

May 3, 2019

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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

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

*via PSE EDGE*

**PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.**  
PSE Tower, 28<sup>th</sup> Street, cor. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

ATTENTION : **MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION**  
Head, Disclosure Department

*via electronic mail*

**PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.**  
Market Regulatory Services Group  
37/F, Tower 1, The Enterprise Center  
6766 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

ATTENTION : **ATTY. JOSEPH B. EVANGELISTA**  
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:



**MANUEL ALBERTO R. COLAYCO**  
Corporate Secretary

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 )

MANUEL ALBERTO R. COLAYCO

Contact Person

(02) 886-2338

Company Telephone Number

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Month Day

Fiscal Year

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FORM TYPE

4th Monday of April

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Month Day

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. **May 3, 2019**  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number **CEO2536** 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. **32<sup>nd</sup> 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 |
|---|---|
| <b>Common Stock ₱1 Par Value</b>                      | <b>5,632,792,557</b>  |
| <b>Amount of Debt Outstanding (December 31, 2018)</b> | <b>₱285,305,308,057.00</b>  |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: 9

**Item 9: Other Matters**

In relation to the application of Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. ("AEV" or the "Company") for the shelf registration of its proposed fixed rate bonds in the aggregate principal amount of Php30 billion (the "Bonds"), the Philippine Ratings Services Corporation ("PhilRatings") assigned an issue credit rating of "PRS Aaa" with a Stable Outlook to first tranche of the Bonds, equivalent to Php3 billion with an oversubscription option of up to Php2 billion.

According to PhilRatings, obligations rated "PRS Aaa" are of the highest quality with minimal credit risk, an indication of the extremely strong capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. A Stable Outlook is defined as "The rating is likely to be maintained or to remain unchanged in the next 12 months." The rating and outlook were assigned based on the following key considerations: (i) AEV's highly experienced management team; (ii) the company's sustainable profitability and liquidity;

and (iii) its continuously growing asset and investment portfolio, supported by conservative leveraging.

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:



Manuel Alberto R. Colayco  
Corporate Secretary

Date: May 3, 2019