Sabangan, Inc. Hedcor Sibulan, Inc., and Hedcor Tudaya, Inc., Hedcor, Inc. He holds directorship and management positions in GNPowr Mariveles Coal Plant Ltd. Co. and GNPowr Dinginin Ltd. Co. and its holding companies. He is also a director and President of TPI and Trustee of Aboitiz Foundation.

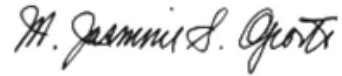
He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the Ateneo de Manila University. He is not connected with any government agency or instrumentality.

SIGNATURE (S)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Jasmine S. Oporto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

M. Jasmine S. Oporto
Corporate Secretary^{RCL}

Date: February 21, 2018