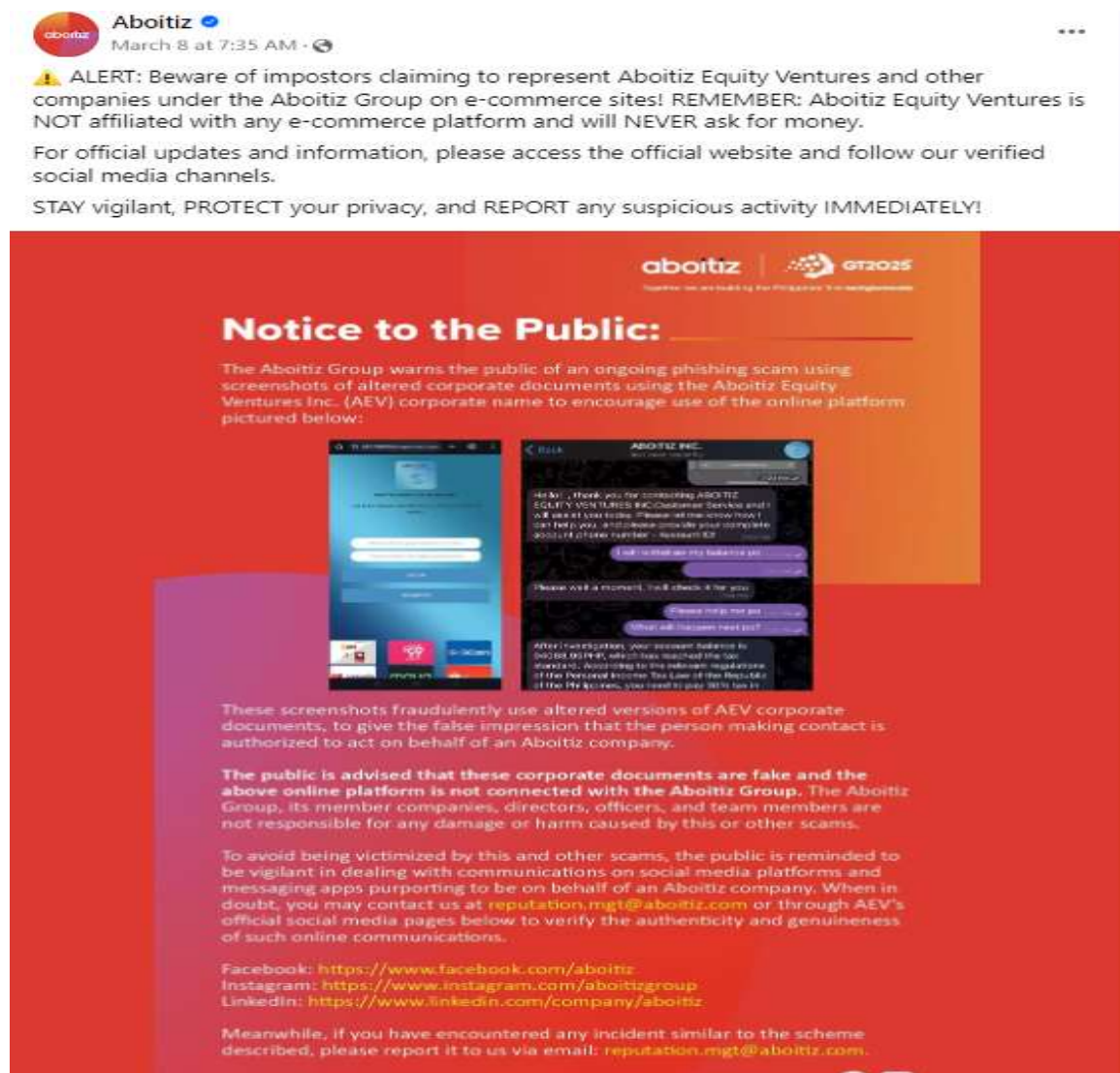


## ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTOR PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

### SEC ADVISORY

This is to inform the public that a certain entity usurping the name **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC** is engaged in **Tasking and Recharging Scheme**, enticing the public to invest their money with a promise of high monetary rewards or profits. Based on verification conducted, the **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC**, subject of this SEC Advisory is **NOT IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OR CONNECTED WITH THE LISTED COMPANY, ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC. (AEV)**,

The legitimate company **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURE, INC. (AEV)**, already issued and posted on their social media pages a Notice to the Public against subject entity, to wit:



**Aboitiz** •  
March 8 at 7:35 AM •

⚠️ **ALERT:** Beware of impostors claiming to represent Aboitiz Equity Ventures and other companies under the Aboitiz Group on e-commerce sites! **REMEMBER:** Aboitiz Equity Ventures is **NOT** affiliated with any e-commerce platform and will **NEVER** ask for money.


For official updates and information, please access the official website and follow our verified social media channels.

**STAY vigilant, PROTECT your privacy, and REPORT any suspicious activity IMMEDIATELY!**

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### Notice to the Public:

The Aboitiz Group warns the public of an ongoing phishing scam using screenshots of altered corporate documents using the Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV) corporate name to encourage use of the online platform pictured below:



These screenshots fraudulently use altered versions of AEV corporate documents, to give the false impression that the person making contact is authorized to act on behalf of an Aboitiz company.

The public is advised that these corporate documents are fake and the above online platform is not connected with the Aboitiz Group. The Aboitiz Group, its member companies, directors, officers, and team members are not responsible for any damage or harm caused by this or other scams.

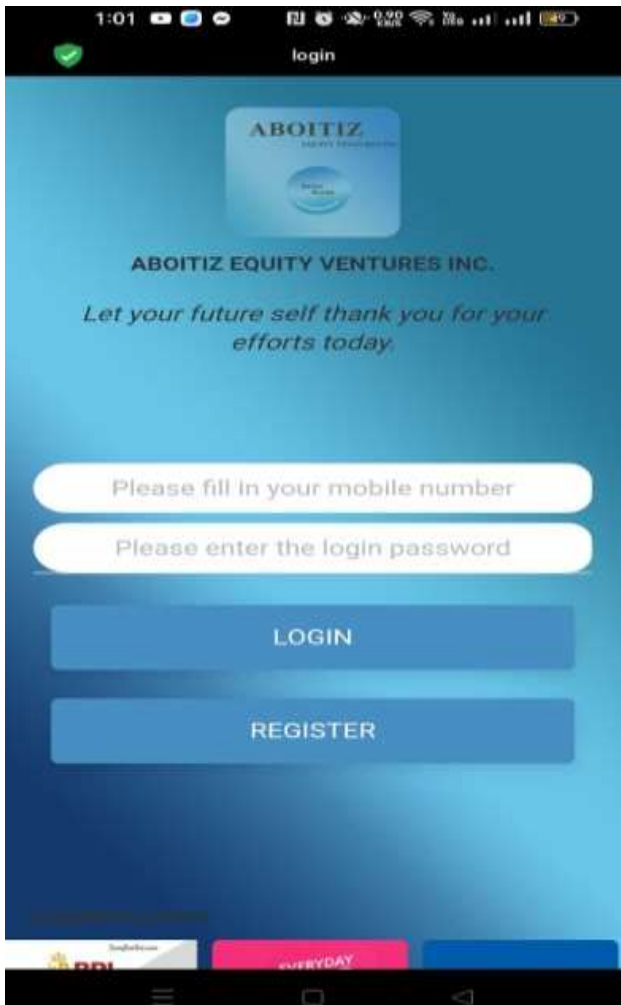
To avoid being victimized by this and other scams, the public is reminded to be vigilant in dealing with communications on social media platforms and messaging apps purporting to be on behalf of an Aboitiz company. When in doubt, you may contact us at [reputation.mgt@aboitiz.com](mailto:reputation.mgt@aboitiz.com) or through AEV's official social media pages below to verify the authenticity and genuineness of such online communications.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aboitiz>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/aboitizgroup>  
LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aboitiz>

Meanwhile, if you have encountered any incident similar to the scheme described, please report it to us via email: [reputation.mgt@aboitiz.com](mailto:reputation.mgt@aboitiz.com).



This Advisory is prompted by inquiries, reports and information received by the Commission that certain individuals or group of persons are using the company name of **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC** in a Tasking and Recharging Scheme/Platform to scam or to defraud potential victims thru its online platform which can be found at [http://www.685118689.shop/index/user/register/invite\\_code/F2NH3J.html](http://www.685118689.shop/index/user/register/invite_code/F2NH3J.html).



The dummy **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC** offers to the public purported online jobs through their e-commerce platform by accomplishing certain tasks with a promise of receiving monetary rewards or what they call commissions and once the task is completed, the member will be given another task to perform for the same promise of receiving higher commissions where additional funding or recharging from the victim is necessary to withdraw their earnings.

Notably, Tasking and Recharging Scheme involves the offering and sale of securities in the form of “investment contracts” as defined under Section 3.1 of the Securities Regulation Code. An investment contract exists in Tasking and Recharging



Scheme as there is an investment or placement of money in a common enterprise with a reasonable expectation of profits to be derived from the efforts of others.

As such, the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) requires that said offer and sale of securities must be duly registered with the Commission and that the concerned entity and/or its agents should have the appropriate registration and/or license to sell such securities to the public. Further, Tasking and Recharging Scheme, has the characteristics of a “Ponzi Scheme” where monies from new investors are used in paying “fake profits” to prior investors and is designed mainly to favor its top recruiters and prior risk takers and is detrimental to subsequent members in case of scarcity of new investors.

The public is hereby advised to exercise caution in dealing with any individual or group of persons soliciting investments for and on behalf of **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.** The public is further advised **NOT TO INVEST or to STOP INVESTING** in the investment scheme being offered by the subject entity or its representatives.

Finally, the Financial Products and Services Consumer Protection Act (FCPA) also prohibits investment fraud which is defined under the law as any form of deceptive solicitation of investments from the public which includes Ponzi Schemes and such other schemes involving the promise or offer of profits or returns sourced from the investments or contribution made by the investors themselves and the offering or selling of investment schemes to the public without a license or permit from the SEC.

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers or agents, representatives, promoters, recruiters, uplines, influencers, endorsers, abettors and enablers of **ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES INC.**, soliciting or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by the said entity including soliciting investments or recruiting investors through the internet may be held criminally liable under Section 11 of the FCPA and Section 28 of the SRC where both violations are separately penalized with a maximum fine of Five Million Pesos (Php5,000,000.00) or imprisonment of Twenty One (21) years or both pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC (SEC vs. Oudine Santos, G.R. No. 195542, 19 March 2014).

Furthermore, the names of all those involved will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) so that the appropriate penalties and/or taxes be correspondingly assessed.

Should you have any information regarding the operation of the subject entity, please send your reports to the email of the Enforcement and Investor Protection Department (EIPD) at [epd@sec.gov.ph](mailto:epd@sec.gov.ph) or you may visit the EIPD at the 9/F, The SEC Headquarters, 7907 Makati Avenue, Salcedo Village, Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City. For the information and guidance of the public.

Makati City, 14 May 2024