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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC Building, Mandaluyong City

Attention: **Hon. Justina F. Callangan**
Director, Corporation & Finance Department

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC
3/F Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza
Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Attention: **Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion**
Head, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

This is in response to the request for confirmation of a news article posted in today's issue of The Philippine Star quoted as follows:

"Psalm starts talks with Trans-Asia on privatization of power barges

By: Iris C. Gonzales

October 14, 2014

MANILA, Philippines - The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM), the government agency tasked to privatize state-owned power assets, has started negotiations with the Phinma Group's Trans-Asia Oil & Energy Corp. for the privatization of Power Barges 101, 102 and 103.

"We have started negotiations with them pursuant to the board's approval," said PSALM president Emmanuel Ledesma Jr.

He said PSALM expects to conclude the negotiations within 30 days."

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Trans-Asia, the power unit of the Phinma Group, is the second highest bidder of the barges, with an offer of P370.52 million.

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We confirm that Trans-Asia is in talks with PSALM for the possible acquisition of the 32-MW Power Barge 101 and 32-MW Power Barge 102 located in Obrero, Iloilo City and 32-MW Power Barge 103 located in Estancia Iloilo (the "Power Barges"). The terms and conditions of the sale of the Power Barges are still being discussed by the parties and have not been confirmed by Trans-Asia's Board.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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