

March 20, 2009

Securities and Exchange Commission
SEC Building
EDSA, Mandaluyong City

Attention: Atty. Justina F. Callangan
Director, Corporation Finance Dept.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 17.1 (b) of the Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1, we submit herewith a copy of SEC Form 17-C with respect to certain discloseable events/information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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FLORENTINO D. MABASA, JR.
Assistant Corporate Secretary

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(Business Address: No. Street/City/Town/Province)

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Total Amount of Borrowings

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| 2,183,561 | | | | | | | | | |
| As of February 28, 2009 | | | | | | | | | |

Total No. of Stockholders

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| NA | | | | |
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

1. March 20, 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) 816-8405
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 |
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11. Other Events

Attached hereto is a copy of our letter to the Philippine Stock Exchange dated March 20, 2009 regarding the acquisition of PLDT common shares by the Company pursuant to its Share Buyback Program that was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on August 5, 2008 and December 9, 2008.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

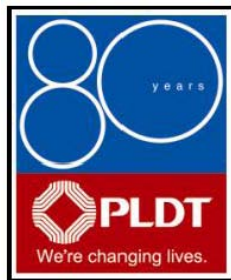
PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE COMPANY

By:

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FLORENTINO D. MABASA, JR.
Assistant Corporate Secretary

March 20, 2009



March 20, 2009

Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.
Disclosure Department
4th Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre
(Tektite Tower) Exchange Road, Ortigas Center
Pasig City

Attention : Atty. Pete M. Malabanan
Head – Disclosure Dept.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 9 of the Revised Disclosure Rules as well as the letters of the Exchange dated January 29, 2008 and February 29, 2008, we report hereunder shares of PLDT Common Stock acquired by the Company on March 20, 2009 pursuant to the Share Buyback Program approved by the Board of Directors on August 5, 2008 and December 9, 2008.

| Date of Transaction | Number of Shares | Price Per Share | Treasury Shares To date |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| March 20, 2009 | 130,000 | P1,980.00 | 2,141,350 |

NOTE: The column marked "Outstanding Shares After Transaction" was deleted because the outstanding common shares available from our transfer agent in computing the Outstanding Shares After Transaction is only as of 3 trading days prior to the transaction date.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY


FLORENTINO D. MABASA, JR.
Assistant Corporate Secretary