



**Corporate Secretary's Office**

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, **RUTH PAMELA E. TANGHAL**, Corporate Secretary of the Philippine National Bank ("PNB"), a universal banking corporation duly registered under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with SEC Registration No. ASO96-005555, and with principal office address at the PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City, Metro Manila, on oath state:

1. That I have caused this SEC Form 17-C to be prepared on behalf of PNB;
2. That I read and understood its contents which are true and correct based on my own personal knowledge and/or on authentic records;
3. That the company, PNB, will comply with the requirements set forth in SEC Notice dated May 12, 2021 to effect a complete and official submission of reports and/or documents through electronic mail;
4. That I am fully aware that submitted documents which require pre-evaluation and/or payment of processing fee shall be considered complete and officially received only upon payment of the filing fee; and
5. That the e-mail account designated by the company pursuant to SEC Memorandum Circular No. 28, s. 2020 shall be used by the company in its online submission to CGFD.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on 17 MAR 2023 in PASAY CITY, Metro Manila, Philippines.

  
**RUTH PAMELA E. TANGHAL**  
 Corporate Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on 17 MAR 2023 in Pasay City, affiant exhibited to me her TIN 216-805-132.

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**Atty. Jamie O. Real**  
 Commission No. 23-15; Roll No. 68794  
 Notary Public in and for Pasay City  
 Until December 31, 2024  
 9th Floor PNB Financial Center  
 Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City  
 PTR No. 8058701/Jan. 05, 2023/Pasay City  
 IBP Lifetime No. 018651/Dec. 11, 2017/Manila

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S.E.C. Registration Number

P H I L I P P I N E N A T I O N A L B A N K

Company's Full Name)

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M e t r o M a n i l a

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

**RUTH PAMELA E. TANGHAL**  
Corporate Secretary

Contact Person

**8834-0780**

Company Telephone Number

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Month Day  
Fiscal Year

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FORM TYPE

**April 26**

Month Day  
Annual Meeting

Secondary License Type, If Applicable

Dept. Requiring this Doc.

Amended Articles Number/Section

Total No. of Stockholders

Total amount of Borrowings

Domestic

Foreign

To be accomplished by SEC Personnel concerned

File Number

LCU

Document I.D.

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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 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1. March 17, 2023  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2. SEC Identification Number ASO96-005555 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-188-209-000
4. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK  
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter
5. PHILIPPINES 6.  Use Only)  
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation      Industry Classification Code:
7. PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City, Metro Manila  
1300  
Address of principal office  
Postal Code
8. (632) 8526-3131 to 70/(632) 8891-6040 to 70  
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 SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding
Common Shares	1,525,764,850

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 9

We are pleased to furnish the Commission with the Bank's Press Release entitled "PNB sustains strong profitability in 2022, total operating income up by 19%".

We trust you will take note accordingly. Thank you.

**SIGNATURES**

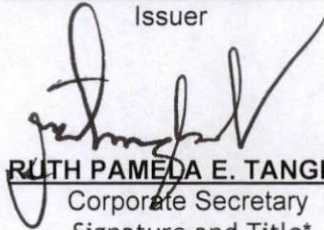
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**

Issuer

**March 17, 2023**

Date



**RUTH PAMELA E. TANGHAL**  
Corporate Secretary  
Signature and Title\*



## **PRESS RELEASE**

*March 2023*

### **PNB sustains strong profitability in 2022, total operating income up by 19%**

Philippine National Bank (PSE: PNB) registered net income of P11.6 billion in 2022, with total operating income growing by 19 percent from 2021, coming from sustained growth in core income and supplemented by substantial gains on disposal of the Bank's low-earning foreclosed properties.

Amid the rising interest rate environment in 2022, the net interest income of the Bank reached P37.3 billion, up by 7 percent year-on-year due to higher yields on interest-earning assets. This translated to the Bank's net interest margin improving to 3.61 percent from 3.27 percent a year ago. The Bank's core income was further boosted by the 5 percent growth on its fee-based revenues largely coming from fees on its deposits, bancassurance and underwriting transactions.

As part of its strategic initiatives to reduce low-earning assets, the Bank concluded several sale transactions involving high-value foreclosed properties in 2022, which generated net gains on sale and exchange of P7.8 billion during the year, almost 8 times higher than the gains recorded in 2021.

Furthermore, gains from foreign exchange transactions expanded to P1.6 billion, up by 116 percent year-on-year. These gains cushioned the impact of trading losses recorded in 2022 amounting to P1.3 billion with the uptrend in interest rates, brought about by the global monetary tightening during the year.

In 2021, the Bank reported a one-off gain coming from the properties-for-shares swap transaction implemented that year, which significantly increased the prior year net income by P33.3 billion. This caused the comparative net income in 2022 to be lower by 63 percent. However, taking out the effect of this one-off gain, the Bank's pre-tax income showed growth of 3.5 times year-on-year on the back of stronger core operating income in 2022.

Operating expenses posted a moderate increase of 8 percent year-on-year on account of the taxes related to the property sales, as well as higher amortization costs for the leased properties of the Bank where it is currently holding its operations. These properties were the subject of the properties-for-shares swap executed in 2021.

The Bank's gross loan portfolio settled at P613.6 billion as of end-December 2022, lower by 3 percent from prior year's level, reflective of the Bank's lending stance to fast-track collection of short-term loans with minimal profitability and re-direct new loan grants to essential sectors that thrive in the new norm. Credit provisions on the loan accounts are 44 percent lower than year-ago level arising from improvements in payment and credit status in 2022 of certain large exposures of the Bank.

On the funding side, the Bank's deposit liabilities likewise were reduced by 3 percent mainly due to the Bank's strategy to trim down higher-cost time deposits. However, this decline was tempered by the continued build-up of the Bank's current and savings deposits, which together grew by 4 percent year-on-year.

Consequently, total resources of the Bank stood at P1.15 trillion by end-2022, 4 percent lower compared to previous year's balance. Despite the economic challenges in 2022, the Bank's equity remained robust as it increased by 5 percent year-on-year, bringing the Bank's Capital Adequacy Ratio to 15.38 percent and Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio to 14.58 percent.

"PNB improved its efficiency and profitability amidst challenging conditions and economic headwinds," said PNB Acting President Florido Casuela. "PNB's performance in 2022 is a good indicator that the Bank continues to deliver real value to our clients, investors, and the overall economy," he added.

In November 2022, PNB was awarded for the second year in a row by a joint program of the European Union and the UN Women as Runner Up for Transparency and Reporting during the UN Women 2022 Philippines Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) event. PNB was cited for its commitment to transparency and reporting pertaining to gender data and indicators as well as report on performance and impact of gender on its adaptive policies and programs, tracking performance in progress towards gender equality, and women's economic empowerment. Last December 2022, PNB was also awarded by Asia Corporate Excellence and Sustainability Awards (ACES) as one of Asia's Most Influential Companies during the recent ACES Awards 2022 Ceremony and Gala Dinner held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The award is given to companies that show genuine interest in the well-being of its stakeholders through corporate social responsibility initiatives that are integrated into policies and operations, with a high level

of employee and top management involvement on community engagement, environment, and social empowerment programs.

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**About PNB**

*Philippine National Bank is one of the country's largest private universal banks in terms of assets and deposits. It provides a full range of banking and other financial services to its highly diverse clientele comprised of individual depositors, small and medium enterprises, domestic and international corporations, government institutions, and overseas Filipinos. Backed by over a century of stability and excellence, PNB looks forward to more years of serving its customers first. To know more about PNB, visit its official website: [www.pnb.com.ph](http://www.pnb.com.ph).*