

March 5, 2021

via electronic mail

### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Secretariat Building, PICC Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1307

ATTENTION : DIR. VICENTE GRACIANO P. FELIZMENIO JR.

Markets and Securities Regulation Department

via PSE EDGE

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

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ATTENTION : MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION

Head, Disclosure Department

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PHILIPPINE DEALING & EXCHANGE CORP.

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ATTENTION : ATTY. MARIE ROSE M. MAGALLEN-LIRIO

Head – Issuer Compliance and Disclosures Department

### Gentlemen:

Attached is the SEC Form 17-C (Current Report) of Aboitiz Power Corporation filed in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code, its 2015 Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Revised Disclosure Rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), and the Issuer Disclosure Operating Guidelines of the Philippine Dealing Exchange Corp. (PDEx).

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**ABOITIZ POWER CORPORATION** 

By:

MALENE M. DE LA TORRE Assistant Corporate Secretary

# **COVER SHEET**

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### **SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

### SEC FORM 17-C

# CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE (SRC) AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1.	March 5, 2021								
	Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)								
2.	SEC Identification Number <u>C199800134</u>	3.		В	IR T	IN <u>2</u>	<u>00-65</u>	2-4	160-000
4.	ABOITIZ POWER CORPORATION								
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	Address of principal office				-, -				Postal Code
8.	(02) 8886-2800								
	Registrant's telephone number, including area co	de							
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	Former name or former address, if changed since	؛ last	rep	port					
10.	Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8	3 of 1	the	RSA	Ī				
	Title of Each Class			Nur	mbe	r of	Share	es o	f Common Stock
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	Common Stock P1 Par Value								7,358,604,30
	Amount of Debt Outstanding (As of September 3	30, 2	2020	0)				₽	232,747,382,000.0

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein:  $\underline{9}$ 

## **Item 9: Other Matters**

Please see attached Notice and Agenda of Aboitiz Power Corporation's Annual Stockholders Meeting on April 26, 2021. The rationale for each agenda item is all attached as Annex "A" for reference of the stockholders.

# SIGNATURE (S)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ABOITIZ POWER CORPORATION

Bv:

Mailene M. de la Torre

Assistant Corporate Secretary

Dated: March 5, 2021



### NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of **ABOITIZ POWER CORPORATION** (the "Company") will be held on April 26, 2021, Monday at 2:30 p.m (the "2021 ASM"). The meeting will be conducted virtually and will be accessible through the link that will be provided in the Company's website at <a href="https://aboitizpower.com/2021asm">https://aboitizpower.com/2021asm</a> (the "ASM Portal") on March 23, 2021.

The Agenda\* of the meeting is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Proof of Notice of Meeting and Determination of Quorum
- 3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Stockholders' Meeting held on April 27, 2020
- 4. Presentation of the President's Report
- 5. Approval of the 2020 Annual Report and Financial Statements
- 6. Appointment of the Company's External Auditor for 2021
- 7. Election of the Members of the Board of Directors
- 8. Approval of the Increase in the Per Diem of the Chairman of the Board and Chairmen of the Committees
- 9. Ratification of the Acts, Resolutions, and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers, and Management from 2020 up to April 26, 2021
- 10. Other Business
- 11. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business hours on March 23, 2021 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, this meeting.

In light of the continuing COVID-19 global pandemic and government-imposed restrictions on mass gathering, the Company will once again conduct a virtual annual stockholders' meeting. The annual stockholders' meeting will be conducted through an online platform and streamed live on 2:30 pm (Philippine time) on April 26, 2021.

Stockholders may attend by registering at the ASM Portal beginning March 23, 2021 until 12:00 noon on April 26, 2021. Once registered, stockholders may also send in their questions or remarks through the ASM Portal.

Stockholders may vote through proxy, or remotely in absentia.

Registered stockholders may cast their votes by remote communication or *in absentia* using the online voting platform available at the ASM portal, which will be activated on March 23, 2021. Votes cast until 1:30 pm of April 26, 2021, will be tabulated and presented during the 2021 ASM. Stockholders may still vote after the cut-off time, and the final votes received through proxy and through the ASM Portal after the adjournment of the meeting will be included in the minutes of the 2021 ASM. The procedures for attendance and voting during the 2021 ASM will be included in the Information Statement to be distributed to the stockholders and published in the Company's website at <a href="https://www.aboitizpower.com">www.aboitizpower.com</a>.

Stockholders may send their duly accomplished proxies on or before the close of business hours on April 19, 2021 to the Corporate Secretary through email at <u>aboitizboardsecretariat@aboitiz.com</u> and hard copies at the 18th Floor, NAC Tower, 32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. Validation of proxies will be on April 22, 2021 at the Office of the Corporate Secretary. **WE ARE NOT SOLICITING PROXIES.** 

For the Board of Directors,

MANUEL ALBERTO B. COLAYCO

**Corporate Secretary** 

\*The rationale for each Agenda item is explained in the attached Annex "A" and may also be viewed at AboitizPower's website at <a href="https://www.aboitizpower.com">www.aboitizpower.com</a> under Annual Stockholders' Meeting in the Investor Relations Page.

# **ANNEX "A"**

# EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEMS (including Agenda Items requiring Stockholders' Approval)

**ITEM NO. 1:** The Chairman will formally open the meeting at approximately 2:30 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: Proof of Notice of Meeting and Determination of Quorum

RATIONALE:

To inform the stockholders that notice requirements for the 2021 Annual Stockholders' Meeting (2021 ASM) have been complied with in accordance with the Company's By-Laws and the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines, and that quorum exists for the transaction of business.

The Corporate Secretary will certify the date when notices for the 2021 ASM were sent out to the stockholders of record, including the date of publication and the newspapers where the notice was published. The Corporate Secretary will also certify to the existence of a quorum, as verified and confirmed by the Board of Election Inspectors. Stockholders representing at least a majority of the outstanding capital stock, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Voting shall be through proxy or remote communication or *in absentia*. Pursuant to Sections 4, 5, and 6 of the Company's Amended By-Laws and Sections 23 and 57 of the Revised Corporation Code which allow voting through remote communication or *in absentia*, stockholders may access the link: <a href="https://aboitizpower.com/2021asm">https://aboitizpower.com/2021asm</a> (the "ASM Portal"), to register and vote on the matters at the meeting beginning March 23, 2021. A stockholder voting *in absentia* shall be deemed present for purposes of quorum.

Votes may be cast by registered stockholders until 1:30 pm of April 26, 2021, which will be tabulated and presented during the 2021 ASM. Stockholders may still vote after the cut off, and the final votes received through proxy and through the ASM ortal will be included in the minutes of the 2021 ASM.

The following are the rules and conduct of the procedures for voting and participation in the meeting through remote communication:

- 1. Stockholders may register at the Company's ASM Portal beginning on March 23, 2021 until 12:00 noon of April 26, 2021. Only stockholders who registered and voted before the cut off time will be counted for quorum purposes.
- 2. Votes cast by registered stockholders until 1:30 pm of April 26, 2021, will be tabulated and presented during the 2021 ASM. Stockholders may still vote after the cut-off, and the final total votes received through proxy and through the ASM Portal will be included in the minutes of the 2021 ASM.
- 3. The conduct of the 2021 ASM will be livestreamed and stockholders may participate in the proceedings through the ASM Portal.
- 4. Stockholders may send their remarks or questions in advance, or during the meeting, through the ASM Portal. The moderator shall read out the remarks or questions, and direct them to the relevant director or officer.
- 5. Each of the proposed resolutions for approval will be shown on screen at the time they are being taken up at the meeting.
- 6. All votes received within the cut-off shall be tabulated by the Office of the Corporate Secretary and the results shall be validated by Luis Cañete & Company, an independent auditing firm which has been appointed as the Board of Election Inspectors.

7. The Corporate Secretary shall report the votes received and inform the stockholders if the particular agenda item is carried or disapproved. The total number of votes cast for all items for approval as of the cut-off time shall be flashed on the screen.

# ITEM NO. 3: Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Stockholders' Meeting held on April 27, 2020

RATIONALE: To allow the stockholders to confirm that the proceedings during the ASM were recorded accurately and truthfully.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2020 was posted at AboitizPower's website, <a href="www.aboitizpower.com">www.aboitizpower.com</a>, on April 28, 2020. Copies of the 2020 ASM minutes will also be part of the Information Statement provided to the stockholders.

A resolution approving the minutes of the April 27, 2020 ASM will be presented to the stockholders for approval.

### ITEM NO. 4: Presentation of the President's Report

RATIONALE: To apprise the stockholders of the Company's operating performance, financial condition and outlook.

The President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Emmanuel V. Rubio, shall deliver a report to the stockholders on the 2020 operating and financial performance of the Company, as well as its outlook for 2021.

### ITEM NO. 5: Approval of the 2020 Annual Report and Financial Statements

RATIONALE: To present to the stockholders the results of the Company's operations in 2020, in accordance with Section 74 of the Revised Corporation Code.

The Company's audited financial statements as of December 31, 2020 will be integrated and made part of the Company's Information Statement that will be sent to the stockholders at least 15 business days prior to the 2021 ASM. The Information Statement and the Company's 2020 Annual Report will be posted on the Company's website, at <a href="https://www.aboitizpower.com">www.aboitizpower.com</a>.

A resolution approving the 2020 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

# ITEM NO. 6: Appointment of the Company's External Auditor for 2021

RATIONALE: To appoint an auditing firm which can best provide assurance to the directors and stockholders on the integrity of the Company's financial statements and adequacy of its internal controls. The Board Audit Committee and the Board of Directors will endorse an external auditor for 2021 for the stockholders to appoint.

The Company's Board Audit Committee endorsed, and the Board of Directors approved for stockholders' consideration the election of Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. (SGV) as the Company's external auditor for 2021.

SGV has been AboitizPower's Independent Public Accountant for the last 22 years. Ms. Maria Veronica Andresa R. Pore has been AboitizPower's audit partner since audit year

2017. AboitizPower complies with the requirement of Section 3(b)(ix) of SRC Rule 68 on the rotation of external auditors or signing partners and the two-year cooling-off period.

There has been no event in the past 22 years wherein AboitizPower and SGV or its handling partner had any disagreement regarding any matter relating to accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures or auditing scope or procedures.

A resolution for the appointment of the Company's external auditor for 2021 shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

#### ITEM NO. 7: Election of the Members of the Board of Directors

RATIONALE: To allow stockholders to elect the Company's Board of Directors in accordance with Section 24 of the Revised Corporation Code and the Company's Amended By-Laws.

A stockholder may submit his nominee to the Company's Board of Directors in accordance with the deadlines set forth in the Company's Amended By-Laws. Under the Amended Guidelines for the Nomination and Election of Independent Directors, the period for nominations for Independent Directors started on January 1, 2021 and the table of nominations closed on February 15, 2021, unless the Board Environment, Sustainability and Corporate Governance (ESCG) Committee, acting as the Nominations Committee, unanimously agrees to extend the deadline for meritorious reasons. The stockholders who nominated the Independent and other directors are disclosed in the Information Statement. The ESCG Committee assesses and evaluates the nominees before submitting the final list of qualified nominees to the stockholders for approval. The profiles of all the nominees are disclosed are (i) disclosed to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Philippine Stock Exchange, and the Philippine Dealing Exchange, (ii) included in the Company's Information Statement, and (iii) uploaded in the Company's website for examination by the stockholders.

A stockholder may distribute his shares for as many nominees as there are directors to be elected, or he may cumulate his shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected, provided that the total number of votes cast does not exceed his shares in the Company. The nine nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected as directors of the Company.

# ITEM NO. 8: Approval of the Increase in the Directors' Per Diems of the Chairmen of the Board and Board Committees

RATIONALE: To approve the increase in the per diem of the Board and Board Committee Chairmen.

During its February 16, 2021 meeting, the ESCG Committee, which performs the function of the Nomination and Compensation Committee, received a proposal from management to increase the per diem of Board and Board Committee chairmen for every meeting as follows:

	DIREC	TORS	CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD				
PER DIEM PER	From	То	From	То			
BOARD MEETING	₱150,000.00	No change	₱200,000.00	₱225,000.00			

PER DIEM PER	DIREC	TORS	CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE					
COMMITTEE	From	То	From	То				
MEETING (OTHER THAN AUDIT COMMITTEE)	₱100,000.00	No change	₱130,000.00	₱150,000.00				

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AUDIT COMMITTEE	₱100,000.00	No change	₱130,000.00	<del>₱</del> 200,000.00
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The per diems for the Board and Committee chairpersons' were last increased in 2019. As noted by management, since then the Company's businesses have expanded in scope and became more complicated in nature, particularly taking into account the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a matter of effective corporate governance, these challenges have led to corresponding increase in the responsibilities of the Board and Committee chairpersons. The proposal by management to increase the per diems of the Board and Board Committee Chairmen was made after a review of the Board compensation structures of comparable companies with the same Board size, revenue, assets, and market capitalization.

During its Board Meeting dated March 5, 2021, the Board of Directors reviewed the proposed increases in the per diems for the Board and Committee chairpersons, and, having considered the rationale provided for the proposed increases and greater responsibilities of the chairpersons, endorsed the same for stockholders' approval.

There are no proposed changes to the monthly allowance and per diem of other members of the Board.

A resolution approving the proposed increase in per diem of the Board and Committee chairmen shall be presented to the stockholders for approval.

# ITEM NO. 9: Ratification of the Acts, Resolutions and Proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management from 2020 up to April 26, 2021

### RATIONALE:

The acts and resolutions of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management were those adopted since the ASM last April 27, 2020 and until April 26, 2021. These included the approval of contracts and agreements and other transactions in the ordinary course of business. A summary of these acts and resolutions are enumerated in the Information Statement. The Company also regularly discloses material transactions approved by the Board of Directors. These disclosures are available for viewing and download at the Company's website at <a href="https://www.aboitizpower.com">www.aboitizpower.com</a>.

A resolution ratifying the acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors, Corporate Officers and Management will be presented to the stockholders for approval.

### ITEM NO. 10: Other Business

The Chairman of the Meeting will open the floor for comments or queries by the stockholders. Stockholders may raise matters which may be properly taken up during the 2021 ASM.