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THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

3F Tower One & Exchange Plaza

Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue

Makati City

Attention : **MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION**

Head, Disclosure Department

Dear Ms. Encarnacion:

This refers to your request to clarify the news article titled, "Ayala eyes \$3.8-b rail deal with Salim" published in Manila Standard Today on May 23, 2015. The article reported in part that:

"Ayala Corp., the Philippines' oldest family-owned company, may partner with a venture of billionaire Anthoni Salim to bid for a \$3.8-billion railway project, the most expensive infrastructure work to be auctioned by the government.

Ayala is in talks with Metro Pacific Investments Corp. and will likely take in foreign partners for the 653-kilometer railway that will connect the capital to provinces in the south, Ayala Managing Director Eric Francia said. To date, the conglomerate has invested about \$1 billion in infrastructure projects, a figure that would rise significantly if it wins the rail project and another deal to upgrade Manila's airport, he said...."

We wish to confirm that Ayala Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiary AC Infrastructure Holdings Corporation, is in preliminary discussions with Metro Pacific Investments Corporation for potential partnership in the bidding for the 653-kilometer railway project. However, we clarify that the \$1 billion in investments refers to Ayala's equity commitment in both power generation and transport infrastructure through 2016.

We hope to have clarified the abovementioned news article.

Very truly yours,

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PAOLO F. BORROMEIO

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Cc: SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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