



Republic of the Philippines
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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SEC STATEMENT REGARDING BWRC SETTLEMENT OFFERS BY BROKER FIRMS

The Commission wishes to announce to the public that the following broker firms have entered into settlement agreements with the Commission. This release is in compliance with Section 55.3. – Settlement Offers – Republic Act No. 8799, otherwise known as the Securities Regulation Code (SRC), which states that “[a]ny agreement to settle shall have no legal effect until publicly disclosed.” The broker firms are the following:

A & A Securities

A.T. de Castro Securities

AAA Southeast Equities

Abacus Securities

ABN-AMRO

All Asia Securities

Angping Securities Inc.

Ansaldo, Godinez & Co, Inc.

Armstrong Securities

Asiasec Equities, Inc.

ATR-Kim Eng Securities

Aurora Securities

BA Securities

BH Chua Securities

Belson Securities

Bernad Securities

Citisecurities, Inc.

DBP-Daiwa Securities
DBS Vickers Securities
E.Chua Chiacco
Eagle Equities, Inc.
Eastern Securities Dev. Corp.
Equitiworld
Evergreen Stock Brokerage
F.Yap Securities
FEB Stock Brokers, Inc.
Fidelity Securities
First Orient Securities
Globalinks Securities
Goldstar Securities
Guild Securities
Guoco Securities, Inc.
HDI Securities
Highland Securities
I.B. Gimenez
IGC Securities
Jaka Securities
JP Morgan
JSG Securities
Keppel Securities
KGJ Securities (Phils)
Larrgo Securities
Lopez, Locsin, Ledesma & Co., Inc.
Luys Securities
Mandarin Securities
Mark Securities

MDR Securities, Inc.
Meridian
Mt. Peak
Multi-grade Securities Corp.
New World Securities
OCBC Securities
Orion-Squire Capital, Inc.
Pan Asia Securities
PCCI Securities Brokers
PNB Securities, Inc.
Premium Securities
Pryce Securities
Quality Investment
R. Nubla Securities
R. S. Lim & Co., Inc.
R. Coyuito Securities
Securities 2000
Sincere Securities (Cathay)
Solar Securities
Strategic Equities Corp.
Summit Securities
Sun Hung Kai Securities
Tansengco
TransAsia
Triton Securities
UCPB Securities
Wealth Securities
Wincorp Securities
Wise Securities

The total settlement offer amounted to eleven million four hundred twenty six thousand five hundred pesos (Php. 11,426,500.00) and settles the administrative charges brought forth by the Commission against various brokers for alleged violations of marking the close, wash sales, match orders, done thru, advancing the bids, order ticket rule, among others, in connection with the BWRC stock transaction.

Without admitting guilt or liability, the brokers proposed settlement offers in order to avoid protracted litigations and to buy peace with the Commission. The brokers offer of settlement was accepted without passing judgment on the guilt of the brokers, which is a procedure allowed under the SRC. The Commission wishes to emphasize that the settlement offers do not affect the criminal cases filed before the Department of Justice against some brokers. The Commission did not press for an admission of wrongdoing in part because of the criminal cases filed against some of the firms. Admission of guilt would in essence have been a prejudgment of the criminal cases.

In view of the settlement offers the Commission has dismissed and terminated its administrative proceedings and investigations on the aforementioned brokers. While the Commission was lenient in the imposition of sanctions due to the financial difficulties of the broker firms arising from the weak market, in the future, it will impose heavier penalties.