

# San Miguel seeks approval for P30-billion preferred share offer

SAN MIGUEL CORP. has filed a registration statement for a P30-billion preferred share offering to refinance debt and fund infrastructure projects, including the Manila International Airport development in Bulacan province.

In a disclosure to the stock exchange on Monday, the company said it had submitted a registration statement and preliminary prospectus to the Securities and Exchange Commission covering as many as 400 million Series 2 preferred shares.

The offer includes a base tranche of 266.67 million shares and an oversubscription option of as many as 133.33 million additional shares, according to the preliminary prospectus.

The shares will be priced at P75 each and issued in three sub-series: 2-V, 2-W and 2-X.

San Miguel expects to raise nearly P20 billion from the base offer, with total gross proceeds



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potentially reaching P30 billion if the oversubscription option is fully exercised.

The group said proceeds would partly refinance short-term borrowings used to redeem

its Series 2-I preferred shares in March 2026 and settle Series C and Series J bonds maturing in March 2027.

Funds will also support further investments in infrastruc-

ture projects, including the Manila International Airport and related airport developments in Bulacan, Bulacan.

The offer period is scheduled from July 15 to 23, while the preferred shares are targeted to list on the Philippine Stock Exchange's main board on July 31.

San Miguel tapped Bank of Commerce, BDO Capital & Investment Corp. and China Bank Capital Corp. as joint issue managers.

Joint lead underwriters and bookrunners include Bank of Commerce, BDO Capital, BPI Capital Corp., China Bank Capital, Land Bank of the Philippines, Philippine Commercial Capital, Inc., PNB Capital and Investment Corp., RCBC Capital Corp. and Security Bank Capital Investment Corp.

San Miguel shares fell 5.35% to P67.20 each on the local bourse. — **Alexandria Grace C. Magno**



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## Haus Talk reallocates P1.8-B bond proceeds

LISTED affordable housing developer Haus Talk, Inc. has reworked the allocation of proceeds from its P1.8-billion bond issuance as it adjusts its land acquisition priorities to support expansion projects in Southern Luzon.

In a stock exchange filing on Monday, the company said its board approved changes to the portion of proceeds earmarked for land banking activities from its fixed-rate bonds listed on the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp.

Haus Talk earlier said proceeds from the issuance would fund expansion projects in Luzon, including land acquisitions, project development and general corporate requirements as it expands its residential portfolio.

The revised allocation kept the total P970-million budget for land banking across Sto. Tomas and Lipa in Batangas, Calamba in Laguna and Malvar in Batangas, but redistributed the amounts among the locations.

Under the updated plan, Malvar, Batangas received the biggest

allocation at 36% or P353.95 million despite previously having no allocation.

Sto. Tomas was reduced to 32% or P310.4 million from 35%, while Lipa was cut to 32% or P305.65 million from 45%.

Calamba was removed from the revised allocation after originally accounting for 20% or P194 million of the proceeds.

"Out of the total gross proceeds of P1.8 billion from the bond offer, the amount allocated for the land banking activities totaled P970 million... to optimize capital efficiency and align with the corporation's updated strategic priorities," the company said.

Haus Talk said the final allocation and use of proceeds could still change depending on the outcome of technical, legal and financial due diligence.

The company develops affordable horizontal and vertical residential projects in Metro Manila, Rizal, Laguna and Cavite.

Shares of Haus Talk rose 2.92% to P1.41 each on the Philippine Stock Exchange. — **Alexandria Grace C. Magno**

## SC upholds Semirara tax perks on oil imports

THE SUPREME COURT (SC) has upheld the tax-exempt status of Semirara Mining and Power Corp. on fuel imports, a ruling that reinforces fiscal incentives for the domestic coal industry, ordering the government to refund about P27 million in taxes.

In a 12-page decision promulgated on Jan. 20 and released last week, the high court's Third Division denied a petition filed by the Internal Revenue commissioner and affirmed an earlier ruling by the Court of Tax Appeals in favor of the mining company.

The dispute stemmed from a 2013 assessment by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), which sought to impose value-added tax on Semirara's diesel imports on the argument that the Local Government Code had withdrawn earlier tax incentives.

Associate Justice Maria Filomena D. Singh, who wrote the ruling, said the Local Government Code governs the taxing powers of local government units and does not cover national internal revenue taxes.

"The obvious intention of the law is to broaden the tax base of local government

units to assure them of substantial sources of revenue," the tribunal said.

It noted that incentives granted under the Coal Development Act of 1976 remain valid, rejecting the tax agency's interpretation of the law, saying "the [BIR] is grasping at straws" by relying on a literal reading that ignored legislative intent.

The ruling finalized Semirara's entitlement to exemptions from value-added and excise taxes on imported fuel used in its coal operations, saying these incentives "remain effective" under the law. — **Erika Mae P. Sinaking**

## Nordeco says it continues Davao operations pending SC lawsuit

NORTHERN DAVAO Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Nordeco) said it would continue serving its franchise area in Davao while pursuing legal remedies before the Supreme Court (SC) to challenge the expansion of another power distributor into its coverage zone.

"Nordeco remains committed to delivering... service to its consumers while protecting the rights, gains and mission of rural electrification," the cooperative said in a statement on Monday.

Nordeco said it has asked the Supreme Court to clarify and reconsider rulings that touch on the coexistence of its operations with Davao Light and Power Co., which has expanded into parts of its traditional franchise area.

Nordeco Project Supervisor Emmanuel Galarse said disputes over asset possession and operational control remain active before both a regional trial court and the Supreme Court. "These matters are not yet final and are still being decided by the courts," he added.

A regional trial court earlier granted Davao Light control over certain Nordeco assets in Tagum City and parts of Davao del Norte. Nordeco has challenged the ruling, saying it affects its ability to maintain service continuity in affected areas.

Another ruling also favored Davao Light's coverage of the Island Garden City of Samal.

The cooperative filed a petition before the Supreme Court on May 26 seeking to

stop the takeover of its assets in Tagum City while the legal issues remain unresolved.

Nordeco also said it could not yet approve requests for withdrawal of billing deposits due to the disputes, and has referred the matter to the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) for guidance based on existing regulations.

Davao Light is the country's third-biggest electric distribution utility, serving Davao City, Panabo, Carmen, Dujali and Santo Tomas in Davao del Norte, and has expanded into more areas following the enactment of Republic Act No. (RA) 12144 or the Davao Light Expansion Act.

The expansion has triggered overlapping franchise claims, with Nordeco

arguing that parts of the law allowing Davao Light's broader coverage remain under constitutional challenge before the Supreme Court.

Nordeco said the legality of the franchise expansion is still under judicial review, and any actions arising from it should be treated as provisional until final rulings are issued.

"As these constitutional issues remain unresolved and are currently under judicial review, Nordeco will continue to pursue all available legal remedies, including challenging the provisional authority previously granted to Davao Light by the ERC," the cooperative said.

Nordeco added that it remains focused on maintaining electricity services within its assigned areas while

legal proceedings continue, noting that operational continuity and consumer protection remain its priority despite uncertainty over jurisdictional boundaries.

In a separate statement, Davao Light said it has full authority to operate across Davao del Norte under RA 12144, adding that law has been "upheld by the Supreme Court."

"With these legal bases, Davao Light is now responsible for the full operation of the electric distribution system within its franchise area, including maintenance, customer service, billing and collection," the power distributor said, referring to the court rulings for the takeover of the assets. — **Shelden Joy Talavera**



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## PAL adds 2 independent directors amid expansion

PAL HOLDINGS, Inc. has appointed Edgar O. Chua and Datus Captain Izham Ismail as independent directors, strengthening its board as Philippine Airlines pushes fleet renewal and international network growth.

Mr. Chua's corporate leadership background and Mr. Izham's aviation experience would help guide the airline's strategic direction, PAL Holdings Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Lucio C. Tan told the stock exchange on Monday.

Mr. Chua is chairman of the Makati Business Club and has held senior roles and board seats across energy, banking, technology and education sectors.

Mr. Izham has nearly four decades of airline experience and previously served as director of Malaysia Aviation Group, overseeing operational, commercial and organizational functions.

PAL said the appointments come at a key stage as it expands

routes, modernizes its fleet and strengthens partnerships to support long-haul growth.

The airline recently received its second Airbus A350-1000, with three more deliveries expected this year.

The aircraft is a long-haul widebodyjet designed for extended international routes and configured with business, premium economy and economy cabins.

PAL Holdings reported a 1.15% decline in first-quarter

attributable net income to P4.28 billion from a year earlier, as higher fuel costs and operating expenses weighed on margins.

Gross revenues rose 11.67% to P52.43 billion, while gross expenses increased 8.94% to P46.07 billion, reflecting higher flying and operational costs.

Shares of PAL Holdings closed unchanged at P3 on the Philippine Stock Exchange. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi)				5,799.32	▲ 30.56 PTS.	▲ 0.53%	MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026	BusinessWorld	
PSEI MEMBER STOCKS									
<b>AC</b> Ayala Corp. P429.80 -P6.80 -1.56%	<b>ACEN</b> ACEN Corp. P3.21 -P0.09 -2.73%	<b>AEV</b> Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. P30.95 -P0.85 -2.67%	<b>ALI</b> Ayala Land, Inc. P14.52 -P0.06 -0.41%	<b>AREIT</b> AREIT, Inc. P38.25 +P0.40 +1.06%	<b>BDO</b> BDO Unibank, Inc. P114.10 ---	<b>BPI</b> Bank of the Philippine Islands P93.50 -P0.40 -0.43%	<b>CBC</b> China Banking Corp. P55.40 +P0.40 +0.73%	<b>CNPF</b> Century Pacific Food, Inc. P26.25 +P0.05 +0.19%	<b>CNVRG</b> Converge ICT Solutions, Inc. P10.28 -P0.72 -6.55%
<b>DMC</b> DMCI Holdings, Inc. P9.02 -P0.08 -0.88%	<b>EMI</b> Emperador, Inc. P15.24 -P0.26 -1.68%	<b>GLO</b> Globe Telecom, Inc. P1,699.00 +P9.00 +0.53%	<b>GTCAP</b> GT Capital Holdings, Inc. P475.00 -P5.00 -1.04%	<b>ICT</b> International Container Terminal Services, Inc. P780.00 +P27.50 +3.65%	<b>JFC</b> Jollibee Foods Corp. P130.60 +P3.70 +2.92%	<b>JGS</b> JG Summit Holdings, Inc. P26.20 -P1.70 -6.09%	<b>LTG</b> LT Group, Inc. P15.02 -P0.78 -4.94%	<b>MBT</b> Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. P63.50 ---	<b>MER</b> Manila Electric Co. P575.00 +P4.50 +0.79%
<b>MONDE</b> Monde Nissin Corp. P6.90 -P0.18 -2.54%	<b>PGOLD</b> Puregold Price Club, Inc. P45.20 +P0.20 +0.44%	<b>PLUS</b> DigiPlus Interactive Corp. P10.54 +P0.04 +0.38%	<b>RCR</b> RL Commercial REIT, Inc. P6.90 -P0.26 -3.63%	<b>SCC</b> Semirara Mining and Power Corp. P26.50 +P0.50 +1.92%	<b>SM</b> SM Investments Corp. P588.00 +P14.00 +2.44%	<b>SMC</b> San Miguel Corp. P67.20 -P3.80 -5.35%	<b>SMPH</b> SM Prime Holdings, Inc. P18.42 +P0.02 +0.11%	<b>TEL</b> PLDT Inc. P1,156.00 +P7.00 +0.61%	<b>URC</b> Universal Robina Corp. P60.20 -P1.70 -2.75%