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The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. 4th Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre Exchange Road, Ortigas Centre Pasig City

Attention : Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion

Head, Disclosure Department

Re : Press Release: "Chinatrust Buendia-Pasong Tamo

Branch Inauguration"

Madam:

We are pleased to furnish you a copy of the Bank's Press Release entitled "Chinatrust Buendia-Pasong Tamo Branch Inauguration", the full text of which is hereto attached as Annex "A".

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.: a/s



ANNEX "A"

NEWS RELEASE

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Chinatrust Buendia-Pasong Tamo Branch Inauguration



Chinatrust Philippines recently inaugurated its Buendia-Pasong Tamo branch located strategically at the Ground Floor, Burgundy Corporate Tower, 252 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City. Over the years, Chinatrust has beefed up its presence in commercial areas and key cities nationwide catering to the banking needs of mostly businesses and middle to upper class individuals. Soon, Chinatrust will be opening its Cagayan de Oro City branch. Cutting the ceremonial ribbon are (from left) Mark Chen, President and CEO of Chinatrust Philippines; Roland Garcia, President of Trans-Phil Builders Corp.; Rey Anthony David, Jr., President of Great Wall Advertising; William Hon, Chairman of Chinatrust Philippines. Also present to witness the event are Chinatrust Directors and Senior Officers (from left) Eric Wu, Larry Hsu, Lory Borromeo, Tony Robles and Marty Escalona.