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## The Philippine Stock Exchange

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

Dear *Ms. Encarnacion*:

We write in response to your letter received today, 02 September 2019, seeking clarification on a news article entitled "CNOOC may backpedal on LNG venture with Dennis Uy" posted on Manila Bulletin (Internet Edition) published on 31 August 2019 which provided in part:

"China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) may backpedal on its targeted joint venture with a company of businessman Dennis Uy on planned US\$2.0-billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects in Batangas, a highly placed energy official has hinted.

The source tipped off that the Chinese firm seems 'ghosting' theTanglawan Philippine LNG Inc. partnership earlier targeted notjust with Phoenix Petroleum Philippines, Inc. but also of state-runPhilippineNationalOilCompany.

The energy official added that there had not been recent communications or representations that CNOOC had done with Philippine government – and all forms of correspondence relative to the US\$2.0- billion projects on LNG import terminal and power plants are just currently done by Phoenix Petroleum.

There had also been mixed assertions as to the status of the CNOOC-Phoenix Petroleum tie-up; with Phoenix stating in a recent disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) that

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'the joint venture agreement has yet to be finalized.'

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We have no knowledge on the assertions or contentions made in the article as of date of writing. The Company continues its talks with CNOOC pertaining to the joint venture agreement with CNOOC.

We hope to have clarified this matter

Thank you and warm regards

Very truly yours,

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**Acty. Socorro Ermac Cabreros** Corporate Secretary

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