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DISCLOSURE DEPARTMENT
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Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue
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Attention: JANET A. ENCARNACION
Head, Disclosure Department

Dear Ms. Encarnacion,

We would like to disclose the following information regarding Philippine Savings Bank's (PSBank) new Tier 2 issuer rating from Philratings.

Attached is a copy of the rating announcement from Philratings. We hope that you will find everything in order.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Perfecto Ramon Z. Dimayuga Jr.
SVP and Chief Finance Officer

PSBank Gets PRS Aaa Issuer Rating

Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank), the consumer and retail banking arm of the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (Metrobank), was assigned an issuer rating of **PRS Aaa (corp.)**. PSBank was the country's second largest thrift bank (TB) in terms of assets, loans, deposits and capital as of December 31, 2013. Based on its published balance sheet, PSBank's market share of the thrift banking sector stood at 16.7% of assets, 16.8% of deposits, and 19.6% of loans.

An issuer rating is an opinion on the general and overall creditworthiness of the issuer, evaluating its ability to meet all its financial obligations within a time horizon of one year. The focus is on financial strength and stability under normal and stressed conditions to be able to meet existing and prospective financial obligations.

An issuer rating of **PRS Aaa** means that the company has a **very strong** capacity to meet its financial commitments relative to that of other Philippine corporates. A **PRS Aaa** is the highest corporate credit rating assigned on the PRS scale.

The issuer rating assigned to PSBank reflects its very good quality management; its aggressive, highly-visible competitive strategy; very satisfactory asset quality; and sound capitalization. The rating also takes into account the continuing favorable outlook for the domestic consumer market.

In February 2014, PSBank applied for a domestic issue credit rating for its proposed P3 Billion unsecured subordinated notes. The proposed notes issue was also assigned a rating of **PRS Aaa**.

PhilRatings' ratings are based on available information and projections at the time that the rating review is on-going. PhilRatings shall continuously monitor developments relating to PSBank and may change its issue and issuer ratings at any time, should circumstances warrant a change.