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Dear Ms. Encarnacion,

This refers to the news article entitled "RCBC targets to register P5-billion net earnings in 2021" posted in Business Mirror (Online Edition) on February 24, 2021.

"AFTER booking a 7-percent net income decline in 2020, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) is aiming to register double-digit growth this year, banking on better macroeconomic conditions as more business activities resume.

'Our target is still to grow double-digit—that is one thing we want to achieve,' RCBC Corporate Planning Head Ma. Christina P. Alvarez said in a briefing on Tuesday.

Alvarez explained that provisions for potential credit losses are likely tempered this year because nonperforming loans (NPLs) already peaked in 2020. With this, the RCBC official said that 'better growth' is expected in 2021, but noted it was still too early to tell the actual profit guidance of the bank for the year.

We confirm the general outlook for better results for 2021, however, we would like to clarify that the P5Billion mentioned in the article should refer to the Net Income in 2020 not 2021. We have already called the attention of the publication to correct the wrong information.

In reference to the statements on the Bond issuance for 2021 :

"RCBC is eyeing to launch benchmark sized foreign currency denominated senior note offering this year, Cebrero confirmed, looking initially at a size of \$300 million depending on the bank's asset build up.

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The offering, which could potentially be launched by second quarter or beyond, may offer green or sustainable financial instruments, he said."

We confirm that the Bank is planning a bond issuance and would like to clarify that as we have not started the process yet, the information mentioned above are still under discussion. The mentioned issue size of \$300 million is an approximation on what is the minimum benchmark size in international markets on such issuances.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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