



**INVESTMENTS  
CORPORATION**

March 20, 2017

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Attention: **Ms. Vina Vanessa S. Salonga**  
Head, Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department (ICDD)

Re: **Clarification on News Report -  
SM acquisition of dorm developer gets approval**  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please be informed that SM Investments Corporation replies to the Philippine Stock Exchange's request for clarification on the news article entitled "SM acquisition of dorm developer gets approval" posted in the Business World Online (Internet Edition) today, 20 March 2017.

See attachment for further information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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**ELMER B. SERRANO**  
Corporate Secretary



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Attention: **Mr. Jose Valeriano B. Zuño III**  
*OIC - Head, Disclosure Department*

**Ms. Krystal Faith U. Go**  
*Analyst, Disclosure Department*

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We reply to your request for clarification on the news article entitled "SM acquisition of dorm developer gets approval" posted in Business World Online (Internet Edition) today, Monday, 20 March 2017, the pertinent portion of which reads:

"SM INVESTMENTS Corp. has obtained approval from the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) to acquire a controlling stake in the developer and operator of MyTown dormitories.

In a decision issued March 13, the anti-trust body resolved to take no further action on the acquisition of 62.2% of Philippines Urban Living Solutions, Inc. (PULS) by the listed conglomerate.

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SM disclosed its planned acquisition of PULS in October 2016. At the time, however, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Information Officer Jose T. Sio noted the conglomerate was only looking to acquire a minority stake in PULS.

The acquisition nevertheless required the approval from the PCC, Mr. Sio had said, suggesting the consideration amounted to the P1-billion threshold for mergers and acquisitions requiring review by the commission.

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We confirm the above news article.

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