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Attention: **Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion**
Head, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

Attached is Petron's media release entitled "**PETRON POSTS ₱932 MILLION INCOME FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2012**".

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel", written over a light blue circular stamp.

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



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**MEDIA RELEASE
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PETRON POSTS ₱932 MILLION INCOME FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2012

Leading oil player Petron Corporation sold 35.6 million barrels in the first nine months of the year, 4% more than the same period last year as domestic demand continued to be strong. This translated to higher revenues of ₱212.4 billion or 5% more than in 2011. The consolidation of Petron Malaysia beginning the 2nd quarter likewise added 17.6 million barrels in volumes and revenues of ₱94.9 billion bringing consolidated revenues to ₱307.3 billion, 52% higher than last year.

After posting a ₱2.1 billion loss in the 2nd quarter of 2012 for its consolidated operations, the company managed a turnaround in the 3rd quarter recording a modest ₱500 million net income. For the first three quarters of 2012, Petron realized a consolidated net income of ₱932 million even while the company continued to experience depressed margins because of volatility in global oil markets in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2012. The Malaysian operation contributed ₱155 million in consolidated net income.

Total domestic sales of the Philippine operations increased by over 9% to 33 million barrels in the first nine months of the year compared to the same period in 2011 as all major trades (e.g Retail, Industrial, and LPG) saw a surge in demand. For instance, retail volumes, which account for nearly 40% of local sales, increased by over 7%. The increase can be attributed to Petron's massive retail expansion program which marked a milestone in the 3rd quarter as the company's service station network breached the 2,000 mark. Overall, Petron continued to fortify its leadership position with about 39% of the total market as of July 2012.

The company also reported that Units 1 and 2 comprising half of its 216MW co-generation power plant in Limay, Bataan will be operational within the

first half of 2013. The facility will give the refinery a more economical power source and improve steam supply.

RMP-2, meanwhile, is scheduled for mechanical completion in the first half of 2014 with commercial operations targeted for the 4th quarter of the same year. The project will allow the “conversion” of all negative margin fuel oil into higher value products such as gasoline, diesel, and various petrochemicals. This will help supply the demand for these products as the Philippine economy grows.

In the case of its Malaysian operations, the company’s priority continued to be the rebranding of Esso and Mobil service stations into the Petron brand. The company aims to rebrand 550 service stations over the next few years. The new stations feature improved facilities and personalized services aimed at total customer satisfaction.

“Despite the challenging market conditions, we remained focused and followed through with our strategic initiatives that will ensure the long-term growth and profitability of Petron. Soon, we will start to see the benefits of these programs which will not only be felt by the company but the country as well,” Petron Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang.

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About Petron Corporation

Petron Corporation is the largest oil refining and marketing company in the Philippines. Its 180,000 barrel-per-day oil refinery produces a full range of petroleum products to supply nearly 40% of the country’s total fuel requirements. Through about 2,000 service stations nationwide -- the largest service station network in the country -- we retail gasoline, diesel and kerosene to motorists. Petron is dedicated and passionate about its vision to be the leading provider of total customer solutions in the energy sector and its derivative businesses. Please visit us at www.petron.com for more information.

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