



July 16, 2009

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

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 17.1(b) of the Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1, we submit herewith SEC Form 17-C updating our previous disclosures regarding Smart Communications, Inc.'s investment in Blue Ocean Wireless, a Dublin-based company focused on expanding communication capability in the merchant marine sector.

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

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MLC", is positioned above the typed name of the Corporate Secretary.

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN
Corporate Secretary

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Enc.



July 16, 2009

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Corporation Finance Department
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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

1. July 16, 2009
Date of Report (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
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 and Sections 4 and 8 of the Revised Securities Act

Title of Each Class

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

11. Item 9 - Other Events

We disclose that Smart Communications, Inc. ("SMART"), our wholly owned subsidiary, has agreed to invest an additional \$6.26 million in Blue Ocean Wireless ("BOW") which will increase its equity ownership from 28.3% to 51% of BOW.

Attached is a press release of BOW regarding the roll-out of its FleetBroadband product.

SIGNATURE

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 hereto duly authorized.

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE COMPANY

By:



MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN
Corporate Secretary

July 16, 2009



BLUE OCEAN WIRELESS ANNOUNCES SHAREHOLDER SUPPORT FOR ROLLOUT OF FLEETBROADBAND PRODUCT

Additional shareholder investment

14th July, 2009: Blue Ocean Wireless ("BOW"), a company delivering GSM communication capability for the merchant maritime sector, today announces that it has successfully completed full FleetBroadband ('FBB') testing and the service is now fully operational and commercially available to existing and potential BOW customers.

BOW also announces that Smart Communications, Inc. ('SMART'), a wholly owned mobile subsidiary of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company ('PLDT'), NTT DOCOMO, Inc. ("DOCOMO"), and Altobridge Limited will invest a further US\$7.5million into BOW to accelerate the rapid introduction of FleetBroadband and next generation maritime communication services.

BOW has established itself as the leading provider of GSM services to the merchant maritime sector. With a customer base and order book of over 650 vessels, BOW has demonstrated rapid growth since it was founded two years ago. The objective now is to further accelerate this growth and facilitate the introduction of next generation maritime communication services.

Expanding Range of Maritime Services

Blue Ocean Wireless provides, for the first time, FleetBroadband and mobile GSM connectivity at sea, where no other network exists. This allows officers and crew to make and receive voice calls, send and receive text messages and emails and access the internet. FleetBroadband also supports the latest technologies for both conducting business remotely and effective fleet operation, including the ability to access corporate networks and FTP facilities from anywhere around the globe. The BOW FBB service is supported by both Inmarsat's FB250 & FB500 and the VSAT satellite terminal.

Fleet Broadband

FleetBroadband is the first maritime communications service to provide cost-effective global broadband data and voice, simultaneously, through a compact antenna. FBB provides unprecedented connectivity between vessels and the shore, regardless of your global position or conditions at sea. FleetBroadband is cost-effective, fast, reliable and an easy-to-use "always-available" solution for email, internet, corporate networks and voice services. FleetBroadband utilises Inmarsat's I-4 satellite constellation enabling global coverage.

Blue Ocean Wireless provides the opportunity to expand the range of value-added services, beyond the basic FleetBroadband services which exist. These value-added services provide users with cost and traffic control, firewall management, data optimisation, high security options, easy VPN access, messaging services and a full IP range.

Investment in Blue Ocean Wireless.

The proceeds from this investment further strengthen BOW's balance sheet and underpin its strategy to aggressively enhance and grow its service offering within the merchant maritime sector.

Paul Wallace, Chief Executive Officer commented: *"We are pleased to announce this further investment by SMART, NTT DOCOMO and Altobridge. With the introduction of Fleet Broadband, we have significantly enhanced our range of available services and, we look forward to continuing to enhance our service offering and growing our global fleet of customers"*

Investors & Media	Industry
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About Blue Ocean Wireless

Blue Ocean Wireless is focused on expanding communication capability in the merchant maritime sector. Blue Ocean Wireless, founded in March, 2007 provides, for the first time, GSM connectivity for seafarers in deep ocean water, where no other network exists. This allows users to make and receive voice calls, send and receive SMS text messages and, in time, browse the internet using their existing handsets. This technology can also be used, in conjunction with RFID technology, to track and monitor shipping containers while they are in transit at sea. Blue Ocean Wireless works in partnership with communications industry leaders including, Altobridge, JRC, Seacom, Smart and Stratos to provide the best products to its customers. For more information, please visit www.blueoceanwireless.com