



Alsons Dev completes first batch of residential turnovers in Avia Estate

ALSONS Development and Investment Corp. (Alsons Dev) said it has completed the turnover of its first batch of residential units at Narra Park Residences Avia, its initial housing project within the Avia Estate township in Alabel, Sarangani.

In a statement on Wednesday, the property developer said the milestone marks the transition of early homebuyers into homeowners and reflects the project's progress within the 121-hectare estate.

The turnover coincided with the project's first Buyers Appreciation Day, where homeowners and guests gathered for updates and community activities.

Narra Park Residences is the first residential development within Avia Estate, Alsons Dev's first township expansion outside Davao.

The company said 59 homes have been completed so far.

"These represent more than completed units. They are the beginning of a community," Alsons Dev President and Chief Executive Officer Miguel Rene A. Dominguez said.

The project offers bungalow units priced at P4.1 million per lot and two-story houses at P5.07 million, both on 120-square-meter lots.

Alsons Dev said estate developments include the Alabel Public Safety and Security Complex, opened in January 2025, and The Abba's Orchard Montessori School, which opened in August 2025.

It also said completed shared spaces include a megatank and a football field, while planned additions include an interim commercial area, a pickleball court, and community facilities.

The project forms part of the company's expansion beyond Mindanao's urban centers. — **Juliana Chloe A. Gonzales**

Filinvest unit secures ERC nod for Mindanao solar project

FDC GREEN ENERGY Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Filinvest Group's utility arm, FDC Utilities, Inc., has secured government approval to connect its solar project in Mindanao to the grid, allowing it to begin commercial operations.

In a statement on Thursday, FDC Utilities said it received a certificate of compliance from the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) for its 20.774-megawatt-peak ground-mounted solar facility to be built at the PHIVIDEC Industrial Estate.

The company said the certificate confirms that the facility has met technical, safety, and regulatory requirements, allowing it to operate commercially.

The solar project is expected to generate about 30.2 million

kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

FDC Utilities said the project will add capacity to the Mindanao grid once operational.

"The ongoing energy crisis has underscored the need for reliable and sustainable power solutions," said FDC Utilities President and Chief Executive Officer Juan Eugenio L. Roxas.

"In an environment where global fuel markets are increasingly unpredictable, projects like this highlight the importance of investing in indigenous and renewable energy sources," he added.

In 2024, FDC Utilities said it plans to triple its generating capacity to 1,350 megawatts by 2033, with most of the expansion coming from renewable energy. — **Sheldeen Joy Talavera**

Tiong Bahru Singapore Flavours expands footprint in Philippines

TIONG BAHRU Singapore Flavours said it is continuing to expand its presence in the Philippines, adding new locations as it builds its network across Metro Manila and nearby areas.

The Singaporean franchise entered the Philippine market in 2019 with its first branch at MetLive Mall in Pasay. It has since opened stores in key commercial areas, including Bonifacio Global City, Estancia Capitol Commons, Eastwood, Alabang Town Center, SM North EDSA, Greenhills, One Ayala, TriNoma, Robinsons Antipolo, Mitsukoshi BGC, and Gateway Mall 2.

More recent branches in UP Katipunan and Landmark by the Bay in Parañaque have brought its total to 16 locations.

During the pandemic, the restaurant chain opened additional branches in Makati and Quezon City and expanded its takeaway and delivery services.

"Our journey reflects more than expansion — it's a testament to resilience and passion. Even during the pandemic, we



THE GATEWAY MALL 2 branch in Cubao, Quezon City.

never stopped serving authentic Singaporean cuisine to every Filipino," said Kathryn Y. Pimentel, co-owner and director of Tiong Bahru Singapore Flavours.

The company serves Singaporean dishes such as Hainanese chicken rice, *bak kut teh*, and *laksa*. — **ALB**

Cebu Pacific extends Dubai flight suspension to end-May



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BUDGET CARRIER Cebu Pacific (CEB) said it has extended the suspension of its Manila-Dubai flights until the end of May due to the worsening situation in the Middle East.

"CEB continues to assess its flight operations to and from the Middle East amid the ongoing security situation in the region. As this remains a developing situation, further schedule adjustments may take place," CEB said in an advisory on Thursday.

This is the second extension of the suspension of Manila-Dubai services. The airline earlier moved the suspension to April 30 from its initial plan to cancel flights only until April 20.

The airline said affected passengers may avail themselves of free rebooking, travel fund conversion, or refunds.

CEB has also suspended five routes — Davao-Bangkok, Iloilo-Bangkok, Iloilo-

Singapore, Singapore-Iloilo, and Clark-Hanoi-Clark — until October 2026.

It has reduced weekly frequencies on selected domestic and international routes from April to October, including Cebu-Singapore, Singapore-Cebu, Manila-Jakarta, Jakarta-Manila, Manila-Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur-Manila, Manila-Melbourne-Manila, and Manila-Sydney-Manila.

Last month, CEB Chief Executive Officer Michael B. Szücs said the company remains positioned to withstand challenges, citing its commercial and financial resilience and noting that most of its flights are domestic.

New NAIJA Infra Corp., the operator of the country's main gateway, said it expects flight disruptions as some international services may be affected by airspace restrictions linked to the conflict in the Middle East. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

PetroEnergy sees oil drilling in Africa finished this year

YUCHENGGCO-LED PetroEnergy Resources Corp. (PERC) said it expects to complete its drilling campaign in offshore Gabon, West Africa, later this year, aiming to increase oil field production.

In a statement on Thursday, the listed energy company said it continues to manage its offshore oil interests in Gabon as it undertakes a Phase 3 drilling campaign, which is expected to raise production to 18,000 barrels of oil per day (bpd) from 15,000 bpd.

PERC is a publicly listed energy company with a diversified

portfolio spanning upstream oil exploration and development, renewable energy development, and power generation.

The company holds a 2.53% participating interest in the exploration and production sharing contract (EPSC) covering the Etame block in Gabon, West Africa, according to its 2025 annual report.

The EPSC is a contract with the Gabonese government that grants the holder rights to conduct exploration, development, and production activities within the Etame Marine Permit area.

In 2025, total crude output from four oil fields — Etame, Avouma, Ebouri, and North Tchibala — reached 5.20 million barrels. Of this, 5.35 million barrels were exported at market prices ranging from \$57.09 to \$78.12 per barrel.

PERC said its profitability in 2025 was affected by higher interest expenses, which rose to P652.66 million due to increased financing costs linked to new project loans.


The company also reported a 20.24% decline in oil revenues to P415.09 million, citing lower crude

oil prices and reduced production from its Gabon operations.

These factors contributed to a 39.77% drop in attributable net income to P284.18 million.

Despite this, total revenues rose 8% year on year to P3.72 billion, driven mainly by higher electricity sales following the energization of three solar power projects.

PERC said it is ramping up commercial operations of its solar assets in Bugallon and Isabela, as well as completing the Panitan solar and battery energy storage system in Cattery. — **Sheldeen Joy Talavera**



Power Maintenance Updates

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The following are scheduled power interruptions necessary for the regular maintenance and upgrade of our power distribution facilities, to ensure the delivery of safe and reliable electricity to your areas. Rest assured that Meralco is doing everything to quickly restore your electricity according to schedule.

TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 – 29, 2026	WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2026
MANILA (STA. CRUZ) BETWEEN 11:00PM (TUE., 04/28/26) AND 3:00AM (WED., 04/29/26) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NORTH PORT 53H Portion of Oroquieta St. from Recto Ave. to Bambang St. Portion of Doroteo Jose and Lope de Vega Sts. from Rizal Ave. to Oroquieta St. including LRT-1 Recto Station. Portion of Fugoso, Mayhaligue, Remigio and Bambang Sts. from Rizal Ave. to Pedro Guevarra St. Portion of Rizal Ave. and Maria Natividad St. from Lope de Vega St. to Bambang St. including Puregold – Zurbaran. Portion of Manuel Hizon, Sulu and Pedro Guevarra Sts., and Felix Huertas St. from Fabella St. to Alvarez St. including P. Gomez Elementary School. Portion of Fabella St. from Oroquieta St. to Pedro Guevarra St. including Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital. REASON: Line reconducting work and maintenance work along Fugoso St. near Rizal Ave. in Sta. Cruz, Manila.	MANILA (SAMPALOC) BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 2:00PM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS STA. MESA 403F; AND PANDACAN 18M Portion of Piña Ave. from Santol St. to Mindanao Ave. including Wilcon Home Depot and Grace Gospel Church; Benito St.; and NHA Compound. Along Benito St. from Piña Ave. to L. Rocas St. including B. Tuazon St. REASON: Line conversion work along Piña Ave. in Sampaloc, Manila.
BULACAN (BOCAUE AND MARILAO) BETWEEN 11:00PM (TUE., 04/28/26) AND 5:00AM (WED., 04/29/26) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT NEW BOCAUE 413BOC Portion of North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) – Marilao Service Road from Duhat Road in Bgy. Duhat, Bocaue to near A's Hardware & Construction Supplies including Laot St.; SGK Development Corp. and NGC BPO Tower 1 in Bgy. Patubig, Marilao; Gonzales and H. Delos Santos Sts.; Saffron Hills Subd.; Autophil Zone Sales Corp.; Dragon Wellness Farms Inc. and JKM Dela Pierre Hardware in Bgy. Duhat, Bocaue. Portion of Gitna St. (Mendoza St.) from Duhat Road to near Aiah's Store including portion of Sitio Balubaran in Bgy. Duhat, Bocaue. REASON: Replacement and installation of facilities, and line reconducting work in Bgy. Duhat, Bocaue; and Bgy. Patubig, Marilao in Bulacan.	QUEZON CITY (NOVALICHES) BETWEEN 11:00PM (WED., 04/29/26) AND 5:00AM (THU., 04/30/26) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT KAYBIGA 422YX Portion of Pablo Dela Cruz St. from Diamond Ave. to near Quirino Highway including 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , Corazon, Don Teodoro, Beta, Gamma, Kappa and Omicron Sts.; Carreon Ville Subd., R T Gonzales Ville Subd. and SB Residences in Bgy. San Bartolome. REASON: Replacement of poles and line reconducting work along Pablo Dela Cruz St. and inside R T Gonzales Ville Subd. in Bgy. San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City.
BULACAN (BALAGTAS) BETWEEN 1:00AM AND 6:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUITS BALAGTAS 412BAL; AND STA. MARIA 42YU Portion of Pulong Gubat Road from Saint Peter Subd. to and including Eurerka Coldega, Balagtas Rural Health Unit (RHU) 2, Success Wood Industry, La Primera Pollo, Andrew's Food Manufacturing of Balagtas Inc., Do-All Metal Industries, IntelliFarm Bulacan, Visva Plastic Corp., Forte Metal Forming Corp., Link Electronic Trading Inc., Poly Steel Tube Manufacturing Corp., Applied Food Ingredients Co. Inc., LT North Luzon Trading Corp., Fochun Inc. and Divi Holdings Inc.; Villa Juliana Subd., Virgen Milagrosa Homes Subd., Sitio Galas; NIA Road and Galvez St. in Bgys. Borol 2 nd , Pulong Gubat and Santol. Portion of Talisay Road from NIA Road to and including Balagtas Heights Subd. Phase 2, Northville 6 Subd. Phase 1, Northville 6-B Subd., Sitio Galas; and Patubig St. in Bgys. Pulong Gubat and Santol. REASON: Line reconducting work in Bgy. Borol 2nd, Balagtas, Bulacan.	

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