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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Attention: DIR. JUSTINA F. CALLANGAN
CORPORATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT
SEC Bldg., EDSA
Greenhills, Mandaluyong City

Dear Dir. Callangan:

In compliance with the Commission's requirements under SEC Memorandum Circular No. 12, Series of 2014 to send an advisement letter for updates and changes in the Annual Corporate Governance Report (ACGR) that are not reportable under Section 17 of the Securities Regulation Code, please be informed that Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corporation has made updates and changes in the ACGR as of 27 July 2015 as follows:

- Composition of the Board under BOARD MATTERS
- 2. Review of Vision and Mission under BOARD MATTERS
- 3. Directorship in the Company under BOARD MATTERS
- 4. Orientation and Education Program under BOARD MATTERS
- 5. Policies under CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS
- 6. Remuneration policy under REMUNERATION MATTERS
- 7. Control System Set-Up under RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- 8. Data on health, safety and wellness under ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS
- 9. CSR initiatives under ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS

We trust the above submission is in full compliance with the SEC requirement.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CECILLE B. ARENILLO
Compliance Officer

Corporate Secretary

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

1.	Report is Filed for the Year 2012.				
2.	Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter				
	TRANS ASIA OIL AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION				
3.	11F Phinma Plaza, 39 Plaza Drive Rockwell Center, Makati City Address of Principal Office Postal Code				
4.	SEC Identification Number 069039274 5. (SEC Use Only)				
	Industry Classification Code				
6.	BIR Tax Identification Number 000-506-020-000				
7.	632 8700100 Issuer's Telephone number, including area code				
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A. BOARD MATTERS

1) Board of Directors

Number of Directors per Articles of Incorporation	11
Actual number of Directors for the year	11

(a) Composition of the Board

Complete the table with information on the Board of Directors:

Director's Name	Type [Executive (ED), Non-Executive (NED) or Independent Director (ID)]	If nominee, identify the principal	Nominator in the last election (if ID, state the relationship with the nominator)	Date first elected	Date last elected (if ID, state the number of years served as ID) ¹	Elected when (Annual /Special Meeting)	No. of years served as director
Oscar J. Hilado	NED	Phinma	Ramon R. del Rosario	Sept 1969	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	45
Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr.	NED	Phinma	Oscar Hilado	April 2002	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	12
Magdaleno B. Albarracin, Jr	NED	Phinma	Oscar Hilado	1986	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	29
Francisco L. Viray	ED	Phinma	Oscar Hilado	Jan 2000	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	15
Roberto M. Laviña	ED	Phinma	Oscar Hilado	April 12, 2005	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	10
Victor J. del Rosario	NED	Phinma	Oscar Hilado	Sept. 15, 2008	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	7
Pythagoras L. Brion, Jr.	ED	Phinma	Oscar Hilado	March 24, 2014	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	2
Raymundo O. Feliciano	ID		Oscar Hilado (None)	Sept 1969	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	45
Ricardo V. Camua	ID		Oscar Hilado (None)	1996	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	18
David L. Balangue	ID		Ramon del Rosario (None)	March 24, 2010	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	5
Guillermo D. Luchangco	ID		Ramon del Rosario (None)	April 22, 2013	April 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	2

(b) Provide a brief summary of the corporate governance policy that the board of directors has adopted. Please emphasize the policy/ies relative to the treatment of all shareholders, respect for the rights of minority shareholders and of other stakeholders, disclosure duties, and board responsibilities.

In the Revised Manual on Good Corporate Governance which the Board approved on March 3, 2011, the Board of Directors and Management of the company committed themselves to the principles and best practices of good corporate governance and acknowledged that the same will serve as guide in the attainment of our corporate goals. The manual shall institutionalize the principles of good corporate governance in the entire organization. The Board of Directors and Management, employees and

¹ Reckoned from the election immediately following January 2, 2012.

shareholders, believe that corporate governance is a necessary component to what constitutes sound strategic business management and will therefore undertake every effort necessary to create and sustain awareness within the organization.

The Board of Directors recognizes that the most cogent proof of good corporate governance is that which is visible to the eyes of its investors. Therefore, the Board of Directors believes that the following shareholder rights should be extended to all shareholders of the Company:

- Shareholders shall have the right to elect, remove and replace directors and vote on certain corporate acts in accordance with the Corporation Code.
- Cumulative voting shall be used in the election of directors.
- A director shall not be removed without cause if it will deny minority shareholders representation in the Board.
- All shareholders shall have pre-emptive rights in accordance with law, unless the same is denied in the
 Articles of Incorporation or an amendment thereto. They shall have the right to subscribe to the
 capital stock of the Corporation. The Articles of Incorporation shall lay down the specific rights and
 powers of shareholders with respect to the particular shares they hold, all of which shall be protected
 by law so long as they shall not be in conflict with the Corporation Code.
- All shareholders shall be allowed to inspect corporate books and records including minutes of Board meetings and stock registries in accordance with the Corporation Code and shall be furnished annual reports, including financial statements, without cost or restrictions.
- All shareholders shall be provided, upon request, periodic reports which disclose personal and
 professional information about the directors and officers and certain other matters such as their
 holdings of the Corporation's shares, dealings with the Corporation, relationships among directors and
 key officers, and the aggregate compensation of directors and officers.
- The minority shareholders shall be granted the right to propose the holding of a meeting, and the right to propose items in the agenda, provided the items are for legitimate business purposes, and in accordance with law, jurisprudence and best practice.
- The minority shareholders shall have access to any and all information relating to matters for which the management is accountable for and to those relating to matters for which the management shall include such information and, if not included, then the minority shareholders shall be allowed to propose such matters in the agenda of the shareholders' meeting, being within the definition of "legitimate purposes", and in accordance with law, jurisprudence and best practice.
- Shareholders shall have the right to receive dividends subject to the discretion of the Board.
- All shareholders shall have appraisal rights as provided under the Code.

It shall be the duty of the directors to promote shareholder rights, remove impediments to the exercise of shareholder rights and allow possibilities to seek redress for violation of their rights. They shall encourage the exercise of shareholders' voting rights and the solution of collective action problems through appropriate mechanisms. They shall be instrumental in removing excessive costs and other administrative or practical impediments to shareholders participating in meetings and/or voting in person. The directors shall pave the way for the electronic filing and distribution of shareholder information necessary to make informed decisions subject to legal constraints.

The Board shall be transparent and fair in the conduct of the annual and special stockholders' meetings of the corporation. The stockholders shall be encouraged to personally attend such meetings. If they cannot attend, they shall be apprised ahead of time of their right to appoint a proxy. Subject to the requirements of the bylaws, the exercise of that right shall not be unduly restricted and any doubt about the validity of a proxy should be resolved in the stockholder's favor.

(c) How often does the Board review and approve the vision and mission?

The Board, upon the recommendation of senior management, reviews the vision and mission of the Company as it deems appropriate. The Board ensures that the plans and actions of the Company are aligned with its vision and mission. This exercise was done last June 2015. On the other hand, corporate strategies are reviewed and discussed semi-annually as part of the Group planning meetings. The last planning meeting was held June 2015.

(d) Directorship in Other Companies

(i) Directorship in the Company's Group²

Identify, as and if applicable, the members of the company's Board of Directors who hold the office of director in other companies within its Group:

Director's Name	Corporate Name of the Group Company	Type of Directorship (Executive, Non-Executive, Independent). Indicate if director is also the Chairman.
Oscar J. Hilado	Phinma, Inc.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Phinma Corporation	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Phinma Property Holdings Corporation	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Union Galvasteel Corporation	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corporation	Non-Executive
	Araullo University	Non-Executive
	Cagayan de Oro College	Non-Executive
	University of Pangasinan	Non-Executive
	University of Iloilo	Non-Executive
	Microtel Inns & Suites (Pilipinas), Inc.	Non-Executive
	Trans-Asia Renewable Energy Corporation	Non-Executive
	Asian Plaza, Inc.	Non-Executive
	Trans-Asia Gold and Minerals	Non-Executive
	Trans Asia Petroleum Corp	Non-Executive
	Palawan 55 Exploration and Production	
	Corp.	Non-Executive
	One Subic Power Generation Corp.	Non-Executive
Magdaleno B. Albarracin, Jr.	Phinma, Inc.	Non-Executive
	Phinma Corporation	Non-Executive
	Phinma Property Holdings Corporation	Non-Executive
	Union Galvasteel Corporation	Non-Executive
	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corporation	Non-Executive
	Trans-Asia Petroleum Corp.	Non-Executive
	Palawan 55 Exploration and Production	
	Corp.	Non-Executive
	Araullo University	Non-Executive
	Cagayan de Oro College	Non-Executive
	University of Pangasinan	Non-Executive
	University of Iloilo	Non-Executive
	Asian Plaza, Inc	Non-Executive
	Fuld & Company, Inc.	Non-Executive
	Fuld & Company (Philippines), Inc	Non-Executive
	One Subic Power Generation Corp.	Non-Executive
Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr.	Phinma, Inc.	Executive
·	Phinma Corp.	Executive
	Phinma Property Holdings Corporation	Non-Executive
	Union Galvasteel Corporation	Non-Executive

² The Group is composed of the parent, subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures of the company.

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	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corporation	Non-Executive
	Araullo University	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Cagayan de Oro College	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	University of Pangasinan	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	University of Iloilo	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Microtel Inns & Suites (Pilipinas), Inc.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Trans-Asia Renewable Energy Corporation	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Asian Plaza, Inc	Non-Executive
	Microtel Development Corp.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Fuld & Company, Inc.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Fuld & Company (Philippines), Inc.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	South Luzon Thermal Energy Corp.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	CIP II Power Corporation	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Trans Asia Petroleum Corp.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	One Subic Power Generation Corp.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
Francisco L. Viray	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corp.	Executive
	South Luzon Thermal Energy Corp.	Executive
	CIP II Power Corporation	Executive
	Trans-Asia Petroleum Corp.	Executive
	Palawan 55 Exploration and Production	
	Corp.	Non-Executive (Chairman)
	Trans-Asia Renewable Energy Corp.	Executive
	Maibarara Geothermal Inc.	Non-Executive
	Phinma Corp.	Non-Executive
	One Subic Power Generation Corp.	Non-Executive
Victor J. del Rosario	Phinma, Inc.	Executive
	Phinma Corporation	Executive
	Phinma Property Holdings Corporation	Non-Executive
	Union Galvasteel Corporation	Non-Executive
	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corporation	Non-Executive
	Trans-Asia Renewable Energy Corp.	Executive
	Araullo University	Non-Executive
	Cagayan de Oro College	Non-Executive
	University of Pangasinan	Non-Executive
	University of Iloilo	Non-Executive
	Asian Plaza, Inc.	Non-Executive
	Microtel Development Corporation	Non-Executive
	Microtel Inns & Suites	Non-Executive
	Fuld & Company, Inc.	Non-Executive
	Fuld & Company (Philippines), Inc.	Non-Executive
	CIP II Power Corporation	Non-Executive
	T-O Insurance Brokers, Inc.	Non-Executive
Roberto M. Laviña	Phinma, Inc.	
NODELLO IVI. LAVIIIA	· ·	Executive
	Phinma Corporation Phinma Property Holdings Corporation	Executive
	, , ,	Executive Non Executive
	Union Galvasteel Corporation	Non-Executive
	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corporation	Non-Executive
	Araullo University	Executive
	Cagayan de Oro College	Executive
	University of Pangasinan	Executive
	University of Iloilo	Executive
	Microtel Inns & Suites (Pilipinas), Inc.	Executive
	Trans-Asia Renewable Energy Corporation	Non-Executive
	Asian Plaza, Inc	Executive
	Microtel Development Corp.	Non-Executive
	Fuld & Company, Inc.	Non-Executive
	Fuld & Company (Philippines), Inc.	Non-Executive
	T-O Insurance Brokers, Inc.	Non-Executive
	CIP II Power Corp	Executive
David L. Balangue	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corp.	Independent
Baria L. Baiangac		

Guillermo D. Luchangco		
	Phinma Corporation	Independent
	Fuld & Company (Philippines), Inc.	Independent
Pythagoras L. Brion, Jr.	Phinma, Inc.	Executive
	Phinma Corp.	Executive
	Asian Plaza, Inc.	Executive
	CIP II Power Corporation	Executive
	Trans-Asia Petroleum Corp.	Executive
	Phinma Property Holdings Corp.	Executive
	Union Galvasteel Corporation	Executive
	Cagayan de Oro College	Executive
	Araullo University	Executive
	University of Pangasinan	Executive
	University of Iloilo	Executive
	Trans-Asia Renewable Energy Corp.	Executive
	Trans-Asia Power Generation Corp.	Executive
	Palawan 55 Exploration and Production	
	Corp.	Executive
	One Subic Power Generation Corp.	Executive
	Coral Way City Hotel Corp.	Non-Executive
	Microtel Development Corp.	Executive

(ii) Directorship in Other Listed Companies

Identify, as and if applicable, the members of the company's Board of Directors who are also directors of publicly-listed companies outside of its Group:

Director's Name	Name of Listed Company	Type of Directorship (Executive, Non-Executive, Independent). Indicate if director is also the Chairman.
Oscar J. Hilado		Non-Executive
	First Philippine Holdings Corporation	Non-Executive
	Philex Mining Corporation	
Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr.	Ayala Corporation	Non-Executive
Guillermo D. Luchangco	Roxas & Co., Inc.	Independent
	Ionics, Inc.	Non-Executive
David L. Balangue	Manufacturers Life Insurance (Phils.), Inc.	Non-executive
	Manulife Financial Plans, Inc.	Non-executive
	Roxas Holdings, Inc.	Independent

(iii) Relationship within the Company and its Group

Provide details, as and if applicable, of any relation among the members of the Board of Directors, which links them to significant shareholders in the company and/or in its group:

Director's Name	Name of the Significant Shareholder	Description of the relationship
Oscar J. Hilado	Phinma, Inc.	Chairman of the Board, director and shareholder.
	Phinma Corp.	Chairman of the Board and shareholder
Magdaleno B. Albarracin, Jr.	Phinma, Inc.	Director and shareholder
	Phinma Corp.	Director and shareholder
Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr.	Phinma, Inc.	Director, President and shareholder

	Phinma Corp.	President & Vice Chairman
Victor J. del Rosario	Phinma, Inc.	Director, Executive Vice President, and shareholder
	Phinma Corp.	Director, Senior Executive Vice President and COO, and shareholder
Roberto M. Lavina	Phinma, Inc.	Director, Senior Executive Vice President and COO, and shareholder
	Phinma Corp.	Director, Senior Executive Vice President and COO and shareholder
Francisco L. Viray	Phinma Corp.	Director
Pythagoras L. Brion, Jr.	Phinma, Inc.	EVP/CFO
	Phinma Corp.	SVP-Treasurer
Guillermo D. Luchangco	Phinma Corp.	Independent Director

(iv) Has the company set a limit on the number of board seats in other companies (publicly listed, ordinary and companies with secondary license) that an individual director or CEO may hold simultaneously? In particular, is the limit of five board seats in other publicly listed companies imposed and observed? If yes, briefly describe other guidelines: No.

	Guidelines	Maximum Number of Directorships in other companies
Executive Director	The Chief Executive Officer and other executive directors shall submit themselves to a low indicative limit on membership in other corporate boards. The same low limit shall apply to independent, non-executive directors who serve as full-time executives in other corporations.	
Non-Executive Director	As above	
CEO	As above	

(e) Shareholding in the Company

Complete the following table on the members of the company's Board of Directors who directly and indirectly own shares in the company:

Name of Director	Number of Direct shares (as of June 30, 2015	Number of Indirect shares / Through (name of record owner)	% of Capital Stock
Oscar J. Hilado (Chairman)	4,500,000		.09%
Ramon R. del Rosario Jr. (Vice Chairman)	16,633,513	26,704,008 (thru Emar Corp)	.34%
Francisco L. Viray (President and CEO)	9,429,730		.19%
Roberto M. Laviña (SEVP/Treasurer)	3,297,887		.07%
Guillermo D. Luchangco	1		
Magdaleno B. Albarracin Jr.	11,057,926		.23%
Raymundo O. Feliciano	1,154,017		.02%
Ricardo V. Camua	1,225,000		.03%
Victor J. del Rosario	3,620,362	26,704,008 (thru Emar Corp)	.07%
David L. Balangue	1,610,001		.03%
Pythagoras L. Brion, Jr.	400,013		.01%
TOTAL	51,304,662.00	53,408,016.00	1.07%

2) Chairman and CEO

(a) Do different persons assume the role of Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO? If no, describe the checks and balances laid down to ensure that the Board gets the benefit of independent views.

Yes	Х	No	

Identify the Chair and CEO:

Chairman of the Board	Oscar J. Hilado
CEO/President	Francisco L. Viray

(b) Roles, Accountabilities and Deliverables

Define and clarify the roles, accountabilities and deliverables of the Chairman and CEO.

ides at all meetings of the Board of ctors and stockholders. Responsible	General supervision of the
eadership in the Board.	company's business, properties and affairs and managing it within the authorities delegated by the Board. Presides over all meetings of the
	board in the absence of the Chairman.
mittees in conformity with the est standards of corporate	Development of annual plans, consistent with agreed strategies, for presentation to the Board for support.
king relationship with shareholders, er stakeholders, non-executive	Ensure that an organizational structure is in place including processes and systems to guarantee the efficient deployment of resources.
	Responsible to the Board for the performance of the business,
	consistent with the mission and vision of the Company.
planning succession on Board and	Timely communication of financial results, milestones, etc. to the investing public.
ch are composed suitably to operate	Effective communication and harmonious working relationship with shareholders, other
ce to the CEO in strategy	stakeholders, non-executive directors and Excom. Warrant management succession
	ient operation of the Board and its mittees in conformity with the est standards of corporate ernance. ctive communication and harmonious king relationship with shareholders, er stakeholders, non-executive ctors and Excom. motion of effective communication shareholders and other stakeholders structive debate and effective sion-making. arhead a board that initiates change planning succession on Board and up Executive appointments. perly established Board committees the are composed suitably to operate iently.

Promotion of effective working and development plans. relationship and communications between executive and non-executive Thorough review of capital directors and Excom investment proposals and efficient identification and management of Well-established open relationship with risks the Chief Executive. An effective framework of internal controls over risk in relation to all business activities is in place. Close relationship anchored on trust with the Chairman.

3) Explain how the board of directors plan for the succession of the CEO/Managing Director/President and the top key management positions?

The Nominations Committee shall pre-screen and short list all candidates nominated to become members of the Board of Directors in accordance to a set of pre-selected criteria as stated in the Manual on Good Corporate Governance. This shall then be presented to the Board wherein not only the current skills of officers but also their potential are taken into consideration, keeping in mind business continuity and alignment with the company's vision and mission. Moreover, the CEO regularly monitors performance of each individual officer and plans for their future. The Human Resources' leadership programs also aid in identifying potentials for leadership position among the employees and officers. Under these programs, high potential officers and employees undergo rigorous training and exposure.

4) Other Executive, Non-Executive and Independent Directors

Does the company have a policy of ensuring diversity of experience and background of directors in the board? Please explain.

Yes. The company's Manual on Good Corp Governance states that the board members shall be a combination executive, non-executive and independent directors to ensure that no director or small group of directors dominate the decision-making process The board shall be comprised of a good mix of directors with varying backgrounds, whose business experience shall allow them to participate actively in the deliberations.

Does it ensure that at least one non-executive director has an experience in the sector or industry the company belongs to? Please explain.

Yes, criteria for the nomination/election of a non-executive director are 1) a practical understanding of the business of the company, 2) should possess previous business experience, 3) should have a working knowledge of the statutory and regulatory requirements affecting the Company, including the contents of its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, the requirements of the Commission, and where applicable, the requirements of other regulatory agencies and 4) shall be a member of good standing in a relevant industry, business or professional organization.

Define and clarify the roles, accountabilities and deliverables of the Executive, Non-Executive and Independent Directors:

It shall be the Board's responsibility to foster the long-term success of the Corporation and secure its sustained competitiveness and profitability in a manner consistent with its corporate objectives and fiduciary responsibility, which it shall exercise in the best interest of the Corporation, its shareholders and other stakeholders.

As stated in the company's Manual on Good Corporate Governance Section 2.2.1.3, the following are the duties and responsibilities of a director:

- To exercise that degree of skill, diligence and care that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in similar circumstances. It shall be sufficient for a director to act on an informed basis in good faith and in an honest belief that the action was taken in the best interest of the Company.
- To devote time and attention necessary to properly discharge his duties and responsibilities
- To act judiciously
- To exercise independent judgment
- To have a working knowledge of the statutory and regulatory requirements affecting the Company, including the contents of its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, the requirements of the Commission, and where applicable, the requirements of other regulatory agencies.
- To observe confidentiality
- To ensure the continuing soundness, effectiveness and adequacy of the Company's control environment.
- To conduct business transactions with the Company, if any, in a manner that is fair and ensures that personal interest does not bias Board decisions.

The following are the board of directors' deliverables:

- Install a process of selection to ensure a mix of competent directors and officers.
- Determine the Company's purpose, its vision and mission and strategies to carry out its objectives.
- Provide sound strategic policies and guidelines to the Company on major capital expenditures.
- Establish programs that can sustain its long-term viability and strength and periodically evaluate and monitor the implementation of such policies and strategies, including the business plans, operating budgets and Management's overall performance.
- Require that the Corporation comply with all relevant laws, regulations and codes of best business practices.
- Identify the Corporation's major and other stakeholders and formulate a clear policy on communicating or relating with them through an effective communications program, which shall be under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer.
- Identify the sectors in the community in which the corporation operates or are directly affected by its operations, and formulate a clear policy of accurate, timely and effective communication with them.
- Adopt a system of internal checks and balances including a_continuing review of the corporation's internal control systems.
- Formulate policies and procedures that will ensure the integrity and transparency of related party transactions.
- Establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system for the amicable settlement of conflicts and differences among all stakeholders including the regulatory authorities.
- Appoint a Compliance Officer. In the absence of such appointment, the Corporate Secretary shall act as Compliance Officer.
- Identify key risk areas and key performance indicators and monitor these factors with due diligence.
- Properly discharge Board functions by meeting regularly. Independent directors shall, as much as
 possible, attend all Board meetings. The Board may also require the presence of at least one
 independent director in its meetings to promote transparency.
- Independent views during Board meetings shall be given due consideration and all meetings shall be duly minuted.
- Keep Board authority within the powers of the institution as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and existing laws, rules and regulation.
- Define the clear delineation of roles, duties, and responsibilities of the Chair and the Chief Executive
 Officer as necessary, integrating the dynamic requirements of the business as a going concern and
 future expansionary prospects within the realm of good corporate governance at all times. Proper

- checks and balances shall be laid down to ensure that the Board gets the benefit of independent views and perspectives if the positions of Chair and CEO are unified.
- Require Management to provide the Board with complete, adequate and timely information about
 the matters to be taken in their meetings to enable the Board to properly fulfill their duties and
 responsibilities. The board shall also have independent access to Management and the Corporate
 Secretary including access to independent professional advice at the corporation's expense in
 furtherance of their duties and responsibilities.
- Make available to the company's stockholders, via multiple channels, a balanced and comprehensible
 assessment of the corporation's performance, position and prospects on a quarterly basis, including
 interim and other reports that could adversely affect its business, as well as reports to regulators that
 are required by law.

Provide the company's definition of "independence" and describe the company's compliance to the definition.

The Nomination Committee pre-screens nominees for independent director using the guidelines under Section 38 of the SRC and the provisions assessing independence under the Revised Manual on Good Corporate Governance. On this basis, Messrs. Raymundo O. Feliciano, Ricardo V. Camua, David L. Balangue and Guillermo D. Luchangco have been elected as independent directors.

A Director who is neither an officer nor a substantial shareholder is considered to be independent. Those identified above are qualified to be independent Directors.

In assessing the independence of the Directors, the Nomination Committee has examined the different relationships enumerated under SRC Rule 38.1 of the SRC IRR that may impair the directors' independence and objectivity, and affirms that the above-mentioned directors are able to act with independent judgment.

Does the company have a term limit of five consecutive years for independent directors? If after two years, the company wishes to bring back an independent director who had served for five years, does it limit the term for no more than four additional years? Please explain.

In compliance with SEC Circular No. 9 Series, of 2011, the company has a term limit of five consecutive years for independent directors. After the required cooling-off period of two years, the director can return as independent director for another term of five years.

5) Changes in the Board of Directors (Executive, Non-Executive and Independent Directors)

(a) Resignation/Death/Removal

Indicate any changes in the composition of the Board of Directors that happened during the period:

Name	Position	Date of Cessation	Reason
Antonio V. Del Rosario	Non-executive Director	April 22, 2013	Resignation
Alfredo M. Velayo	Independent Director	August 19, 2013	Resignation

(b) Selection/Appointment, Re-election, Disqualification, Removal, Reinstatement and Suspension

Describe the procedures for the selection/appointment, re-election, disqualification, removal, reinstatement and suspension of the members of the Board of Directors. Provide details of the processes adopted (including the frequency of election) and the criteria employed in each procedure:

Procedure	Process Adopted	Criteria	
a. Selection/Appointment			
(i) Executive Directors (ii) Non-Executive Directors	The Nomination Committee pre- screens and short-lists all candidates in accordance with	Educational Background or extensive business experience	
(iii) Independent Directors	the list of qualifications and disqualifications in the Manual of Corporate Governance	Integrity and probityDiligenceOwnership of at least one	
b. Re-appointment		share	
(i) Executive Directors		 Nature of Corporations of which he is a director 	
(ii) Non-Executive Directors		• Age	
(iii) Independent Directors	The Nomination Committee prescreens and short-lists all candidates in accordance with the list of qualifications and disqualifications in the Manual of Corporate Governance	 Number of directorships No Conflict of Interest Experience in other boards Experience as CEO or COO Knowledge of finance/accounting Knowledge of industry Knowledge of Local and international market and strategic vision Contacts of value 	
c. Permanent Disqualification			
(i) Executive Directors		 Final conviction of offense involving moral turpitude or fraud 	
(ii) Non-Executive Directors		 Finally found to have violated SRC, Corporation Code, BSP Rules Judicially declared 	
	The findings and	insolvent	
	recommendations of the Nomination Committee shall be submitted to the Board for	Same as above	
	approval; a director whose qualifications are at issue shall not have right to vote when the Board considers his case.	 Becomes officer/regular director of any of the companies of the Phinma Group 	
(iii) Independent Directors		 Beneficial security ownership exceeds 2% of the outstanding shares of the Company 	
		 Fails, without any justifiable cause, to attend at least 50% of the total number of Board meetings 	
d. Temporary Disqualification			
(i) Executive Directors	The findings and	Refusal to disclose business interests	
(ii) Non-Executive Directors	recommendations of the Nomination Committee shall be	business interestsAbsence in more than 50%	
(iii) Independent Directors	submitted to the Board for approval; a director whose	of all meetings Dismissal/termination	