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Attention:

Ms. Vina Vanessa S. Salonga

Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department

Dear Ms. Salonga:

We are pleased to furnish the Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation (PDEx) a copy of our disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange regarding the clarification of the news article entitled "PNB expects double-digit profit growth this year".

We trust you will take note accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C

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 AS096-005555
- BIR Tax Identification No. 000-188-209-000
- Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter Philippine National Bank
- 5. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
- 6. Industry Classification Code(SEC Use Only)
- 7. Address of principal office

Postal Code

- 8. Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 9. Former name or former address, if changed since last report
- 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
- Indicate the item numbers reported herein Item 9

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Philippine National Bank PNB

#### PSE Disclosure Form 4-13 - Clarification of News Reports References: SRC Rule 17 (SEC Form 17-C) and Section 4.4 of the Revised Disclosure Rules

#### Subject of the Disclosure

Clarification of news article entitled "PNB expects double-digit profit growth this year"

Source

Manila Bulletin (Internet Edition)

Subject of News

Report

PNB expects double-digit profit growth this year

Date of Publication

May 26, 2015

#### Clarification of News Report

This refers to the letter of Mr. Erick De Leon dated today, seeking clarification and/or confirmation of the news article entitled "PNB expects double-digit profit growth this year"posted in the Manila Bulletin (Internet Edition) on May 26, 2015, reporting in part that:

"The Lucio Tan group's Philippine National Bank (PNB), the country's fourth biggest bank, said it expects a double-digit net income growth this year amid projections of high growth in its loan and deposits portfolio.

PNB president and CEO Reynaldo A. Maclang said a 10 percent growth or more is achievable in the next three years, particularly since this will be anchored on an estimated 20-percent range of yearly increase in its loan book and other core source of revenues and fee-based income.

In reply, we wish to advise that the information provided to Manila Bulletin and other members of the press were in response to the questions raised during the Media Q&A following the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of PNB on May 26, 2015. The numbers quoted were based on emerging trends as of the first 5 months of the year which indicate a possible double-digit growth in net income for this year. Total loans are projected to increase by at least 15%, driven by the targeted 20% expansion in corporate loans. Deposits, on the other hand, are expected to increase by 10%-13% on the back of a substantial growth in low cost funds.

We trust we have sufficiently complied with your request. Thank you

Other Relevant Information

None

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