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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 May 12, 2021 in Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines.


RUTH PAMELA E. TANGHAL
 Corporate Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on MAY 12 2021 in Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines, affiant exhibited to me her TIN 216-805-132.

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ATTY. CLARITO E. DE ALDAY
 Notary Public for Pasay City
 Exp. Date: 31, 2022
 Commission No. 21-02
 2nd Floor PNB Financial Center
 Macapagal Blvd, Pasay City
 Roll No. 82208
 RSM No. 131778 / Nov. 3, 2020 / RSM
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Company's Full Name)

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RUTH PAMELA E. TANGHAL
Corporate Secretary
Contact Person

8834-0780
Company Telephone Number

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April 27

Month Day
Annual Meeting

Secondary License Type, If Applicable

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Amended Articles Number/Section

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Total amount of Borrowings

Total No. of Stockholders

Domestic

Foreign

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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. May 12, 2021
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 a copy of the press release of the Bank entitled "PNB registers 34% increase in net income for the first quarter of 2021".

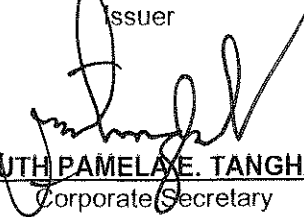
We trust you will take note accordingly. Thank you.

SGNATURES

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



RUTH PAMELAE. TANGHAL

Corporate Secretary
Signature and Title*

May 12, 2021

Date

* Print name and title of the signing officer under the signature.
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December 2003

PRESS RELEASE

May 2021

PNB registers 34% increase in net income for the first quarter of 2021

Philippine National Bank (PSE: PNB) reported a net income of P1.8 billion for the first quarter of 2021, a growth of 34 percent compared to its performance in the same quarter last year due primarily to improvements in net service fees and commission income, reduced operating expenses and significantly lower provisions for credit losses

For the first quarter of 2021, the Bank booked P2.1 billion in provisions for credit losses, lower by 38 percent compared to the year-ago level of P3.4 billion. The lower provisioning level resulted essentially from the Bank's anticipatory build-up of provisions for most part of 2020 as a pro-active approach in addressing potential delinquencies that may arise from the impact of the prolonged pandemic.

Net service fees and commissions, on the other hand, grew 35 percent on the back of higher fees from underwriting activities as well as credit cards and bancassurance businesses.

Operating expenses, excluding provisions for impairment and credit losses, declined 8 percent over the same period last year due to sustained rationalization of non-essential expenditures as well as operational efficiencies as the Bank transitions to more automation and technology-driven processes to adapt to the demands of the new normal.

PNB's net interest income declined 7 percent to P8.2 billion on account of reduced earnings from loans to corporate, commercial and small and medium enterprises, alongside investment securities, reflecting the downward trajectory of benchmark interest rates beginning the second quarter of 2020. Loan receivables stood at P609.3 billion as of end-March 2021, lower by 6 percent from prior year owing to weak loan demand combined with the Bank's continued focus on strengthening its liquidity position amid lingering economic uncertainties. Deposit liabilities in contrast increased by 7 percent to P848 billion from March 2020 levels, driven by steady growth in low cost CASA.

Other income declined by 38 percent to P1.6 billion resulting mainly from lower trading income due to limited trading opportunities in the market.

"We continue to be vigilant of the effects of the economic fallout from COVID-19 on the Bank's operations and businesses. It is for this reason that PNB continues to adopt a prudent approach in asset deployment which affected the Bank's net interest margins. However, we remain confident that such strategy together with the tactical actions we are taking will ensure that the Bank will be able to emerge from the crisis stronger. Along this line, we have also undertaken initiatives to improve the Bank's services in the digital space. Specifically, we launched last February 18, the Phase 1 of our new PNB Digital App with improved user design, less clicks, intuitive navigation, easier sign-up, and QR code payments. Further enhancements will include digital account opening supported by video KYC through website, credit card functions, and new internet banking, among others" PNB President and CEO Wick Veloso said.

As of end-March 2021, PNB's consolidated resources stood at P1.1 trillion, up by 4 percent from year-ago level. The Bank's Capital Adequacy Ratio of 14.77% and Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio of 14.11% remained well above the minimum regulatory requirement of 10%.

In reference to previous news articles that have been published regarding PNB's investment in PNB Holdings Corporation, PNB would like to clarify, in the interest of an accurate and factual appreciation of the transaction, that the Bank received regulatory approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission in January 2021 to increase its equity investment in PNB Holdings Corporation, and not from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as some articles have reported. Earlier, the BSP approved in December 2020, PNB's request for temporary exemption from prudential limits on its equity investments in PNB Holdings Corporation.

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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.