



May 18, 2009

Securities & Exchange Commission
SEC Building, EDSA
Mandaluyong City

Attention: Director Justina F. Callangan
Corporation Finance Department

Gentlemen:

Re : Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company
SEC Registration No. PW-55

In compliance with Section 17.1(b) of the Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1, we submit herewith three (3) copies of our letter dated May 18, 2009 to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. (PSE) in connection with PSE's request for additional information regarding the acquisition by Smart Communications, Inc. of 40% of the issued common shares of Primeworld Digital System, Inc.

Respectfully yours,


MELISSA V. VERGEL DE DIOS
Head – Investor Relations

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
AND SRC RULE 17.1

1. May 18, 2009
(Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number PW-55
3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-488-793
4. PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY
Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
5. PHILIPPINES
Province, country or other jurisdiction
of Incorporation
6. _____ (SEC Use Only)
Industry Classification Code
7. Ramon Cojuangco Building, Makati Avenue, Makati City
Address of principal office
- 1200
Postal Code
8. (632) 816-8553; 816-8556
Issuer's telephone number, including area code
9. Not Applicable
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Securities Regulation Code or Sections 4 and 8 of the Revised Securities Act

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock
Licensed and Amount of Debt Outstanding

11. Item 9 – Other Events

Attached hereto is a copy of our letter dated May 18, 2009 to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. (PSE) in connection with PSE's request for additional information regarding the acquisition by Smart Communications, Inc. of 40% of the issued common shares of Primeworld Digital System, Inc.

SIGNATURE

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

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE COMPANY


MELISSA V. VERGEL DE DIOS
Head – Investor Relations

May 18, 2009



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The Philippine Stock Exchange
4th Floor PSE Centre
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center
Pasig City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion
Head, Disclosure Department

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Acquisition by Smart Communications, Inc. ("**Smart**") of 40% of the
issued common shares of Primeworld Digital System, Inc. ("**PDSI**")

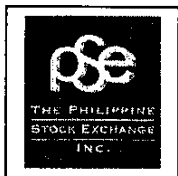
We refer to your letter dated May 15, 2009 requesting for information on the aggregate acquisition price, number of issued shares acquired and the price per share for the 40% of PDSI.

We regret that we could not provide the information requested in your letter in view of the confidentiality agreement between Smart and the sellers of PDSI shares. Said sellers have expressed their desire to keep such information confidential. However, we assure you that the acquisition price is less than ten percent of the book value of PLDT, as well as of Smart, thus, the provisions of Section 5 of the PSE Revised Disclosure Rule do not apply.

Respectfully yours,


MELISSA V. VERGEL DE DIOS
Head - Investor Relations

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Company : PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Attention : *Atty. Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan*
Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Subject : Acquisition by Smart Communications, Inc. of 40% of Primeworld Digital Systems, Inc.

Sent : Friday, May 15, 2009


Gentlemen:

We write with respect to Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company's ("TEL" or the "Company") disclosure on May 15, 2009 pertaining to the acquisition by Smart Communications, Inc. ("Smart"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, of 40% of the issued common shares of Primeworld Digital Systems, Inc. ("PDSI").

In order for us to determine if the above-mentioned transaction falls under Section 5 of the Revised Disclosure Rules on Disclosure for Substantial Acquisitions & Reverse Takeovers, please provide the Exchange the aggregate acquisition price, number of issued shares acquired and the price per share for the 40% of PDSI.

We shall appreciate receiving your response on the foregoing matter **via ODiSy before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009** so that we may properly apprise the Trading Participants and the Investing public of the same.

Very truly yours,


NORBERTO T. MORENO JR.
Specialist, Disclosure Department

Noted by:


JANET A. ENCARNACION
Head, Disclosure Department