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Subject: Press Release of Global Business Power Corporation on its expansion in Iloilo

Gentlemen:

Please see the attached press release of our subsidiary, Global Business Power Corporation regarding its expansion in Iloilo, which we received today.

Very truly yours,


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Vice President and Head
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Global Business Power eyes 150 MW power capacity for Iloilo expansion

Global Power, through its subsidiary, Panay Energy Development Corporation, signed on October 9, 2012 a memorandum of understanding with Formosa Heavy Industries to study and finalize the reconfiguration of its current expansion plans in Panay from two by 82 MW units into one single unit of 150 MW.

The memorandum amends the option agreement signed in March this year for the construction of additional units in Panay, along with the EPC contract for an 82 MW new unit in Toledo to supply Carmen Copper Corporation that is now on going.

The first of the two 82 units in Panay is supposed to be completed in late 2014, but the very evident elevated economic activity in the island may warrant the construction of a single larger plant of 150 MW which can reduce PEDC's per kilowatt hour generation charges to its existing customers. The cost benefits of a larger plant is in addition to substantial cost savings arising from the common facilities like jetty coal yard and water treatment facilities for the existing units already completed in 2011 which can service the new plant.

"Since Global Power acquired the 72 MW diesel plant from the Lopez Group in 2003, we have been steady with our commitment to provide adequate, reliable and cost efficient power supply to Panay. The completion of the clean coal technology last year, has allowed the expansion in economic activity, improved the reliability of power supply and reduced electricity costs by at least 3 pesos per kilowatt hour. The construction of a third unit, especially larger, on the same site in LaPaz, Iloilo City, is a reflection of our continuing commitment," said Mr. Francisco Sebastian, Global Power Chairman.

The President of Formosa Heavy Industries, Mr KH Wu was in the country to sign the MOU as the provider of design, engineering, procurement and construction.

Global Power has 633 megawatts of coal and bunker fuelled plants mainly in the islands of Panay and Cebu. It is a member of the GT Capital Group of Companies of which Metrobank is the flagship company.