



June 27, 2012

**PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE**

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Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue  
Makati City

Attention : Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion  
Head - Disclosure Department

Re : SM Investments Corporation  
SEC Reg. No. 16342

Dear Ms. Encarnacion,

This is in reference to your memo dated June 27, 2012, requesting for confirmation on the veracity of the following news article posted in *abs-cbnnews.com* on June 27, 2012. The article reported in part that:

MANILA – Philippine conglomerate SM Investments, owned by the country’s richest man Henry Sy, is in talks with Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd for a deal involving a \$1 billion casino-resort project in Manila, the SM group said on Wednesday.

“There’s discussion but nothing final,” Corazon Guidote, spokeswoman for SM Investments, told Reuters via a mobile text message.

The Australian Financial Review reported on Wednesday that Australian billionaire James Packer and Macau gambling tycoon Lawrence Ho were set to sign a deal with the Sy Group to develop the casino project.

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We confirm that Belle Corporation is in discussion with James Packer and Melco.

We trust the above clarifies the said news article.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JTS', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Jose T. Sio**  
Executive Vice President and CFO  
Corporate Information Officer  
SM Investments Corporation

Cc: Director Justina Callangan  
Head – Corporate Finance Dept.