

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 organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines under SEC Registration No. ASO96-005555, with principal office address at the PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City, Metro Manila, on oath state that:

- 1. On behalf of PNB, I have caused this SEC Form 17-C to be prepared;
- 2. I read and understood its contents which are true and correct of my own personal knowledge and/or based on true records;
- 3. PNB will comply with the requirements set forth in SEC Notice dated June 24, 2020 for a complete and official submission of reports and/or documents through electronic mail; and
- 4. I am fully aware that documents filed online which requires pre-evaluation and/or processing fee shall be considered complete and officially received only upon payment of the filing fee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on January 27, 2021 in Pasay

City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

UTH PAMELA E. TANGHAL Corporate Secretary

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affiant exhibited to me her TIN 216-805-132.

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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.	Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
2.	SEC Identification Number $\underline{\text{ASO96-005555}}$ 3. BIR Tax Identification No.

4. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter

5. PHILIPPINES

6.

Use Only)

000-188-209-000

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: <u>Item 9</u>

Further to our letter dated January 22, 2021 and to quote verbatim the approval granted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, we wish to advise the Commission that on January 22, 2021, the PNB Board of Directors noted and confirmed the report on the approval by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas of the Bank's request for "temporary exemption from prudential limits on its equity investments in PNB Holdings Corporation".

The additional equity investment is part of the Bank's plan to realize the market value of its prime properties and reduce its low-earning assets to strengthen its financial position as reported in our letter dated September 11, 2020.

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

January 27, 2021

Date

Ruth Pamela E. Tanghal Corporate Secretary Signature and Title*

 $^{^{\}star}$ Print name and title of the signing officer under the signature. SEC Form 17-C December 2003