SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C

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

1. Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Apr 24, 2019

2. SEC Identification Number

31171

3. BIR Tax Identification No.

000-168-801

4. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

PETRON CORPORATION

5. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation Philippines

- 6. Industry Classification Code(SEC Use Only)
- 7. Address of principal office

San Miguel Head Office Complex, 40 San Miguel Avenue, Mandaluyong City Postal Code

1550

8. Issuer's telephone number, including area code

(63 2) 886-3888, 884-9200

9. Former name or former address, if changed since last report

N/A

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

| Title of Each Class | Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding |
|--|---|
| COMMON (PCOR) | 9,375,104,497 |
| PREFERRED SERIES 2A (PRF2A) | 7,122,320 |
| PREFERRED SERIES 2B (PRF2B) | 2,877,680 |
| PCOR SERIES A BONDS DUE 2021 (IN MIL PESO) | 13,000 |
| PCOR SERIES B BONDS DUE 2023 (IN MIL PESO) | 7,000 |
| PCOR SERIES C BONDS DUE 2024 (IN MIL PESO) | 13,200 |

| PCOR SERIES D BONDS DUE 2025 (IN MIL PESO) | 6,800 |
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| TOTAL DEBT AS OF DEC 31, 2018 (IN MIL PESO-CONSO) | 271,968 |

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein

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Petron Corporation PCOR

PSE Disclosure Form 4-13 - Clarification of News Reports

References: SRC Rule 17 (SEC Form 17-C) and

Section 4.4 of the Revised Disclosure Rules

Subject of the Disclosure

Clarification of news article entitled "Petron shuts down refinery in Limay" posted in Manila Bulletin (Online Edition) on April 23, 2019.

| Source | Manila Bulletin (Online Edition) | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Subject of News Report | "Petron shuts down refinery in Limay" | |
| Date of Publication | Apr 23, 2019 | |

Clarification of News Report

We write in response to your request for clarification and/or confirmation of the news article entitled "Petron shuts down refinery in Limay" posted in Manila Bulletin (Online Edition) on April 23, 2019. The article reported in part that:

"The refinery of Petron Corporation in Limay. Bataan had been affected during the earthquake's wallop; and was still on shutdown as of press time.

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The Company confirms that the operation of our refinery in Limay, Bataan has been temporarily suspended in response to and as a result of the earthquake that struck Central Luzon and Metro Manila on April 22, 2019. We advise, however, that such suspension will have no material adverse effect on the operations and financial condition of the Company.

As a safety feature, the earthquake triggered the protective tripping of the refinery's power source, followed by the flaring of gases, which is an important safety measure in refinery facilities. At the time of the temporary suspension of operations, the refinery was preparing for a total plant turnaround beginning May 1, 2019 for scheduled maintenance activities. In light of the April 22 incident, the scheduled turnaround was implemented in advance considering the lead time required to start up the refinery. The turnaround will allow the Company to perform regular maintenance and repair for all process units, as well as assess any possible damage caused by the earthquake.

Other Relevant Information

Please see attached letter dated April 24, 2019.

Filed on behalf by:

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| | Name | Jhoanna Jasmine Javier-Elacio |
| | Designation | Legal Manager and Assistant Corporate Secretary |
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April 24, 2019

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

Disclosure Department 6th Floor, PSE Tower 5th Avenue corner 28th Street Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion

Head, **Disclosure Department**

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Very truly yours,

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