

January 14, 2011 Petron Corporation's Disclosure

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC. (PSE) Philippine Stock Exchange Center Exchange Road, Ortigas Center Pasig, Metro Manila

# Attention: MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION Head, Disclosure Department

Dear Ms. Encarnacion:

Please find attached our Quarterly Progress Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2010 in relation to Petron's use of the proceeds from its public offering of Preferred Shares on March 5, 2010.

We hope we have sufficiently complied with your disclosure requirements.

Very truly yours,

JOSE ANGELO C. CRUZ AVP - General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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# Report on Review of Certain Financial Information

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### Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying Quarterly Progress Report (the Report) of Petron Corporation (the Company) for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, and accompanying explanatory notes with respect to the Company's use of the proceeds from its public offering of Preferred Shares (the PPREF Proceeds) on March 5, 2010. Management is responsible for the preparation of such report and the fair presentation of the Report in accordance with the planned use of the PPREF Proceeds as presented in the Offering Prospectus of the Company related to the PPREF. Our responsibility is to issue a report on the Quarterly Progress Report based on our review.

#### Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with the applicable Philippine Standard on Review Engagements. This Standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the financial information are free of material misstatement. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of Company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

#### Condusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Quarterly Progress Report of Petron Corporation does not present fairly, in all material respects, the information on the use of the PPREF Proceeds for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, in accordance with the planned use of such proceeds as summarized in the Offering Prospectus of the Company.

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Partner CPA Reg. No. 0022692 TIN 140-240-854 PTR No. 2087604, January 4, 2010, Makati City Partner's SEC Accreditation No. 0012-AR-2 (Feb. 2, 2009 to 2012) BIR AN 08-002511-9-2008 (Nov. 25, 2008 to 2011)

Firm's BOA/PRC Cert. of Reg. No. 0002 (Feb. 12, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2012) Firm's SEC Accreditation No. 0002-FR-2 (Feb. 2, 2009 to 2012)

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THE DISCLOSURE DEPARTMENT THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC. Philippine Stock Exchange Center Exchange Road, Ortigas Complex Pasig City, Metro Manila

#### Attention : ATTY. ROEL A. REFRAN Head, Issuer Regulation Division

#### Re: Progress Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 2010

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that as of December 31, 2010, the remaining balance of the proceeds from the offering of Petron Preferred Shares ("PPREF") amounts to THREE BILLION EIGHTY TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE PESOS AND FORTY THREE CENTAVOS (₽ 3,082,122,635.43). The details of the disbursements for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 made from the PPREF offering proceeds of TEN BILLION PESOS (₽10,000,000,000) that resulted in the above mentioned remaining amount are as follows:

PPREF Proceeds		Php 10,000,000,000.00
Less: Disbursements for the period ended September 30, 2010 as reported for the first, second and third quarters of 2010*		6,570,883,532.32
Balance of PPREF Proceeds as of		3,429,116,467.68
September 30, 2010		10 17. 3821
Less: Disbursements for the quarter ended December 31, 2010		
1. Power plant project	Php 120,925,104.17	
2. Marketing retail expansion	225,870,560.88	
3. PPREF-related expenses	198,167.20	346,993,832.25
Balance of PPREF Proceeds as of December 31, 2010		Php3,082,122,635.43

\*including PPREF-related disbursements of P159.4 million

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## PETRON CORPORATION NOTES TO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

## 1. BACKGROUND

Early in 2009, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Petron Corporation (the Company) approved the issuance of preferred shares to raise funds for capital expenditures related to expansion programs, and possibly, to reduce some of the Company's debts, which act was subsequently ratified by the Company's stockholders during the stockholders' meeting held on May 12, 2009. On October 21, 2009, the Board approved the amendment of the Company's Articles of Incorporation to reclassify a total of 624,895,503 unissued common shares to preferred shares with a par value of  $\clubsuit$ 1.00 per share. The said amendment was approved by a written assent of the stockholders on January 6, 2010 and the features of the preferred shares were approved by the Board Executive Committee on November 25, 2009.

In November 2009, the requirements for the registration statement of the Company's preferred shares, the Preliminary Prospectus, were submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The application for listing of preferred shares was subsequently filed with the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE). In the meantime, on January 21, 2010, the SEC approved the amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to include preferred shares in the composition of its authorized capital stock. On January 22, 2010, the SEC favorably considered the Final Prospectus and the Issue Management and Underwriting Agreement. On March 5, 2010, the preferred shares became officially listed and traded at the PSE.

As required in the Notice of Approval of the Company's public offering of Preferred Shares (the Notice) issued by the PSE, the Company is required to submit to the PSE via the Online Disclosure System the following disclosures:

- any disbursement made in connection with the planned use of proceeds from the Preferred Shares Offering (the PPREF Proceeds);
- Quarterly Progress Report on the application of the PPREF Proceeds on or before 15 days of the following quarter;
- Annual Summary of Application of Proceeds on or before January 31 of the following year; and,
- approval by the Board of any reallocation on the planned use of proceeds.

#### 2. RELEVANT INFORMATION

Expenditures from the PPREF Proceeds are discussed below.

## (a) Nature of Expenditures

The PPREF Proceeds are being used to support the investment requirements of the Company, particularly for its refinery and marketing operations, as well as for general corporate purposes. The following are the three major classifications of expenditures from the PPREF Proceeds:

(i) Power Plant Project (PPP)

The Refinery's power generation system is being upgraded to a more efficient technology. This will improve the reliability, sourcing flexibility and cost efficiency of the Refinery's system to meet its growing steam and power requirements. The power plant is being constructed within the Company's Refinery compound in Limay, Bataan. The project cost is estimated at US\$200 million, or about  $\neq$ 10.0 billion over a period of three years (2010 to 2012) and of which  $\neq$ 5.0 billion will be funded from the PPREF Proceeds.

(ii) Marketing Retail Expansion (MRE)

To protect its leadership in the domestic oil industry, the Company is continuing its service station network expansion. About  $\neq 1.0$  billion a year is programmed for this project over the next five years.

As of December 31, 2010, the amount of PPREF proceeds set aside for MRE has already been fully used up.

(iii) Repayment of Short-term Debts (RSD)

To free up short-term credit lines available to the Company for its working capital requirements, particularly for importation of crude oil supply and petroleum products, the Company is repaying certain short-term debts from the PPREF Proceeds; earmarked for this purpose is about P3.9 billion.

As of June 30, 2010, the amount of PPREF proceeds set aside for RSD has already been fully used up.

(iv) PPREF-Related Disbursements

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These are actual payments related to the listing and issuance of the Preferred Shares.

	Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
Power plant project Marketing retail	₽1,541,423,880.00	₽95,769,164.80	P100,149,085.00	P120,925,104.17	P1,858,267,233.97
expansion Repayment of short-term	215,705,961.11	316,897,212.49	241,526,265.52	225,870,560.88	1,000,000,000.00
debts PPREF- related	3,540,713,208.34	359,286,791.66			3,900,000,000.00
disbursements	155,672,284.46	3,315,406.41	424,272.53	198,167.20	159,610,130.60
Total	<b>P5,453,5</b> 15,333.91	₽775,268,575.36	₽342,099,623.05	P346,993,832.25	F6,917,877,364.57

# (b) Summary of Expenses Incurred