



May 18, 2009

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:

In compliance with Section 17.1(b) and Section 17.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, we submit herewith a copy of SEC Form 17-C with a press release issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) attached thereto entitled "Moody's confirms PLDT's ratings; outlook stable."

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

Respectfully yours,


MELISSA V. VERGEL DE DIOS
Head – Investor Relations Center



May 18, 2009

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Money Market Operations Department
SEC Building, EDSA
Mandaluyong City

Attention: Director Justina F. Callangan
Corporations Finance Department

Gentlemen:

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

In accordance with Section 17.1 (b) of the Securities Regulation Code, we submit herewith three (3) copies of SEC Form 17-C with a press release issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) attached thereto entitled "Moody's confirms PLDT's ratings; outlook stable."

Very truly yours,


MELISSA V. VERGEL DE DIOS
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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 registrant as specified in its charter
5. PHILIPPINES
Province, country or other jurisdiction
of Incorporation
6. _____ (SEC Use Only)
Industry Classification Code
7. 9th Floor MGO Building
Legaspi corner dela Rosa Streets, Makati City
Address of principal office
- 1200
Postal Code
8. (632) 816-8553
Registrant'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 SRC

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| 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 press release issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) entitled "Moody's confirms PLDT's ratings; outlook stable".

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


MELISSA VERGEL DE DIOS
Head – Investors Relations

Date: May 18, 2009



Rating Action: Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

Moody's confirms PLDT's ratings; outlook stable

Approximately US\$550 Million of Debt Securities Affected.

Hong Kong, May 18, 2009 – Moody's Investors Service has today confirmed Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company's ("PLDT") Baa2 local currency issuer rating with a stable outlook. This concludes the rating review for direction uncertain that was initiated on 16th March 2009. At the same time, Moody's has affirmed PLDT's Ba2/positive foreign currency bond rating, which was not on review.

"The rating confirmation reflects PLDT's increased appetite for risk as a result of the recently announced Meralco (Manila Electric Company) acquisition which, given funding plans, will result in an increase in leverage and weakened cash flow metrics," says Laura Acres, a Moody's Vice President, adding "Such concern is counter-balanced by PLDT's solid financial profile post-acquisition which can be contained within the Baa2 rating."

"While Moody's is also concerned about the move into a non-core business, it does acknowledge that various operational synergies exist as well a potential defensive play which will ensure PLDT access to Meralco infrastructure," adds Acres also Moody's Lead Analyst for PLDT.

PLDT's local currency issuer rating of Baa2 reflects the company's position as the largest telecommunications operator in the Philippines supported by strong consolidated financial metrics and dominant market position, founded on its integrated business profile.

However, these factors are counter-balanced by country specific issues, such as uncertainty surrounding the Philippines political and economic environment. Any deterioration in the political system or changes in the regulatory regime could impact PLDT's operating profile and prospects for growth.

The stable outlook reflects Moody's expectation that PLDT will execute its business plan as outlined and that no additional investment in Meralco or any other non-core business is considered.

Moody's affirmation of PLDT's Ba2 foreign currency bond rating reflects the fact that the rating is unlikely to rise without an improvement in the Philippines foreign currency country ceiling.

PLDT's financial metrics exhibit strong investment grade characteristics. Hence any upward pressure on the local currency rating would be more reflective of PLDT's ability to maintain its existing sound financial and operating profile on a sustainable basis, particularly post the Meralco acquisition. Moody's would specifically like to ensure that shareholder return and asset investment policies do not lead to a material deterioration of the company's financial profile.

Downward pressure is not expected given that PLDT currently enjoys a healthy financial and operating risk profile. Event risk is always a possibility given the parlous state of the socio-economic and political environment and such risk would be measured by EBITDA margins falling below 50% and/or debt/EBITDA rising above 2.0x. Moody's would also view negatively any additional material investment into non-core businesses.

The Ba2/positive foreign currency rating is sensitive to any movements in the sovereign rating.

The principal methodology used in rating PLDT was the Global Telecommunications Industry dated December 2007, which can be found at www.moodys.com in the Credit Policy & Methodologies directory, in the Ratings Methodologies subdirectory. Other methodologies and factors that may have been considered in the process of rating this issuer can also be found in the Credit Policy & Methodologies directory.

The last rating action was taken on 16th March 2009 when PLDT's Baa2 senior unsecured local currency issuer rating was placed under review direction uncertain and the foreign currency bond rating was affirmed at Ba2/positive.

PLDT, headquartered in Manila and listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange and American Depository Receipts traded on the New York Stock Exchange, is an integrated provider of fixed-line, broadband, cellular

and ICT (Information and Communications Technology) services. It currently has a 52% subscriber market share for cellular telephony, 60% for fixed-line services and about 70% for broadband.

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