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### SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

#### MANILA (SAMPALOC)

BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 2:30PM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS TEGEN 55B AND 511B; AND NORTH PORT 46H

Portion of A. H. Lacson Ave. from near España Blvd. to Dapitan St. including Florentino and Piy Margal Sts.; Pizza Hut and 930 Lacson Bldg.

REASON: Line reconducting works and installation of additional lightning protection devices along A. H. Lacson Ave. in Sampaloc, Manila.

#### BATANGAS PROVINCE (TANAUAN)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 5:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT FPIP 425WWW

Pump Station No. 10 inside First Philippine Industrial Park (FPIP) Phase 1, Bgy. Ulango.

REASON: Maintenance work inside First Philippine Industrial Park (FPIP) Phase 1, Bgy. Ulango, Tanauan, Batangas Province.

#### CAVITE (ALFONSO)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 12:00NN – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TAGAYTAY WEST 312GTW

Portion of Amuyong - Kaytitinga Road from Tagaytay - Nasugbu Highway to and including Kaytitinga - Sinaliw and Kaytitinga - Magallanes Roads; Tagaytay Fontaine Villas Subd., Valley Farm Subd., Sitio Bigtasin, Sitio Imus Ng Kastila, Alta Montebello Subd. and Sitio Bayoyongan; Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Kayrilao, Callejon, Pilipit, Calle Bulbok and Inusungan Sts.; Kaysuyo - Kaytitinga, Kaysuyo - Tua, Alfonso - Magallanes, Kaysuyo - Kaytitinga and Matagbak - Palumlum Roads; Asian Golden Farms Phil. Inc., Citi Global Realty & Development Inc., Philippine Tarsier Recreation Inc., Abagatan Hotels Inc. and Salvia Bloom Ridge Corp. in Bgys. Amuyong, Kaysuyo, Kaytitinga I, Kaytitinga II, Kaytitinga III, Palumlum, Sinaliw Malaki and Sinaliw Munti.

REASON: Line reconstruction work along Amuyong - Kaytitinga Road in Bgy. Amuyong, Alfonso, Cavite.

### MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

#### CAVITE (DASMARIÑAS CITY)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 11:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT ABUBOT 37XZ

Villa Isabel Village Subd. and Manuelville Subd. in Bgy. Buroil Main.

REASON: Line reconstruction work in Villa Isabel Village Subd., Bgy. Buroil Main, Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

#### BULACAN (PANDI)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 2:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT ANGAT 36YT

Portion of Bitukang Manok Road from Lawang Bato Road to and including Sitio Bitukang Manok and Pandi Heights II Subd. in Bgy. Cacarong Matanda.

REASON: Line reconducting work and installation of facilities along Bitukang Manok Road in Bgy. Cacarong Matanda, Pandi, Bulacan.

### MONDAY TO TUESDAY, APRIL 22 – 23, 2024

#### QUEZON CITY (PAYATAS)

BETWEEN 11:00PM (MON., 04/22/24) AND 5:00AM (TUE., 04/23/24) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT COMMONWEALTH 410COM

Along Fatima St. from Perpetual Help St. to and including Milagrosa, Holy Trinity, Palayan and Dinorado Sts. in Campsite Subd.; and Bistekville 17 Compound.

REASON: Replacement of poles along San Juan Evangelista, Perpetual Help, Milagrosa and Fatima Sts. in Bgy. Payatas, Quezon City.

#### MANILA (SAN MIGUEL)

BETWEEN 11:30PM AND 11:59PM (MON., 04/22/24) AND THEN BETWEEN 6:01AM AND 6:30AM (TUE., 04/23/24) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT TEGEN 52B

Hospicio De San Jose in Isla Convalencia.

REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco – Tegen substation.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

#### CAVITE (DASMARIÑAS CITY)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 11:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT ABUBOT 37XZ

Bgys. San Andres I & II, San Roque, San Simon and Sta. Cristina I.

REASON: Line reconstruction work in Bgy. San Andres II, Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

#### QUEZON CITY (NEW MANILA)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT VALENCIA 423VAL

Portion of 10th St. from near Forest Hill St. to Twin Hills St. in Magdalena Roll Hills Subd., Bgy. Damayan Lagi.  
Portion of Calvary Hill St. from Lena Hill St. to 9th St. in Magdalena Roll Hills Subd., Bgy. Damayan Lagi.  
Portion of Forest Hill St. from 10th St. to 9th St. including Sunset Hill St. in Magdalena Roll Hills Subd., Bgy. Damayan Lagi.  
Portion of 9th St. from near 4th St. to Calvary Hill St. in Magdalena Roll Hills Subd., Bgy. Damayan Lagi.  
Portion of Twin Hills St. from Forest Hill St. to 10th St. in Magdalena Roll Hills Subd., Bgy. Damayan Lagi.

REASON: Relocation of facilities and line reconducting work in Magdalena Roll Hills Subd., Bgy. Damayan Lagi, New Manila, Quezon City.

#### LAGUNA (BIÑAN CITY)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 3:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT STA. ROSA II 45WL

Portion of Chrysanthemum Road (Loma Road) from near Cavite - Laguna Expressway (CALAX) to and including Adelfa, Carnation, Catleya, Daisy, Orchids, Rosal, Rose and Sampaguita Sts.; Celina Homes – Technopark Subd. and Celina Mansions Subd.; portion of Verdana Homes Subd. Phases 1, 2 & 3; Magna Rubber Mfg. Corp., Dema Tech Precision & Trading Corp., Greenfoss Technology Corp., Realworld Realty Development Corp., Globe Telecom Inc. and Magnate Food & Drink Inc. in Bgys. Loma and Timbao.

REASON: Relocation of facilities along Chrysanthemum Road (Loma Road) in Bgy. Loma, Biñan City, Laguna.

#### CAVITE (DASMARIÑAS CITY)

BETWEEN 12:00NN AND 2:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT ABUBOT 37XZ

Tierra Verde Residences Subd. in Bgy. Buroil III.

REASON: Line reconstruction work in Tierra Verde Residences Subd., Bgy. Buroil III, Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

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### TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 – 24, 2024

#### QUEZON CITY (VASRA; BAGONG PAG-ASA; AND CENTRAL)

BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:30PM (TUE., 04/23/24) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:30AM AND 5:00AM (WED., 04/24/24) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT KAMUNING 43VP

Portion of North Ave. from Senator Miriam P. Defensor – Santiago Ave. to Vertis Drive in Bgys. Vasra and Bagong Pag-Asa.  
Portion of Quezon Ave. from near EDSA to BIR Road in Bgy. Central.

BETWEEN 11:00PM (TUE., 04/23/24) AND 5:00AM (WED., 04/24/24) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT KAMUNING 43VP

Portion of Senator Miriam P. Defensor – Santiago Ave. from Quezon Ave. to and including Philippine Children's Medical Center, Court of Tax Appeals, Office of the Ombudsman and Philippine Science High School in Bgys. Bagong Pag-Asa and Central.

REASON: Line reconducting work along Senator Miriam P. Defensor – Santiago Ave. in Bgy. Bagong Pag-Asa, Quezon City.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

#### QUEZON CITY (COMMONWEALTH)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 1:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT COMMONWEALTH 410COM

Portion of Doña Juliana St. from Doña Carmencita St. to and including Aduauto, Maria Fatima and Martirez Sts. in Doña Carmen Subd.  
Portion of Doña Juliana St. from Doña Carmencita St. to and including Waterhole St.; Doña Nicasia Homes, Jordan Park Homes and Labrea Subd.

REASON: Replacement of poles along Doña Juliana St. in Doña Carmen Subd., Bgy. Commonwealth, Quezon City.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

#### LAGUNA (CALAUAN)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTIONS OF CIRCUIT DILA 410DIA

Portion of M. Tainingo St. from M. Marfori Ave. to and including F. Limchoco, G. Fajardo, J. Castro, L. Oliva and P. Velasco Sts. in Roadside Park Subd.; Sitio Loob and Buncayo Subd. in Bgys. Prinza, Perez and Kanluran (Poblacion).

REASON: Line reconstruction work along G. Medel St. and M. Marfori Ave. in Bgy. Kanluran (Poblacion) in Calauan, Laguna.

#### CAVITE (IMUS CITY)

BETWEEN 1:00AM AND 6:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT LANCASTER 415LAN

Portion of Alapan Road from Patindig Araw Road to near Alfamart including A. Mabini, D. Macapagal, D. Samson, E. Aguinaldo, J. Escoda, J. Rizal, M. Quezon and S. Camia Sts. in Bgys. Alapan I-C & I-B and Bucandala III & IV.

REASON: Replacement of poles and conversion of facilities along Alapan Road in Bgy. Alapan I-C, Imus City, Cavite.

#### BATANGAS PROVINCE (BATANGAS CITY)

BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 1:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT BATANGAS 324SG

Portion of Purok 5 in Bgy. Sto. Domingo.

REASON: Replacement of hazardous poles along Purok 5, Bgy. Sto. Domingo, Batangas City, Batangas Province.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

#### BULACAN (STA. MARIA)

BETWEEN 12:30AM AND 5:30AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MARILAO 432MRL

Portion of P. N. Ramos St. from Tabing Bakod – San Gabriel Road to and including Evangelista, T. M. Salazar, P. G. Salazar, V. I. Batong Bakal, G. P. Flores, S. P. Flores, J. S. Mendoza and Jacinto Sts.; Sitio Caingin, Sitio Lunak and Sitio Sulok in Bgy. Tabing Bakod.

REASON: Replacement of poles in Sitio Lunak, Bgy. Tabing Bakod, Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

#### CAVITE (TANZA)

BETWEEN 1:00AM AND 6:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TMC II 46WA

Portion of Governor's Drive from Meralco – TMC II substation to near Sterling Residences One Subd. in Bgy. Tanauan.

REASON: Line reconstruction work in Bgy. Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite.

### FRIDAY TO SATURDAY, APRIL 26 – 27, 2024

#### CAVITE

BETWEEN 11:15PM AND 11:30PM (FRI., 04/26/24) AND THEN BETWEEN 5:31AM AND 5:45AM (SAT., 04/27/24) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS TMC-II 42WA, 43WA, 45WA, 46WA, 423WA AND 426WA; TERNATE 31ZO; AND PUERTO AZUL 32XX

The whole towns of Ternate, Maragondon, Naic, Tanza, Magallanes and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo.

Portion of Bgys. Aguado, Inocencio, Lapidario, Luciano, San Agustin, Cabuco, De Ocampo, Gregorio, Hugo Perez and Capitol Provincial Compound in Trece Martirez City; Bgys. Pasong Kawayan 1 & 2 in Gen. Trias City; and Bgys. Kaysuyo and Kaytitinga II in Alfonso.

REASON: Maintenance and testing work along FCIE 63WB – TMC 61/62WA 115kV transmission lines.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

#### CAVITE (GEN. TRIAS CITY)

BETWEEN 7:00AM AND 1:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT FCIE 60WB –LANCASTER 61LAN – PHCI

San Miguel – Purefoods Hormel Cannery Plants 1 & 2 along Governor's Drive in Sitio De Fuego, Bgy. San Francisco.

REASON: Maintenance work inside San Miguel – Purefoods Hormel Cannery Plants 1 & 2 along Governor's Drive in Sitio De Fuego, Bgy. San Francisco, Gen. Trias City, Cavite.

#### MANILA (PANDACAN AND STA. ANA)

BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 9:00AM AND THEN BETWEEN 2:00PM AND 2:30PM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TEGEN 56B

Portion of Dr. M. L. Carreon St. from Tomas Claudio St. to and including MMDA Flood Control and San Miguel Brewery – Sta. Ana Sales Office in Sta. Ana.  
Portion of Tomas Claudio St. from Francisco Balagtas St. to Beata St. including San Miguel Yamamura Plastics Plant in Pandacan.

Portion of Beata and Lorenzo Dela Paz Sts. from Lope Bridge to and including Jesus Ext., Roads 1 – 4, I. Certeza, Sto. Niño, P. Noble, Sta. Maria and Baretto Sts. in Pandacan.

BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 2:30PM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS STA. ANA 14VN; AND TEGEN 56B

Portion of Menandro and Florida Sts. from Tomas Claudio St. to and including Febilo Estate, Linceo, Adolfo, Adonis and Laura Sts. in Pandacan.

REASON: Replacement of hazardous poles, line reconducting work and installation of additional lightning protection devices along Menandro, Adolfo and Beata Sts. in Pandacan, Manila.

# Recto invites investment in infrastructure, energy projects

FINANCE Secretary Ralph G. Recto invited US investors to look into Philippine infrastructure and energy projects, as well as collaborate with the Maharlika sovereign wealth fund.

“We eagerly look forward to the US becoming a key player in realizing our development goals by strengthening our long-standing alliance with more forward-looking business partnerships,” he said in his speech at the Philippine Dialogue in Washington.

The dialogue was held on the sidelines of the World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund (WB-IMF) Spring Meetings.

Mr. Recto cited bright spots such as the Philippines’ resilient economic growth driven by domestic demand, the young labor force, the tourism recovery, pro-business policies and continued fiscal consolidation.

“The Philippines is now open to full foreign ownership of renewable energy projects. This will help unlock the vast potential of the country’s mineral sector, valued at \$6 trillion,” Mr. Recto said.

“We also now allow full foreign ownership in public services like telecommunications, airports, and shipping. And we have lowered the minimum paid-up capital requirement for foreign corporations,” he added.

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan, in a statement, said that the government has worked to improve ease of doing business in the Philippines.

“These reforms and initiatives clarify ambiguities in the rules, expand markets for our industries, streamline government processes, and promote more competition. Through the President’s policy issuances, we have underscored the government’s strong commitment to promote the ease of doing business,” he said.

Mr. Recto also invited investors to look into infrastructure projects. The government currently has 185 flagship infrastructure projects worth P9.14 trillion.

“The Maharlika Investment Fund, our first sovereign wealth fund, also presents an ideal platform for private-sector engagement in financing our flagship infrastructure projects,” he added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Recto urged multilateral lenders to ramp up assistance to developing economies.

“I urge the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and other partners to intensify their efforts in assisting developing countries to mitigate and reverse the factors threatening our growth prospects,” he said in his Inter-governmental Group of Twenty-Four (G24) speech.

“The primary concern for emerging markets and developing economies is securing immediate access to short-term liquidity and affordable long-term financing to navigate the turbulent waters ahead,” he added.

Mr. Recto called for more “ambitious” lending targets to ensure that development goals are met.

“Without improvements to financing conditions in the short term, decades of individual and global efforts to eradicate poverty and inequality, combat climate change, and invest in growth-enhancing infrastructure projects will be put to a halt, if not reversed,” he said.

In its communique, the G24 called on policymakers to “be mindful of the heightened trade-offs in policy choices.”

“External risks are likely to remain as disinflation policies prevail. Risks from persistent core inflation could trigger additional monetary policy tightening, further compounding already high levels of debt, fiscal and current account imbalances, with negative effects on economic prospects,” it said.

“This means that the goal of achieving sustainable and inclusive development by 2030 is more challenging than before. We ask all parties of the international community, especially multilateral organizations, to work together and make their best efforts to accelerate progress,” it added.

The Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-Four on International Monetary Affairs and Development, or G24, was established in 1971.

The governing body of the G24 meets twice a year to discuss key global issues, preceding the Spring and Fall meetings of the WB-IMF. The communique emerging from the meetings reflects the consensus views of member countries. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson**

## Axelum signs multi-year coconut water supply deal with US brand

AXELUM Resources Corp. signed a 10-year coconut water supply deal Thursday with US customer The Vita Coco Company, Inc.

Axelum Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Romeo I. Chan said that the deal runs until 2033, with an additional option for extension by another five years.

Asked about the value of the deal, Mr. Chan declined to answer. He added that the supply deal will bolster the company’s “fastest-growing segments,” adding

that the company is focused on meeting growing demand from Vita Coco.

Axelum recently constructed a new facility to bolster production and meet the long-term volume requirements of Vita Coco.

“We are buying coconuts up to a 200-kilometer radius all over Mindanao, and we’ve augmented the income of farmers by buying 187 million coconuts every year, that’s valued at P1.12 billion,” Mr. Chan said. — **Adrian H. Halili**

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