

# Basic Energy seeks nod to deploy 6,500 electric buses

BASIC ENERGY Corp. is seeking franchises to deploy 6,500 electric buses (e-buses) in different routes in the country within five years, the company said on Tuesday.

In a project brief disclosed to the local bourse, the listed energy firm said it is seeking 82 franchises from the Department of Transportation (DoTr) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board to deploy initially 10 up to 80 class 2 e-buses in each province.

Basic Energy presented to the DoTr the updates of its Green Energy E-Transport Program (GEEP) and the related e-charging facilities.

"GEEP is a holistic program that covers both the energy supply from a renewable energy source and the demand coming from modern e-buses," the company said.

Aside from e-buses, the company said it would place retail stations "that will be solarized and equipped with power storage and EV (electric vehicle)-charging facilities" along the franchised routes.

The company is also seeking the support of the National Electrification Administration in collaborat-



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ing with distribution utilities in installing 5-megawatt solar systems and battery energy storage systems to cover the clean energy needs of the e-buses.

Basic Energy has tapped Ecology Builders and Development Corp. to serve as its local assembler of the EV units. Its wholly owned subsidiary Basic Energy Renewables Corp. will install rooftop solar panels, battery storage facilities and e-charging stations.

"The e-buses will be sold to transport cooperatives/operators

with two models to choose from at competitive prices vis-à-vis Euro 4 diesel-engine powered version, not to mention, the 40% savings in energy costs," the company said.

It also aims to consolidate various sources of renewable energy and their related business into what it intends to call "Basic e-Hub."

"This will consist of e-transport services such as charging facilities for the e-buses and e-jeeps, in cooperation with a local transport cooperative."

Under Republic Act No. 11697 or the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act, EVs must comprise 5% of the total fleet of industrial and commercial companies, public utility operators, local government units, national government agencies, and government-owned and -controlled corporations.

Data from the Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines showed that there are about 15,300 EV units in the country, including 354 electric motorcycles and 88 e-buses.

On Tuesday, shares of the company went down by P0.0006 or 3.23% to close at P0.18 apiece. — **Sheldeen Joy Talavera**

## Construction of C5 link segment set in early 2024

METRO Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC) unit MPT South Corp. expects to begin the construction of its C5 link segment 3-B by the first quarter of next year.

"We are taking an aggressive position. There is a commitment that they will partly fund the remaining right of way, we are hoping that we will be able to attain at least 80%," Raul L. Ignacio, president and general manager of MPT South, told reporters.

Once right-of-way acquisition reaches about 80%, construction is expected to begin by January, Mr. Ignacio said.

The C5 Southlink project's segments 2 and 3 include a 7.70 kilometers six-lane toll road project divided into 2x3 expressways and stretches from the R-1 expressway to the southern section of the C5 road.

The project is valued at P1.5 billion and is expected to reduce travel time by 30 to 45 minutes from Cavite Expressway to Makati and Taguig.

Segment 3B of the project is expected to be completed by March 2025 and has only acquired 68% of its right of way.

For the next two years, MPT South has said that it is allocating about P11.95 billion for its capital expenditure, which will mainly fund the ongoing construction of its existing projects.

MPTC is the tollways unit of Metro Pacific Investments Corp., which is one of three key Philippine units of Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd., the others being Philex Mining Corp. and PLDT Inc.

Hastings Holdings, Inc., a unit of PLDT Beneficial Trust Fund subsidiary MediaQuest Holdings, Inc., has a majority stake in *BusinessWorld* through the Philippine Star Group, which it controls. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

## Global list of best employers includes San Miguel at 43<sup>rd</sup>

ANG-LED San Miguel Corp. (SMC) climbed by 131 spots to 43<sup>rd</sup> place on the annual World's Best Employers list this year issued by Forbes Magazine and research company Statista in October.

In a statement on Tuesday, SMC said its 2023 ranking improved from 174<sup>th</sup> in last year's list to make it the only Philippine company to be included in the top 50.

Other Philippine companies included in the 2023 version of the rankings were Security Bank Corp. (54<sup>th</sup>), Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. (162<sup>nd</sup>), Ayala Corp. (186<sup>th</sup>), Alliance Global Group, Inc. (283<sup>rd</sup>), Land Bank of the Philippines (304<sup>th</sup>), LT Group, Inc. (361st), and SM Investments Corp. (420<sup>th</sup>).

"It's a great honor to make it to this list of the world's 700 best employers, along with some of the most recognized and most successful Philippine firms. This just goes to show that Filipinos can compete and run proudly with the very best in the world," SMC President and Chief Executive Officer Ramon S. Ang said.

"It also shows that given the right training, motivation, support, and a sense of a higher purpose, the Filipino workforce is highly motivated, effective, dedicated, and therefore fulfilled in their work," he added.

According to Forbes, the rankings were determined via a survey done by Statista that covered over 170,000 employees working for various companies across 50 countries.

The companies were ranked based on criteria such as talent development, remote working options, parental leave benefits, diversity, work-life balance, and pride in the offered products or services. Respondents were also asked if they would recommend their company to family and friends as well as rate companies within their own industries and countries.

"Specific to us in SMC, I believe that our strong emphasis on core value for nation-building, our care value of *malasakit* (concern for others), coupled with our decisive and impactful actions related to greater sustainability, has really resonated with our employees," Mr. Ang said.

"We have also always strived to provide our employees an environment where they can learn, realize their potential, build good relationships with colleagues, and feel they are part of not just a great heritage, but also of something bigger. We believe this has greatly contributed to whatever successes we've had over the years," he added.

SMC recorded a 141% increase in its nine-month net income to P31.2 billion despite the conglomerate's consolidated revenues falling 5% to P1.1 trillion.

Shares of SMC at the local stock market dropped 90 centavos or 0.84% to P106 apiece on Tuesday. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**

## SCG reports 26% increase in operating profit

SIAM CEMENT Group (SCG), a regional conglomerate with subsidiaries in the Philippines, recorded a 26% increase in third-quarter operating profit to P4.81 billion despite registering a decline in revenues.

In a media release on Tuesday, SCG said revenues decreased by 12% in the third quarter to P200.24 billion "due to the slow economic revival in the region."

"The reduced sales across all business units, petrochemical trough in the chemicals business and the ongoing economic uncertainties were considered the key factors," SCG said.

Without giving a comparative figure, it said profit

for the third quarter of the year was at P3.89 billion.

"The result was that SCG has continuously adjusted its business strategy and has operated with caution and prudence, thereby maintaining financial stability," the company said.

Roongrote Rangsiyopash, president and chief executive officer of SCG, said the group expects the economy of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to improve, "especially in Indonesia, which will see increased investment and consumption due to the construction of the new capital 'Nusantara.'"

"Meanwhile, the Thai economy is projected to recover, driven by the real estate and tourism sec-

tors, benefiting from an increase in tourists. Furthermore, electricity costs and diesel prices might adjust downward, leading to better control over energy costs," the official said, adding that "electricity costs and diesel prices might adjust downward, leading to better control over energy costs."

In the Philippines, SCG's marketing unit said it had partnered with the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) and industry influencers.

"With UAP, SCG introduced a smart pointing system to reward purchase loyalty," it said.

SCG, which has a presence in the Philippines since 1993, has about

1,400 employees in the country through its seven subsidiaries: United Pulp and Paper Co., Mariwasa Siam Ceramics, Inc., SCG Roofing Philippines, Inc., SCG Trading Philippines, Inc., SCG Marketing Philippines, Inc., Green Siam Resources, Inc., and Green Alternative Technology Specialist, Inc.

It said Mariwasa's commitment to environmental, social, and corporate governance was through partnerships with a socio-civic organization to facilitate social programs and outreach to the public, and a free online platform that helps nonprofit organizations with building projects and social housing developers.

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