

November 28, 2018

Philippine Stock Exchange 6/F Philippine Stock Exchange Tower 28<sup>th</sup> Street corner 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion

Head - Disclosure Department

### Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 17.1 (b) of the Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1.1.3(b).2, we submit herewith a copy of SEC Form 17-C with a press release attached thereto entitled "PLDT closes US\$175 million investment in Voyager Innovations from KKR and Tencent".

This shall also serve as the disclosure letter for the purpose of complying with PSE Revised Disclosure Rules.

Very truly yours,

FLORENTINO D. MABASA, JR.

Asst. Corporate Secretary



November 28, 2018

Securities & Exchange Commission Secretariat Building, PICC Complex Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City

Attention: Mr. Vicente Graciano P. Felizmenio, Jr.

<u>Director – Markets and Securities Regulation Dept.</u>

## Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 17.1 (b) of the Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1.1.3(a), we submit herewith two (2) copies of SEC Form 17-C with a copy of press release attached thereto entitled "PLDT closes US\$175 million investment in Voyager Innovations from KKR and Tencent".

Very truly yours,

FLORENTINO D. MABASA, JR.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

	November 28, 2018  Date of Report (Date of earliest even	t reported)									
	SEC Identification Number PW-55										
	BIR Tax Identification No. 000-488-793										
	PLDT Inc. Exact name of issuer as specified in	its charter									
	PHILIPPINES Province, country or other jurisdictio of Incorporation	6 Industry C	(SEC Use Only) Classification Code								
	Ramon Cojuangco Building, Makati A Address of principal office	Avenue, Makati City	1200 Postal Code								
	(632) 816-8405 Issuer's telephone number, including	g area code									
	Not Applicable Former name or former address, if c	hanged since last report									
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# PLDT closes US\$175 million investment in Voyager Innovations from KKR and Tencent

MANILA, Philippines 28th November 2018 – PLDT Inc. ("PLDT") (PSE: TEL) (NYSE: PHI), the leading telecommunications and digital services provider in the Philippines, today announced the closing of the US\$175 million investment in Voyager Innovations by KKR (NYSE: KKR), a global investment firm, and Tencent Holdings Ltd. (0700.HK), a leading provider of internet services in China.

"Voyager can now step up its efforts to make its innovative financial and internet platforms more accessible to more Filipinos in more parts of the country," said Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chairman and CEO of PLDT and Smart Communications.

"We believe with investors like KKR and Tencent leading the way, the Philippines' profile as a destination for tech investment is on the rise," said Orlando B. Vea, President and CEO of Voyager Innovations.

As previously announced on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, KKR and Tencent subscribed to newly-issued shares in Voyager Innovations, the Philippines' leading digital technology company. KKR and Tencent's investment gives them a substantial minority stake in the Company.

PLDT also announced on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 that the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and IFC Emerging Asia Fund committed to invest US\$40 million in Voyager Innovations. This transaction is expected to close within a few weeks. In total, Voyager Innovations will raise US\$215 million, making this the largest private fund raising to-date in a Philippine technology company.

Voyager Innovations will leverage the new capital and significant expertise of KKR, Tencent, IFC, and IFC Emerging Asia Fund as it carries out its mission to accelerate digital and financial inclusion in the Philippines and enable the broader Filipino population to participate in the digital economy.

The company's award-winning technology platforms support the following digital services:

• **PayMaya**, the most recognized prepaid payment wallet service in the Philippines, enabling Filipinos to shop online, pay bills, buy airtime load, and send money:

- PayMaya Business, the largest mobile acquiring service in the Philippines, enabling enterprises of all sizes to accept digital payments;
- Smart Padala, the largest mobile-based remittance network in the Philippines;
- Lendr, the largest digital lending platform in the Philippines; and
- **freenet**, the most popular rewards app for free access to the internet and apps in the Philippines.

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This press release may contain some statements which constitute "forward-looking statements" that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could affect PLDT's business and results of operations. Although PLDT believes that expectations reflected in any forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no guarantee of future performance, action or events.

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#### **About PLDT**

PLDT is the leading telecommunications provider in the Philippines. Through its principal business groups – fixed line and wireless– PLDT offers a wide range of telecommunications services across the Philippines' most extensive fiber optic backbone and fixed line, and mobile network.

PLDT is listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE: TEL) and its American Depositary Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE:PHI). PLDT has one of the largest market capitalizations among Philippine listed companies.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the web at www.pldt.com.

#### About VOYAGER INNOVATIONS

Voyager Innovations is the leading technology company in the Philippines focused on developing customer-centric emerging market platforms in the areas of digital payments, digital finance, and marketing technologies. For more information, visit www.voyagerinnovation.com.

#### **About KKR**

KKR is a leading global investment firm that manages multiple alternative asset classes, including private equity, energy, infrastructure, real estate and credit, with strategic partners that manage hedge funds. KKR aims to generate attractive investment returns for its fund investors by following a patient and disciplined investment approach, employing world-class people, and driving growth and value creation with KKR portfolio companies. KKR invests its own capital alongside the capital it manages for fund investors and provides financing solutions and investment opportunities through its capital markets business. References to KKR's investments may include the activities of its sponsored funds. For additional information about KKR & Co. Inc. (NYSE: KKR), please visit KKR's website at www.kkr.com and on Twitter @KKR Co.

### **About TENCENT**

Tencent uses technology to enrich the lives of Internet users. Our social products WeChat and QQ link our users to a rich digital content catalogue including games, video, music and books. Our proprietary targeting technology helps advertisers reach out to hundreds of millions of consumers in China. Our infrastructure services including payment, security, cloud and artificial intelligence create differentiated offerings and support our partners' business growth. Tencent invests heavily in people and innovation, enabling us to evolve with the Internet.

Tencent was founded in Shenzhen, China, in 1998. Shares of Tencent (0700.HK) are traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.