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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-A, AS AMENDED

# ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SECTION 141 OF THE CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

1. For the fiscal year ended

Dec 31, 2016

2. SEC Identification Number

ASO93-005277

3. BIR Tax Identification No.

002-648-099-000

4. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

LBC EXPRESS HOLDINGS, INC. (formerly Federal Resources Investment Group Inc.)

- 5. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization Philippines
- 6. Industry Classification Code(SEC Use Only)
- 7. Address of principal office

LBC Hangar, General Aviation Centre, Domestic Airport Road, Pasay City, Metro Manila Postal Code 1300

8. Issuer's telephone number, including area code (632) 856-8510

- Former name or former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report
   Federal Resources Investment Group Inc.; No. 35 San Antonio Street, San Francisco Del Monte, Quezon City
- 10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding
Common Shares	1,425,865,471

- 11. Are any or all of registrant's securities listed on a Stock Exchange?
  - Yes
    No

If yes, state the name of such stock exchange and the classes of securities listed therein: Philippine Stock Exchange / Common Shares

12. Check whether the issuer:

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thereunder or Section 11 of the RSA and RSA Rule 11(a)-1 thereunder, and Sections 26 and 141 of The Corporation Code of the Philippines during the preceding twelve (12) months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports)							
Yes No							
(b) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past ninety (90) days							
<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>							
13. State the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant. The aggregate market value shall be computed by reference to the price at which the stock was sold, or the average bid and asked prices of such stock, as of a specified date within sixty (60) days prior to the date of filing. If a determination as to whether a particular person or entity is an affiliate cannot be made without involving unreasonable effort and expense, the aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates may be calculated on the basis of assumptions reasonable under the circumstances, provided the assumptions are set forth in this Form							
3,293,949,698							
APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN INSOLVENCY SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS							
14. Check whether the issuer has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 17 of the Code subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court or the Commission.							
○ Yes   No							
DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE							
15. If any of the following documents are incorporated by reference, briefly describe them and identify the part of SEC Form 17-A into which the document is incorporated:							
(a) Any annual report to security holders							
2016 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements							
(b) Any information statement filed pursuant to SRC Rule 20							
(c) Any prospectus filed pursuant to SRC Rule 8.1							

The Exchange does not warrant and holds no responsibility for the veracity of the facts and representations contained in all corporate disclosures, including financial reports. All data contained herein are prepared and submitted by the disclosing party to the Exchange, and are disseminated solely for purposes of information. Any questions on the data contained herein should be addressed directly to the Corporate Information Officer of the disclosing party.

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# LBC Express Holdings, Inc. LBC

# PSE Disclosure Form 17-1 - Annual Report References: SRC Rule 17 and Sections 17.2 and 17.8 of the Revised Disclosure Rules

For the fiscal year ended	Dec 31, 2016	
Currency (indicate units, if applicable)	PHP	

# **Balance Sheet**

	Year Ending	Previous Year Ending
	Dec 31, 2016	Dec 31, 2015
Current Assets	4,601,535,737	4,210,513,113
Total Assets	6,737,237,682	5,959,895,862
Current Liabilities	2,752,998,165	3,572,664,687
Total Liabilities	4,274,244,667	4,332,194,655
Retained Earnings/(Deficit)	782,414,079	174,498,871
Stockholders' Equity	2,462,993,015	1,627,701,207
Stockholders' Equity - Parent	2,513,956,952	1,668,775,492
Book Value per Share	1.73	1.14

# Income Statement

	Year Ending	Previous Year Ending				
	Dec 31, 2016	Dec 31, 2015				
Operating Revenue	8,695,402,622	7,686,474,464				
Other Revenue	156,499,992	111,097,600				
Gross Revenue	8,851,902,614	7,797,572,064				
Operating Expense	7,463,318,286	7,067,324,457				
Other Expense	63,493,537	43,314,537				
Gross Expense	7,526,811,823	7,110,638,994				
Net Income/(Loss) Before Tax	1,325,090,791	686,933,070				
Income Tax Expense	411,150,046	270,632,174				
Net Income/(Loss) After Tax	913,940,745	416,300,896				
Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to Parent Equity Holder	921,605,612	439,811,552				

Earnings/(Loss) Per Share (Basic)	0.65	0.29
Earnings/(Loss) Per Share (Diluted)	0.65	0.29

# **Financial Ratios**

	Farmania	Fiscal Year Ended	Previous Fiscal Year			
	Formula	Dec 31, 2016	Dec 31, 2015			
Liquidity Analysis Ratios:	·					
Current Ratio or Working Capital Ratio	Current Assets / Current Liabilities	1.67	1.18			
Quick Ratio	(Current Assets - Inventory - Prepayments) / Current Liabilities	1.53	1.05			
Solvency Ratio	Total Assets / Total Liabilities	1.58	1.38			
Financial Leverage Ratios						
Debt Ratio	Total Debt/Total Assets	0.63	0.73			
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	Total Debt/Total Stockholders' Equity	1.74	2.66			
Interest Coverage	Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EBIT) / Interest Charges	22.68	17.44			
Asset to Equity Ratio	Total Assets / Total Stockholders' Equity	2.74	3.66			
Profitability Ratios	·		·			
Gross Profit Margin	Sales - Cost of Goods Sold or Cost of Service / Sales	36%	33%			
Net Profit Margin	Net Profit / Sales	11%	5%			
Return on Assets	Net Income / Total Assets	14%	7%			
Return on Equity	Net Income / Total Stockholders' Equity	37%	26%			
Price/Earnings Ratio	Price Per Share / Earnings Per Common Share	24.43	41.38			

# **Other Relevant Information**

Please find attached the annual report (SEC 17-A) of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

# Filed on behalf by:

Name	Mahleene Go
Designation	Assistant Corporate Secretary, Corporate Information Officer and Compliance Officer

# **COVER SHEET**

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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10. Securities registered pursuant to Section 8 and 12 of the SRC, or Sec. 4 and 8 of the RSA

As of December 31, 2016:

Title of each class
Common Shares

Number of shares issued and outstanding
1,425,865,471

11. Are any or all of these securities listed on a Stock Exchange? Yes (x) No ()

Name of Stock Exchange: Philippine Stock Exchange

Class of securities listed: Common Shares<sup>2</sup>

#### 12. Check whether the issuer:

a) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 17 of the SRC and SRC Rule 17 thereunder or Section 11 of the RSA and RSA Rule 11(a)-1 thereunder, and Sections 26 and 141 of the

<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of 1,388,357,471 common shares which are exempt from registration.

The remaining 1,384,966,471 are subject of listing applications filed with the Philippine Stock Exchange.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As of December 31, 2016, 40,899,000 common shares have been listed with the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Corporation Code of the Philippines during the preceding twelve (12) months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports):

$$Yes(x)$$
 No()

b) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past ninety (90) days.

Yes(x) No()

13. Aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates is **P3,293,949,698 as of March 31**, 2017.<sup>3</sup>

# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

- 14. Briefly describe documents incorporated by reference and identify the part of the SEC Form 17-A into which the document is incorporated:
  - (a) <u>2016 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements</u> (incorporated as reference for items 6, 7 and 12 of SEC Form 17-A)
  - (b) <u>Annual Corporate Governance Report, including annual updates thereto</u> (incorporated as reference for Part IV of SEC Form 17-A)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Inclusive of common shares with pending listing applications.

Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, all references to the "Company" are to LBC Express Holdings, Inc., (LBCEH) its subsidiary LBC Express, Inc. (LBC Express) and the subsidiaries of the latter on a consolidated basis. However, references to the "Company", when used in the context prior to the corporate reorganization, are to Federal Resources Investment Group, Inc.

For purposes of presenting the financial condition of the Company, the Company has applied the reverse acquisition method of accounting in view of LBC Express Holdings, Inc.'s acquisition of LBC Express, Inc. whereby LBC Express Holdings, Inc. is treated as the accounting acquire. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements of LBC Express Holdings, Inc. have been prepared as a continuation of consolidated financial statements of LBC Express, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

# PART I - BUSINESS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

# Item 1. BUSINESS

# **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

# CORPORATE REORGANIZATION

The Company was incorporated and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as "Federal Chemicals, Inc." on July 12, 1993. At the time, the Company was principally engaged in the business of manufacturing various adhesives and sealants and other chemicals for hardware, construction, do-it-yourself and industrial applications. The Company has been a publicly-listed company since December 21, 2001, and was traded under the ticker symbol "FED" on the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

On September 28, 2007, the change in corporate name from Federal Chemicals, Inc. to Federal Resources Investment Group, Inc. as well as the change in the primary purpose of the Company to that of a holding company was approved by the SEC.

On April 23, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the issuance of 59,101,000 common shares, at ₱1.00 per share, out of the unissued portion of the Company's authorized capital stock to LBC Development Corporation, subject to acceptable documentation being arrived at, as well as the fulfillment of such conditions agreed upon by the parties, including a mandatory tender offer, where required under relevant laws and regulations.

The Company needed to raise additional capital through the issuance of new shares out of the unissued portion of the Company's authorized capital stock for general corporate purposes. Further, such infusion was preparatory to a potential additional investment of LBC Development Corporation into the Company as a result of the ongoing due diligence on the Company.

On May 18, 2015, the Company and LBC Development Corporation entered into a Deed of Subscription, whereby LBC Development Corporation, subject to the completion of the mandatory tender offer, subscribed to 59,101,000 common shares out of the unissued authorized capital stock of the Company or 59.10% of the authorized capital stock of the Company. The consideration for the subscribed shares was ₱59,101,000 or ₱1.00 per share.

On May 22, 2015, LBC Development Corporation filed with the SEC its mandatory tender offer report for all the outstanding shares of the Company for a tender offer price of ₱1.00 per share. The mandatory tender offer period commenced on June 8, 2015 and ended on July 7, 2015. On July 14, 2015, LBC Development Corporation filed with the SEC its final tender offer report.

On July 22, 2015, the Company issued the stock certificates covering the subscribed shares to LBC Development Corporation.

On 29 July 2015 and in consonance with such change in control, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the acquisition by the Company of all the outstanding shares of stock of LBC Express, Inc., at the time a wholly-owned subsidiary of LBC Development Corporation, at the book value of not less than P1 billion. The Board also approved the following:

- (i) increase in the authorized capital stock of the Company from ₱100 million to up to ₱3 billion:
- (ii) the issuance of shares out of the increase in authorized capital stock or out of the unissued capital stock to LBC Development Corporation and/or to other investors and/or third parties for the purpose of (a) funding the acquisition by the Company of all the outstanding shares of stock of LBC Express, Inc.; (b) funding the acquisition of other potential investments, whether or not related to the business of LBC Express, Inc.; and (c) ensuring compliance by the Company with the minimum public ownership requirements of the PSE;
- (iii) the change in the name of the Company to "LBC Express Holdings, Inc."; and
- (iv) the change of the trading symbol "FED" to "LBC".

On 4 September 2015, the stockholders of the Company approved all of the foregoing matters.

On 18 September 2015, pursuant to the authority to issue shares out of the increase in authorized capital stock or out of the unissued capital stock to LBC Development Corporation, the Company and LBC Development Corporation entered into Subscription Agreements, whereby LBC Development Corporation subscribed to, and the Company agreed to issue, 1,146,873,632 additional Common Shares at a subscription price of \$\mathbb{P}1.00\$ per share or an aggregate subscription price of \$\mathbb{P}1,146,873,632\$ (the **Additional Subscriptions**), consisting of 475,000,000 shares issued from the increase in the authorized capital stock of the Company and 671,873,632 shares issued out of the authorized and unissued capital stock of the Company, following the approval by the SEC of the increase in the authorized capital stock of the Company from \$\mathbb{P}100,000,000,000.00 divided into 100,000,000 Common Shares with par value of \$\mathbb{P}1.00\$ per Share, to \$\mathbb{P}2,000,000,000.00 divided into 2,000,000,000 Common Shares with par value of \$\mathbb{P}1.00\$ per Share. Notices of exemption for the Additional Subscriptions were filed with the SEC on October 13, 2015.

On September 24, 2015, the Company purchased from LBC Development Corporation a total of 1,041,180,493 shares of stock in LBC Express, Inc. for an aggregate purchase price of ₱1,384,670,966.

On 2 October 2015, the Company entered into Subscription Agreements with each of Vittorio P. Lim, Mariano D. Martinez, Jr., and Lowell L. Yu (collectively, the **Subscribers**), wherein subject to the approval by the SEC of the Capital Increase, the Subscribers agreed to subscribe, and the Company agreed to issue, a total of 178,991,839 Common Shares of the Company at the par value of ₱1.00 per share or an aggregate subscription price of ₱178,991,839.00 out of the authorized and unissued capital stock of the Company. The foregoing subscription was undertaken to ensure compliance by the Company with the PSE Minimum Public Ownership requirement of at least 10% of the outstanding capital stock of the Company. A notice of exemption for the subscription was filed with the SEC on October 13, 2015.

# Involvement in Bankruptcy or Receivership Proceedings

As of the end of December 2016, the Company was not involved in any bankruptcy, receivership or any similar proceedings.

Material Reclassification, Merger, Consolidation or Purchase of Sale of a Significant Amount of Assets (not in the ordinary course of business)

On 24 September 2015, the LBCEH purchased from LBC Development Corporation a total of 1,041,180,493 shares of stock in LBC Express for an aggregate purchase price of ₱1,384,670,966.

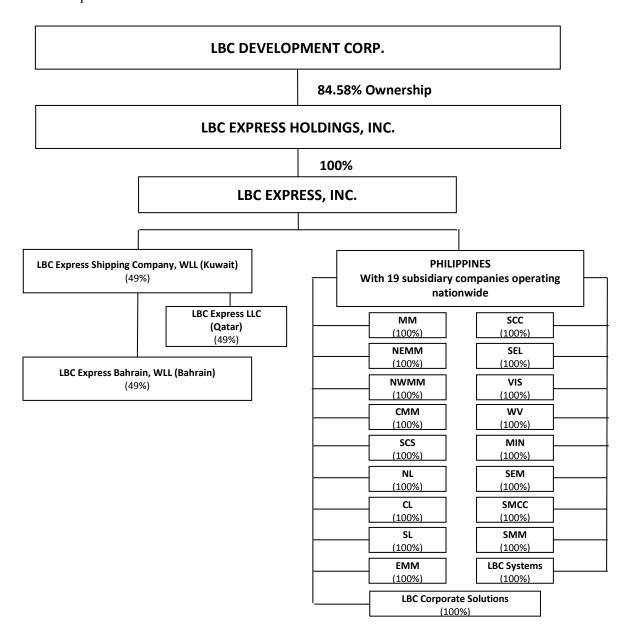
# LBC HISTORY

LBC Express was initially founded in 1950s as "Luzon Brokerage Corporation." It subsequently changed its name to "LBC Air Cargo, Inc." and operated as a brokerage and air cargo agent. A few years after incorporation, LBC Express evolved into an express delivery service, becoming the first Filipino-owned private courier company to provide time-sensitive deliveries in the Philippines and offer customers an alternative to the Government-owned and operated postal service. In 1973, LBC Express pioneered 24-hour door-to-door express delivery and messengerial services in the Philippines, providing greater convenience to its existing customers and further expanding its market share. LBC Express' name was formally changed to "LBC Express, Inc." on April 26, 1988 to reflect the express delivery services that had come to form its hallmark business. In the 1990s, LBC Express adopted the slogan "Hari ng Padala", or Tagalog for "King of Forwarding Services." LBC Express has now become the market leader in the Philippine domestic air freight forwarding market and, for the year ended November 30, 2012, had a market share of 41.8% of the domestic air freight forwarding industry in terms of throughput by weight, according to data from the CAB. While LBC Express' logistics business still primarily comprises retail express courier and freight forwarding services, it has also expanded its product mix to offer services targeted at corporate customers, including full container load and less-than-container load sea freight forwarding and end-to-end logistics solutions.

In the early 1980s, LBC Express entered into the domestic remittance business, leveraging the existing branch network of its logistics business as customer contact points for remittance acceptance and fulfillment, growing this business at low marginal cost. Beginning in 1999, LBC Express expanded its money transfer services segment by offering bill payment collection services in the Philippines by serving as a third party collection agent for various vendors throughout the Philippines. In 2006, LBC Express also began providing corporate remittance fulfillment services, such as payouts of government Social Security System benefits, payroll and insurance benefits on behalf of third parties, as well as remittance encashments for customers of its local remittance partner, Palawan Pawnshop.

LBC Express commenced its international money transfer operations in 1987 by establishing relationships with agents and affiliates in the United States and steadily expanding its network elsewhere globally to provide fulfillment services for inbound international remittances. LBC Express later leveraged the network of its overseas affiliates to expand its Logistics business internationally as well. Today, LBC Express provides courier and freight forwarding services in 22 countries and territories outside of the Philippines and fulfillment services for inbound remittances originating from over 30 countries and territories outside the Philippines, including the United States, Canada, the Asia Pacific region, Europe and the Middle East.

The following diagram illustrates the operating ownership structure of the Company as of the date of this Report:



The 19 subsidiaries of the Company which are incorporated in the Philippines are involved in logistics and money remittance operations while the entities incorporated in Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar are involved in logistics activities only.

Except for LBC Express - SMCC, Inc. and LBC Express - SMM, Inc., the principal offices of the 17 other subsidiaries named above are located in the General Aviation Center, Domestic Road, Pasay City. The principal office of LBC Express - SMCC is located in Door No. 7, Yabon Building, Darimco Silawy, Dadiangas West, General Santos City, while the principal office address of LBC Express - SMM, Inc. is located at the 3rd Floor Sycamore Centre, Alabang Zapote Road, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

# **BUSINESS**

# **SERVICES**

The Company's business comprises two primary segments: (a) logistics; and (b) money transfer services.

The table below presents the components of the Company's revenue associated with its business segments for the periods indicated.

	For the years ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014		
		(P in millions)			
Logistics					
Retail	4,964.0	4,091.3	3,673.6		
Corporate	2,557.9	2,199.0	1,968.3		
	7,521.9	6,290.3	5,641.9		
Money Transfer Services					
Domestic <sup>(1)</sup>	1,058.4	1,186.9	1,317.3		
International Inbound <sup>(2)</sup>	115.1	209.3	97.0		
_	1,173.5	1,396.2	1,414.3		
Total Service Revenue	8,695.4	7,686.5	7,056.2		

Notes:

As of December 31, 2016, the logistics business of the Company account for approximately 86.5% of its total revenues while money transfer services account for the remaining 13.5%.

# Logistics

The logistics business is the Company's primary source of revenue. The Company serves two primary customer segments within the logistics business: (a) retail customers; and (b) corporate customers. The main services offered to retail customers include courier, air cargo forwarding and balikbayan boxes services. The main services offered to corporate clients include, in addition to courier and freight forwarding services, specialized corporate solutions, or corporate logistics services tailored to the specific needs of the client.

# Retail Logistics

Retail Logistics comprised 66%, 65% and 65%, respectively, of the Company's service revenue from Logistics for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014. The Company's primary retail logistics offerings are its "Express" products (comprising courier and air cargo forwarding) and balikbayan boxes.

# Courier

Courier services are the Company's express messengerial services and refer to deliveries of parcels (i.e. letters and small packages typically weighing three kilograms or less) by land and/or air on a time-sensitive basis. The Company generally makes domestic courier deliveries within 24 hours of acceptance and international courier deliveries within one to three days of acceptance, depending on the origin and destination country. The Company is limited in liability for delays caused by certain *force majeure* and other events that may prevent it from making an on-time delivery. The fees for courier services are based on weight, dimensions and final destination, and the Company

<sup>(1)</sup> Comprises fee income from domestic remittances and bills payment collection services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Comprises fee income from international inbound remittances.

imposes add-on charges for extra services such as pick-up in certain areas outside of the National Capital Region of the Philippines, additional insurance and same-day delivery service.

# Air Cargo

Cargo refers to larger packages and boxes (typically weighing over three kilograms). As with courier services, the Company generally makes express deliveries of domestic air cargo within 24 hours of acceptance, while international air cargo is generally delivered within one to three days of acceptance, depending on the destination country. The Company charges for air cargo forwarding and items delivered by ground based on volumetric weight (a function of both the actual weight and dimensions of the cargo) and final destination, as well as add-on charges for extra services such as pick-up in certain areas, additional insurance and same-day delivery service.

# Balikbayan Boxes

The balikbayan box is a box shipment of personal effects cargo sent by retail customers to friends and family domestically and internationally. Balikbayan boxes are forwarded by the Company by way of sea transport and generally delivered within 35 days of acceptance from the sender, subject to *force majeure* and other unforeseen events. Because the Company charges for sea freight forwarding based on standard dimensions of the box rather than weight, balikbayan boxes provide a low cost option to customers making shipments of various items. They are also a means for customers to ship certain items that cannot be shipped by air, such as liquids and aerosols. Accordingly, balikbayan boxes are frequently used by overseas Filipino works to send large numbers or volumes of consumer products, such as clothing, home goods and personal care items, to recipients in the Philippines. Balikbayan boxes come in a variety of dimensions and typically weigh between 30 to 80 kilograms.

# Corporate Logistics

The Company provides services to a varied portfolio of corporate clients, which include consumer goods manufacturers, food products producers, pharmaceutical companies, educational institutions, financial services companies and others, including several well-known multinational corporations. In addition to fulfilling the express delivery needs of corporate clients through courier and air cargo forwarding services, the Company also provides the following services:

# Specialized Corporate Solutions (SCS)

SCS refers to the end-to-end tailored logistics services provided by the Company to corporate clients with specific requirements.

As part of SCS, the Company provides transportation of mail, parcels and cargo via air, land and sea. The Company offers sea freight forwarding services domestically for both full container load (FCL) and less-than-container load (LCL) shipments. LCL services are particularly attractive for small and medium-sized businesses with relatively lower volume shipping requirements. Corporate clients have the option of dropping off their shipments at the Company's container freight stations located near local ports or requesting a pick-up from the Company. The Company also offers flexible payments modes, including payment at origin, payment at destination, payment on account of shipper, and payment on account of consignee. Shipping times for sea freight are more protracted than for air freight, ranging from three to seven days for domestic shipments and seven to 35 days for international shipments. In recent years, the volume of sea freight forwarding services provided by the Company has increased due to the growth in its corporate client portfolio.

The Company also expanded SCS to include value-added services such as onsite operations, warehousing and print solutions. The palette of available onsite operations includes warehouse

storage, cross-docking (the temporary storage of arriving order and subsequent breaking-down and reassembly for truck delivery), inventory management, reverse logistics, pick-up of pallets and containers, order fulfillment services at the customer's own warehouse, specialized packaging and re-packaging (such as ice gelling for pharmaceutical products), open-checking services, cash on delivery (collection of value of item from consignee upon delivery and remittance of value to shipper) and delivery and discrepancy reporting, among others, which are in addition to its customary courier and freight forwarding services.

The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary LBC Express Corporate Solutions, Inc., offers Print and Mail Solutions. This involves end-to-end solutions for clients' mailing and printing requirements, including the printing, envelope-stuffing and delivery of invoices, notices, advertisements, direct mail and other bulk mail as well as the issuance of proof-of-delivery reports. Other potential services include full color variable printing, transpromo printing (the combination of personalized materials with transactional printing to make use of transactional documents as a medium for advertisements), book printing, as well as the printing and delivery of documents, passports, visas, account statements and credit cards. Clients who make use of the Company's Print and Mail Solutions include financial institutions, retailers, utilities companies and others.

The Company performs services for corporate clients both pursuant to long-term contracts and on a per-transaction basis. Print and Mail and SCS contracts typically have terms of one to three years. The Company extends credit facilities to most of its corporate clients, following a standard credit check procedure when first engaging a new client.

In recent years, the Company has increased its focus on the corporate logistics business and aims to continue expanding its corporate client portfolio and service offerings going forward.

# **Money Transfer Services**

Money transfer services are the Company's second primary business segment and comprise both domestic and international money transfer services. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, revenues from Money Transfer Services were ₱1,173.5 million, ₱1,396.2 million and ₱1,414.3 million, representing 13%, 18% and 20% respectively, of the Company's overall service revenue.

# Domestic

Domestic money transfer services include (a) remittances and (b) bills payment collection and corporate remittance payout services. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, service fees from domestic Money Transfer Services were ₱1,058.4 million, ₱1,186.9 million and ₱1,317.3 million, representing 90%, 85% and 93%, respectively, of the Company's total service revenues from Money Transfer Services.

## Remittances

Remittances are transfers of funds between customers from one location to another. The Company is licensed by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to serve as a remittance agent in the Philippines for both domestic remittances (wherein both the sender and the beneficiary are located within the Philippines) and international inbound remittances (wherein the sender is located outside the Philippines and the beneficiary is located within the Philippines). Retail customers in the Philippines, particularly the unbanked population and others who are underserved by traditional banking institutions, account for the majority of the Company's domestic remittance customers. The Company offers domestic remittance services in the form of (a) branch retail remittance services; (b) pre-paid remittance cards; and (c) online and mobile remit.

- *Branch retail services* enable customers who make remittances at any Company-owned branch in the Philippines to choose among the following fulfillment options for their beneficiaries:
  - *Instant branch pick-up*, a real-time cash pick-up remittance facility in which funds become instantaneously available for pick-up by the remitter's beneficiary once the sending party has made the payment at a Company-owned branch; the sending party can designate any pick-up location or geographic zone within the Company's domestic network (including both Company-owned branches and branches of its partner, Palawan Pawnshop);
  - Pesopak, a service by which remittances are delivered directly to the beneficiary's
    doorstep, providing an attractive option for situations in which beneficiaries cannot or do
    not want to visit a branch; the Company offers next day delivery for Pesopak in almost all
    areas in the Philippines; and
  - *Remit-to-account*, a service by which funds accepted from a sender at a Company branch will be directly deposited to the designated local bank account of the beneficiary.
- Prepaid remittance cards are debit cards powered by VISA and issued by local banking institutions with whom the Company has agreements, including RCBC, Philippine Veterans Bank and Union Bank of the Philippines. Through pre-paid remittance cards, senders can purchase a card on behalf of the beneficiary and reload the card instantly at any of the Company's branches or agent-operated locations. The beneficiary is then able to use the funds at any location where VISA cards are accepted.
- Mobile and online remit services function in a similar manner as pre-paid phone cards. A customer can purchase a card with a confirmation code, which can then be texted to a beneficiary or entered online at the Company's website. For mobile remit, the beneficiary can then bring the code to the branch location to encash the funds. For online remit, the sender can choose any of the fulfillment options available through branch services (i.e. instant branch pick-up, Pesopak and remit-to-account) for the beneficiary. Mobile and online remit codes are sold in nearly 5,000 locations throughout the Philippines, including the Company's branches, supermarkets and other retailers.

The Company charges a service fee for processing domestic remittances according to a progressive schedule based on the value of the remittance. Fees may also vary depending on the chosen method of fulfillment. For example, remit-to-account and Pesopak deliveries may incur additional service charges. The significant majority of remittances made by customers of the Company are for sums equivalent to approximately \$\mathbb{P}\$13,000 or less.

# Bills Payment Collection and Corporate Remittance Payouts

The Company serves as a third party bills payment collection sub-agent for various creditors in the Philippines, including major utilities companies, insurance companies, certain Government agencies, telecom providers and publishers, among others, through its contract with CIS Bayad Center, Inc. (**Bayad**). Through the Company's bills payment collection service, customers of these merchants and other creditors can settle their accounts by submitting their payment along with the billing notice issued by the merchant to any Company-owned branch in the Philippines. The Company processes bills payment collections through the same integrated point-of-sale (**POS**) system used by the Company for acceptance of parcels, cargo and remittances.

The Company also provides payout services for various corporations and organizations. For example, beneficiaries of the Philippine Social Security System, as well as private insurance carriers with whom the Company has contracted, can collect their benefits at a Company-owned branch. Likewise, the Company provides payroll services for certain companies, whereby

employees can collect salary checks at a branch office. As part of its reciprocal agreement with Palawan Pawnshop, the Company also provides encashment services for beneficiaries of senders who make a remittance at a Palawan Pawnshop branch.

#### International

The Company provides fulfillment services for international inbound remittances from over 16 countries and territories overseas (as of November 30, 2016) to the Philippines through its overseas branches and affiliates and its network of international remittance agents.

To expand its international reach, LBC Express, Inc. has also entered into agreements with affiliates and remittance fulfillment agents in a dozen countries and territories outside of the Philippines. These agents include international remittance houses such as Money Exchange in Spain; Al Ghurair Exchange, Al Falah Exchange and Speed Remit in the United Arab Emirates; TML Remittance Center and Placid Express in Malaysia; Far East Express and RJ Mart in Taiwan; and Manila Trading in Australia, among others, as well as Philippine financial institutions with strong international presence such as Metrobank, Land Bank of the Philippines and RCBC. Through the extended networks of its agents, the Company provided fulfillment services for inbound remittances, although the it transacts only with its direct agents. Under the terms of the fulfillment partnership agreements that the Company enters into, direct agents are permitted only limited use of the "LBC" name, trademarks and other protected signs when transacting business on behalf of the Company and still carrying on business under their own corporate and trade names. The Company receives a fixed percentage of the agent's revenues in exchange for its services in relation to inbound international remittances. The Company requires most of its remittance agents to maintain a revolving fund for advance funding cover, which must be replenished when the balance falls beneath a set threshold. This is to ensure that the Company bears minimal credit risk when making payouts on behalf of international agents. In addition, most of the agreements have in place a maximum remittance value per transaction as a further risk mitigation tool, typically ranging from ₱75,000 to ₱100,000.

The basic process for domestic remittances is as follows:

- Remittances from origins are accepted via point-of-sale system. Encashment branch will check the possible match using the Auto-Scrubbing Process (Sender and Beneficiary names are checked against the International Sanctions List) and ensure the validity of transaction. Data processing will be performed as well as fund allocation. Payout, delivery, credit to bank et.al are the methods in fulfillment of the transactions.
- International BX Product. Associate from international branches will enter the transaction
  details and submit to partner bank (Bank of Commerce) for validation. Bank of
  Commerce will send reference number and institution confirmation number to the branch
  which accepted the transactions and the latter will collect payment and print the receipt.

As with domestic remittances, beneficiaries of international inbound remittances can avail of instant branch pick-up services at any location within the Company's domestic network as soon as the transaction is processed into the Company's POS system from its overseas branch or agent-operated location. Beneficiaries of inbound international remittances can also arrange for the money to be delivered to their door, have the sums credited to a pre-paid remittance card or have proceeds deposited directly into a bank account. The Company charges a service fee for processing international remittances according to a progressive schedule based on value of the remittance and pick-up destination of the remittance. Although mobile remit confirmation codes are not yet sold internationally, the Company does enable online remit services from the United States, in which the sender can remit funds to a Philippine beneficiary through the Company's website using a debit

card. The significant majority of remittances made by customers of the Company are for sums equivalent to approximately ₱10,000 to ₱15,000 or less.

As of the end of December 2016, the Company does not process outbound remittances from the Philippines. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, service fees from international inbound remittances were ₱115.1 million, ₱209.3 and ₱97.0 million, accounting for 9.8%, 15.0% and 6.9%, respectively, of the Company's total service revenues from Money Transfer Services.

# **OPERATIONS**

# Logistics

Logistics entails the management of the flow of goods from a point of origin to a specified destination, including any ancillary services that may be required to facilitate the process, such as storage and packaging. The Company's courier and freight forwarding services utilize transport by air, sea and land and a set of strategically located warehouses, distribution centers and delivery hubs to provide end-to-end delivery services for its retail and corporate clients.

# Air Freight Forwarding

# **Domestic**

The Company's end-to-end domestic air freight forwarding services involve the following steps: (1) acceptance (by pick-up or drop-off at a branch) (2) ground transport to a regional distribution center, (3) primary sorting, (4) loading to aircrafts (for air transport), (5) withdrawal by the receiving distribution center, (6) secondary sorting (if required) and (7) ground transport for delivery to final destination.

- Acceptance is the receipt by the Company of the customer's parcels and cargo, either through its pick-up service or at one of the Company's 1,252 customer contact points in the Philippines (as of November 30, 2016) where customers can drop off parcels and cargo. All parcels and cargo must be accompanied by a waybill from the customer providing the recipient's name, shipping address, description of contents, estimated value and other pertinent information. Upon receipt of the customer's parcel or cargo, the receiving agent affixes a barcode onto the package and scans the package, beginning the tracking process. The parcel or package is rescanned at every subsequent touch point throughout the transport process until its final destination.
- At the close of business each day (approximately 7:00 p.m.), all packages are delivered by the Company's vehicle fleet to a regional distribution center. The primary distribution center is the Central Exchange, located at the Company's corporate headquarters in the General Aviation Center of the old domestic airport in Manila, where all packages collected from, passing through or destined for Metro Manila are aggregated. Packages collected in other areas are aggregated at one of 12 regional distribution centers located near airports throughout the country. Upon receipt, the exchange team scans in all packages and prints a manifest (i.e. an itemized inventory) listing all of the barcodes. The manifest is used to check the number of shipments scanned in against the number of shipments that are later scanned out.
- Throughout the night, the exchange team engages in primary sorting at the distribution centers and labels parcels and cargo bound for different destinations regionally in the Philippines to prepare them for onward transmission by air or land. All packages to be transported by air are scanned by X-ray machines for detection of illegal and contraband goods. In the Central Exchange, the Company houses its own X-ray machines which are

located inside the Company's hangar and operated by independent airline employees. This bypasses the need to transport the cargo to the airline carriers' facilities for scanning, increasing the efficiency of the Company's sorting process.

- By morning, all packages bound for other provinces and cities are loaded onto the first and second flights of the day operated by Cebu Pacific Air and Philippine Airlines.
- When the planes arrive at the destination airport, a team of employees withdraws shipments
  and again scans the barcodes and sorts the items, segregating parcels and cargo destined
  for different zones. The items may also be sorted at the Company's regional hubs
  (secondary distribution centers) for more efficient distribution to smaller cities and
  municipalities.
- Packages are then loaded onto the Company's delivery vehicles, which either transport the items to a delivery hub for secondary sorting, or directly to the final destination if already within the zone of delivery.

#### International

The Company's international air freight forwarding and courier services involve a similar process as its domestic air freight forwarding and courier services, namely (1) acceptance (by pick-up or drop-off at an international LBC Express, Inc.-owned, or affiliate-owned branch or agent-operated location), (2) ground transport to a regional distribution center, (3) primary sorting, (4) loading to international aircraft, (5) withdrawal of cargo by Philippine associates at the Central Exchange in Manila, (6) secondary sorting, (7) further forwarding by air to regional destinations (if necessary) and (8) ground transport, via Company-owned and third party trucks, for delivery to final destination. In the case of shipments originating from overseas, LBC Express, Inc.'s overseas branch, affiliate or agent, as applicable, is responsible for all of the steps from acceptance of the parcel/cargo through loading of the parcel/cargo onto the Philippine-bound airline carrier.

In the case of shipments originating from the Philippines and sent overseas, the overseas branch, affiliate or agent, as applicable, is responsible for all of the steps from acceptance of the parcel/cargo at the international destination to secondary sorting and delivery of the item to its final destination by ground.

International shipments utilize the same, integrated barcoding and scanning system as domestic shipments, enabling a seamless exchange between the Company's domestic team and its overseas teams.

# **Ground Delivery Fleet**

Ground transport forms a key component of nearly all forms of delivery and forwarding services offered by the Company. Motorcycles and trucks are used for door-to-door pickup and delivery of parcels, cargo and money remittances, as well as ground transport of items destined for onward forwarding by air or sea. The vehicle fleet is also an integral part of the Company's contingency planning in the event that air and/or sea transport become unavailable. The Company also from time to time engages third party trucking and transportation companies.

For items that are transported entirely by ground, parcels and packages undergo (1) acceptance (by pick-up or drop off at a branch), (2) ground transport to the regional distribution center, (3) primary sorting, (4) ground transport to a delivery hub for secondary sorting (if required) and (5) ground transport to the final destination.

As of November 30, 2016, the Company had a fleet of 1,678 vehicles (including 1,164 motorcycles and 514 vans), of which 307 were leased. The Company's drivers and couriers are trained in vehicle operation safety, customer service, cash handling and other procedures. Vehicles are acquired on a lease-to-own basis pursuant to finance leases with a typical term of three years to ownership. The Company's vehicle fleet undergoes maintenance on a regularly scheduled basis, and vehicles are typically replaced every five to seven years. The Company began reflecting of most of its delivery vehicles in 2014. Comprehensive insurance is maintained for all of the vehicles.

# Sea Cargo Forwarding

As of the end of December 2016, the Company's sea cargo forwarding services are available domestically in Manila, Cebu, Bacolod, Iloilo, Davao, Cagayan de Oro and General Santos, and internationally in 22 countries and territories outside the Philippines.

The Company does not own ships and contracts with third party shipping carriers for these services. Domestic sea transport is provided by Oceanic Container Lines, Inc., 2Go Freight, Lorenzo Shipping Lines, Gothong Southern and Asian Marine Transport Corporation, among others, while international sea transport is provided through Orient Freight International (an international freight forwarding agency). The Company also entered into a partnership agreement with OHL effective August 1, 2013 to engage in international freight forwarding as an NVOCC. This allows the Company to contract directly with international shipping carriers rather than rely on another international freight forwarder. The Company's sea cargo forwarding services are separated into retail operations and corporate operations.

#### Retail

Retail sea cargo comprises balikbayan boxes, which are primarily international inbound shipments and intra-Philippine shipments.

The basic forwarding process for Balikbayan Boxes is as follows:

- Acceptance of Balikbayan Boxes is handled by the Company (in the case of domestic shipments) or the LBC Express, Inc.'s overseas branch, or affiliate (in the case of inbound international shipments). Balikbayan Boxes are typically picked up by delivery trucks, as they tend to be larger in terms of weight and volume.
- Upon acceptance, all cargo is input into the Company's INCA acceptance system by a delivery team, which produces a delivery dispatch report and cross checks each shipment for discrepancies when units are consigned to the international freight forwarder.
- Balikbayan Boxes are sorted and placed into containers at the local warehouse or distribution center of the LBC Express, Inc.'s branch or affiliate/agent. Once a container is full, the Company can arrange for pick-up from the international freight forwarder or local shipping partner, as applicable. Because the throughput of goods shipped by the Company is substantial, containers are usually filled within one to two days.
- The Company's international freight forwarder (in the case of inbound international shipments) or the Company's local shipping partners (in the case of domestic shipments) will then collect the cargo from the warehouse or distribution center and load the items onto a ship.
- International inbound Balikbayan Boxes are in transit for three to four days (for shipments within Asia) or 30 to 35 days (for shipments from Europe or North America) prior to

arriving in Manila. All such Balikbayan Boxes are received by the international freight forwarder at the Port of Manila and consigned to the Company at the Vitas Harbor Center Warehouse. Intra-Philippine shipments, which generally take between two and five days to arrive at their destination, are received at regional warehouses and distribution centers. For international inbound shipments, the Company's customs brokers facilitate procedures necessary to be undertaken with the Philippine Bureau of Customs, while its international freight forwarder arranges for customs brokerage in the international jurisdictions.

• At Vitas Harbor Center Warehouse or regional warehouses and distribution centers, boxes are again scanned, inspected for any damage and sorted for further forwarding to their final destination by ground transport or re-directed to a domestic shipping company for further sea transport if necessary. International outbound Balikbayan Boxes are received by LBC Express, Inc.'s overseas branches and affiliates and sorted for final delivery. Balikbayan Boxes are randomly scanned in the United States and in the Philippines via X-ray machines to prevent entry of illegal goods and money laundering.

# Corporate

For corporate sea cargo shipments, the Company provides forwarding services for both FCL and LCL shipments. The Company's corporate sea cargo forwarding services include, among others, pier-to-pier service (in which a customer's shipment is delivered to a receiving office at the destination pier for pickup by the receiving party) and pier-to-door service (in which the customer's shipment is delivered to the address of the receiving party). Corporate clients can either drop off their cargo at the Company's container freight stations or arrange for pick-up by the Company's delivery fleet.

For corporate customers who wish to make regular use of the Company's services, the Company assigns an account executive to be in charge of obtaining details of the shipments and advising the customer on the readiness process and approval of credit terms. In addition, after shipments are completed, an account coordinator reports a summary of the transactions and the billing and collection department bills and collects payment for the shipments.

All corporate shipments are aggregated and sorted at the Company's container freight stations located near the local ports. Container freight stations are separate from the receiving warehouse for the retail balikbayan boxes.

# **Specialized Corporate Solutions**

Under SCS, the Company provides transportation of mail, parcels and cargo via air, land and sea for its corporate clients, as well as value-added services such as onsite operations, warehousing and print solutions. The transportation service operates in substantially the same manner as the general logistics operations described above.

# **Money Transfer Services**

# Remittances

#### Infrastructure

The Company leverages the branch network and vehicle fleet used for its Logistics services as a platform for its remittance services. The extensive geographic reach of its branch network, its large fleet of delivery vehicles, the existing workforce of trained employees and the availability of cash funds at each of the Company branches from its logistics operations enable the Company to offer

remittance services at very low additional operating cost. As the remittance business has grown into a significant portion of its business, the Company has increased the number of customer contact points for its remittance services by entering into fulfillment partnership agreements with agents and affiliates domestically and internationally.

The Global Remittance Team is in charge of operating the Company's remittance business. With respect to domestic remittances, its primary duties include, among others, reviewing daily acceptance values; forecasting the daily funding needs of each branch to meet fulfillment obligations; ensuring the proper safeguarding of cash at branches; overseeing the transport and deposit of cash into the Company's regional bank accounts (from which local managers of the branch offices can withdraw the funds); establishing and training branch employees in cash acceptance, anti-money laundering, customer identification and other policies; and reporting covered transactions and suspicious transactions to the BSP. With respect to international remittances, its primary duties include monitoring balances of revolving accounts and settlement of payments. The Global Remittance Team uses data collected from the Company's front-end POS software to analyze end-of-day acceptance information at all of the branch locations. This enables the Global Remittance Team to estimate the funding requirements for each branch on a daily basis. The Company is in the process of transitioning its POS system into a more fully integrated system with the rest of its business operating software.

# Domestic Partners

To expand its domestic network for remittance services, the Company and Eight Under Par, Inc. (a Philippine corporation doing business under the trade name "Palawan Pawnshop") entered into a non-exclusive agreement in June 2012 to serve as reciprocal fulfillment agents within the Philippines. Through the agreement, all of Palawan Pawnshop's branches in the Philippines are available to provide instant branch pick-up services for beneficiaries of the Company's remittance customers, and all of the Company's branches in the Philippines in turn provide the same service for Palawan Pawnshop's customers. Both partners collect a reciprocal percentage of the service fee for performing services on behalf the other.

The Company believes that its strategic partnership with Palawan Pawnshop has enabled it to greatly expand its geographical reach in the Philippines, particularly in areas where it has fewer Company-owned branches, at minimal expense. As of end of December 2016, Palawan Pawnshop is the Company's only domestic fulfillment agent, although the Company evaluates opportunities for other strategic partnerships as they arise from time to time.

The Company also has relationships with local financial institutions, including RCBC, Philippine Veterans Bank and Union Bank of the Philippines, which issue pre-paid remittance debit cards offered to the Company's customers. With these cards, customers can load the cards at any LBC branch and beneficiaries can withdraw cash from the remittance cards at any of the partner banks' ATMs and branch offices. These cards, which are powered by VISA, are also available for use at any location where VISA cards are accepted.

The basic process for domestic remittances is as follows:

- Branch Retail services enable customers who make remittances at any Company-owned branch in the Philippines to choose among the fulfillment options for their beneficiaries.
   Upon acceptance from the sender, there is an online facility that would process the request.
   Encashment alert is sent to the specified branch and the latter ensures fund availability to serve the consignee.
  - o *Peso pak*, a service by which remittances are delivered directly to the beneficiary's doorstep.

- o *Instant branch pick-up*, a real-time cash pick-up remittance facility in which funds become instantaneously available for pick-up by the remitter's beneficiary once the sending party has made the payment at a Company-owned branch; the sending party can designate any pick-up location or geographic zone within the Company's domestic network (including both Company-owned branches and branches of its partner, Palawan Pawnshop);
- o *Remit-to-account*, a service by which funds accepted from a sender at a Company branch will be directly deposited to the designated local bank account of the beneficiary.
- Prepaid remittance cards are debit cards powered by VISA and issued by local banking institutions with whom the Company has agreements, including RCBC, Philippine Veterans Bank and Union Bank of the Philippines. Through pre-paid remittance cards, senders can purchase a card on behalf of the beneficiary and reload the card instantly at any of the Company's branches or agent-operated locations. The beneficiary is then able to use the funds at any location where VISA cards are accepted.

# International Remittance Agents

To expand its international reach, LBC Express, Inc. has also entered into agreements with affiliates and remittance fulfillment agents in a dozen countries and territories outside of the Philippines. These agents include international remittance houses such as Money Exchange in Spain; Philrem in the United Kingdom; Al Ghurair Exchange, Al Falah Exchange and Speed Remit in the United Arab Emirates; TML Remittance Center and Placid Express in Malaysia; Far East Express and RJ Mart in Taiwan; and Manila Trading in Australia, among others, as well as Philippine financial institutions with strong international presence such as Metrobank, Land Bank of the Philippines and RCBC. Through the extended networks of its agents, the Company provides fulfillment services for inbound remittances originating from 16 other countries and territories (as of November 30, 2016), although the Company transacts only with its direct agents. Under the terms of the fulfillment partnership agreements that the Company enters into, direct agents are permitted only limited use of the "LBC" name, trademarks and other protected signs when transacting business on behalf of the Company and still carrying on business under their own corporate and trade names. The Company receives a fixed percentage of the agent's revenues in exchange for its services in relation to inbound international remittances. The Company requires most of its remittance agents to maintain a revolving fund for advance funding cover, which must be replenished when the balance falls beneath a set threshold. This is to ensure that the Company bears minimal credit risk when making payouts on behalf of international agents. In addition, most of the agreements have in place a maximum remittance value per transaction as a further risk mitigation tool, typically ranging from ₱75,000 to ₱100,000.

The basic process for domestic remittances is as follows:

- Remittances from origins are accepted via point-of-sale system. Encashment branch will check the possible match using the Auto-Scrubbing Process (Sender and Beneficiary names are checked against the International Sanctions List) and ensure the validity of transaction. Data processing will be performed as well as fund allocation. Payout, delivery, credit to bank et.al are the methods in fulfillment of the transactions.
- International BX Product. Associate from international branches will enter the transaction details and submit to partner bank (Bank of Commerce) for validation. Bank of Commerce will send reference number and institution confirmation number to the branch which accepted the transactions and the latter will collect payment and print the receipt.

# Bills Payment Collection and Corporate Remittance Payouts

The majority of the Company's bills payment collection services are governed by an agreement with Bayad dated January 21, 2013, under which the Company subcontracts with Bayad to perform third-party bills collection services for a group of vendors, including utility companies, telecommunications companies and others, with whom Bayad has contracted. The term of the agreement is three years with a renewal option thereafter by mutual consent of the parties. The Company collects a service fee from Bayad each month based on the total number of valid transactions it has processed that month. At the close of each business day, a payment transaction report is generated for each vendor and transmitted to Bayad. The Company must then deposit the day's collections into a designated bank account of Bayad by the following day.

The Company also contracts directly with certain organizations, such as the Philippine Social Security System, private insurance companies and certain employers, to serve as a corporate payout agent.

The basic process for bills payment collection and corporate remittance payouts is as follows:

- **Bills payment.** The Company serves as a third party bills payment collection sub-agent for various creditors in the Philippines, including major utilities companies, insurance companies, certain Government agencies, telecom providers and publishers, among others, through its contract with CIS Bayad Center, Inc.
  - Via POS. The customer will fill out details necessary to the transaction, in which the branch associate will enter to the POS. Cash transaction amount and pass-on fee is collected from the customer, if applicable. The branch does the data sending (from local server to production server). LBC Backroom will perform all necessary validation procedures before closing of transaction
  - Via PCS/Bayad Center. The customer will fill out details necessary to the transaction, in which the branch associate will enter to the PCS. Cash transaction amount and pass-on fee is collected from the customer, if applicable. The transaction will be uploaded to CIS Bayad Center per PC/Terminal followed by data import and sending. CIS Bayad Center, in return, sends report and confirmation of the validity of transactions. LBC Backroom will perform all necessary validation procedures before closing of transaction.
- Corporate transactions. The Company also provides payout services for various corporations and organizations. The processor will acknowledge corporate transactions via email and validate payments by corporate client. LBC backroom will confirm fund allocation, assign tracking numbers and perform recording to complete the transaction processing.

# **MARKETING AND SALES**

The Company believes that strategic marketing and targeted sales are crucial to maintaining its competitive advantage over competitors. The Company regularly advertises on television, radio and billboards, as well as in print and on the Internet. The Company also brands its ground fleet with the "LBC" logo. In addition, it has dedicated teams to promote the value of its brand among general consumers as well as to manage long-term corporate client relationships. It also engages in

several community outreach initiatives in line with its commitment to corporate social responsibility.

# **Brand Equity**

The Company considers the "LBC" brand, which has been cultivated over the Company's over 60-year operating history, to be an integral component of its operational success. The Company believes that the brand, the distinctive red and white "LBC" logo and the Company's key marketing slogans (formerly, "Hari ng Padala," and currently, "We like to move it") have become associated with its reputation for being a convenient, affordable and reliable provider of its services. As part of its marketing strategy, the Company outfits its delivery fleet, branch offices, advertisements and other marketing materials with the "LBC" logo and believes that its brand equity is one asset that puts it ahead of its competitors in gaining market share in a fierce competitive environment.

The Company has recently undertaken a re-launch of the "LBC" brand, which began in November 2013. The re-launch involves an update of the "LBC" logo, a new Company slogan ("We like to move it"), a revamp of its website and re-outfitting of its vehicle fleet and branch offices to reflect the new design. The re-launch of the brand and other measures are intended to promote a positive cultural shift to its business and employees, manifesting the Company's ethos of constant evolution and adaptation to the times. External consultants were engaged and market research was conducted in planning the re-launch.

# **Corporate Sales Force**

The Company's corporate sales are conducted through its dedicated sales and marketing teams which, as of November 30, 2016, comprised 10 field account managers in charge of client relationship management. To better manage its corporate accounts, the Company has also invested in sales order management software designed by SAP that helps the Company maintain records on the processing of sales orders, accounts, inquiries, quotations, contracts, billing, returns processing, consignment, sales planning, sales reporting and customer analytics. In addition to automating several aspects of sales record keeping, this program is also expected to help the sales force gain marketing and business intelligence as well as improve customer retention.

# Advertising

The Company regularly advertises over media channels such as TV, radio and print. The Company also sponsors community events such as the Ronda Pilipinas, the largest Philippine cycling race, and sporting events.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

# **Operational**

The Company has invested in technology in recent years. The Company is currently in the process of implementing an updated proprietary IT system that will integrate several components of its existing operational IT systems. The integrated system, VISTRA, will combine the POS system that the Company currently uses to manage its front-end acceptances for courier and cargo shipments. It would integrate seamlessly to its track and trace scanning system to allow for more efficient tracking of transactions, improve inventory control, and centralize customer management. In addition, the Company has outfitted each of its couriers with handheld scanners, which will increase efficiency and minimize human error in documenting daily pick-ups and deliveries. These handhelds will also utilize GPS technology to improve its delivery performance. The Company has also implemented a put-to-light sorting technology for its non-bulk mail, which will help automate some aspects of the parcel sorting process. The Company has also signed up with Interblocks to update its remittance platform by creating an e-wallet for its customers allowing access via any browser or mobile device. This will be implemented in the 4th quarter of 2017.

The Company has also upgraded its current network infrastructure to allow for a more secure and reliable environment. This has enabled the Company to improve its network availability significantly.

# **Business Management**

The Company uses a comprehensive suite of customized business management solutions software designed and licensed by SAP. The Company has utilized SAP's Financial Accounting and Controlling (SAP FICO), Sales and Distribution (SAP SD) and Materials Management (SAP MM) modules. It has recently signed a deal with RAMCO Systems in 4th quarter of 2016 for its Human Resources Systems which will be implemented in the 2nd quarter of this year.

The Company has also embarked on its own digital transformation. The Company has utilized Data Analytics for both predictive and operational purposes. It has also utilized its GPS data to create a database for last meter deliveries. It has also allowed itself to do paperless transactions through its handheld devices. The Company is also maximizing the use of Power BI (Business Intelligence) for its operational and financial reports allowing it to be able to make well informed decisions based on real time data.

# Online and Mobile Platform

To enhance the customer experience, the Company has developed a digital platform that enables online real-time transaction processing and customer service through its website (www.lbcexpress.com). Currently, the Company's website contains several interactive features for its customers, including package tracking, rate calculators and scheduling of pickups for parcels and cargo, as well as real-time customer service support through the "Live Talk" capability. The website is mobile responsive allowing the same functionality from any mobile device.

# STATUS OF ANY PUBLICLY-ANNOUNCED NEW PRODUCT OR SERVICE

There are no new products or services announced to the public that were not yet launched as of December 31, 2016.

# **COMPETITION**

# Logistics

The Company believes that it is a leader in the retail logistics industry. In 2012, the Company was the leader in air freight forwarding in the Philippines, with 41.8% of domestic market share based on throughput by weight, according to the Civil Aeronautics Board. The Company believes that it has been the top importer of balikbayan boxes in terms of throughput for the past 20 years. Although the Company has a leading position and significant market share in the courier and air freight forwarding industry, the Company's faces competition from AP Cargo Logistics Network Corporation, Wide Wide World Express, Inc., Ximex Delivery Express, Airfreight 2100, Inc., and JRS Business Corporation. The Company's international competitors include DHL, FedEx and UPS. However, international freight forwarders have historically not been strong competitors of the Company in the Philippines due to certain restrictions on foreign ownership in the cargo industry in the Philippines, as well as the high barriers to entry created by the dispersed geography of the archipelagic nation.

In the corporate logistics industry, the large industry players in the Philippines are 2Go Freight and Fast Cargo, Inc. The main international competitors for the corporate sector are DHL, FedEx and UPS. Although the Company's market share is still relatively small in the corporate logistics industry, its corporate logistics segment has maintained strong growth since the Company first formally introduced these services as a separate business line in 2010. The Company seeks to increase its market share by leveraging its existing brand and network from its retail services.

# **Money Transfer Services**

According to Ken Research, the Company is one of the top five non-bank providers of domestic remittance services by remittance volume as well as one of the top five non-bank providers of international inbound remittances in the Philippines by remittance volume in calendar year 2012. The Company competes against Philippine banks and various non-banks, such as pawnshops, for its international and domestic remittance services. Philippine banks, such as BDO Unibank, Inc., Bank of the Philippine Islands, Philippine National Bank, Metrobank and RCBC, account for the significant majority of market share in terms of volume for both domestic and international remittances. However, because the Company targets the unbanked population in the Philippines (which account for the majority of Filipinos), the Company believes its domestic remittance business has significant room for additional growth. The Company's main non-bank competitors in the remittance industry include M. Lhuillier, Cebuana Lhuillier, iRemit and Western Union. The Company believes that high barriers to entry, including regulatory licenses and a distribution network, make it unlikely that there will be additional material competitors in the future. For the bills payment segment, the Company's largest competitors are bills payment outlets owned and operated by the SM group of companies at its various malls, as well as various banks.

# QUALITY ASSURANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

# **Quality Assurance**

The Company is committed to providing high quality service for customers in all areas of its business. To this end, it has in place standards and procedures to ensure a quality, reliable and seamless customer experience. The Company has in place the following procedures to monitor the

quality of its services on a regular basis, as well as plan for contingencies that may otherwise cause an interruption in its business.

# Discrepancy Reporting and Undeliverable Items

To ensure that loss and damage is minimal, the Company trains all relevant employees in the proper handling of parcels and cargo. It also has in place stringent procedures for scanning of shipments at all touch points. Upon withdrawal of an item at a distribution center, a manifest of all scanned barcodes is printed, which is later checked against outgoing shipments. Pursuant to the Company's standard operating procedures, all shipping discrepancies must be reported as they occur, with team leaders at the Central Exchange and regional distribution centers responsible for preparing preventive and corrective action, as well as compiling and providing discrepancy reports to the management on a regular basis. Discrepancies include damage, incomplete addresses, misrouted parcels and cargo, shipments to out-of-delivery-zone addresses, pilferage and improper acceptance.

When shipments are undeliverable because, for example, a recipient is unknown or not found at the destination address, or the destination address is not locatable, the Company will send out multiple notices to the sender, including initially an e-mail, followed up by a phone call and, as a last resort, a letter by registered mail. Shipments that remain unclaimed following these procedures (which typically take place over the course of six months to a year) are auctioned, with proceeds generally donated to charity after deducting costs incurred by the Company for storage and other related expenses.

# Cash Collection and Management

The Company has implemented strict and comprehensive cash collection and management policies and procedures to minimize operational errors and promote customer trust. For example, every Company branch office is required to set up "cash sanctuaries" to minimize financial loss in the event of a robbery. In addition, the Company also sets strict limits on the amount of cash each branch is permitted to hold before the branch is required to make cash deposits at a bank, as well as value limits on cash deliveries of Pesopak.

Compliance with the Company's cash collection and management policies and procedures is monitored through random audits conducted by the Company's general accounting staff. Each branch has a team leader who is responsible for appointing two cash custodians, one primary cash custodian and one back-up cash custodian, maintaining a team resolution (which is signed by all branch associates and delineates the type of funds kept by the cash custodians) and producing readily-available documents showing proper cash turn-over among associates. The primary cash custodian is required to properly account for cash under safekeeping on a daily basis and ensure that there is no mingling of Company funds with customer funds. Every branch associate is required to undertake precautions to safeguard the cash within his or her branch office.

# **Business Continuity**

The success of the Company's business is particularly dependent on the efficient and uninterrupted flow of its operations.

To safeguard against unanticipated interruptions in its business, the Company has instated the following business continuity plans and procedures:

• Information Technology. With respect to technology, the Company has back-up servers managed by its IT service provider with built-in redundancies for its various systems in which operational and customer data is stored. In the event of system downtimes, the

Company has in place a back-up system whereby communication is maintained through mobile text messaging.

- Transportation (Logistics). Although the Company relies on airline and shipping carriers for its daily freight forwarding operations, it also has in place alternative procedures in the event that an airline or shipping carrier is unavailable. For example, when flights are grounded due to severe weather, the Company's vehicle fleet is capable of making deliveries by ground. Although ground deliveries may take longer than air cargo shipments, this enables the Company to continue its service even when other modes of transportation may be unavailable. When its usual shipping carriers are unavailable, the Company also makes use of its vehicle fleet. The vehicles can make deliveries to any region accessible by land, or can make use of RORO ("roll-on-roll-off") car ferries to reach locations that require sea transport.
- Funding Insufficiencies (Remittances). Although the Global Remittance Team monitors and makes daily estimates of the funding needs of each branch, on occasion, there may be insufficient funds at a given location to encash a remittance. In such a case, the Company has in place procedures for either nearby branches to deliver the necessary sums, or for authorized personnel to withdraw the cash from one of the Company's local bank accounts.

# **SUPPLIERS**

The Company has a broad base of suppliers. The Company is not dependent on one or a limited number of suppliers.

# **CUSTOMERS**

The Company has a broad market base, including local and foreign individual and institutional clients. The Company does not have a customer that will account for 20% or more of its revenues.

# TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Please refer to item 12 ("Certain Relationships and Related Transactions") of this Report.

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Company uses a variety of registered names and marks, including the names "LBC Express, Inc.," "LBC Express," "LBC", "Hari Ng Padala" (Tagalog for "King of Forwarding Services") and "WWW.LBCEXPRESS.COM" as well as the traditional and the re-designed "LBC" corporate logos (including the new slogan "We like to move it"), the "Team LBC Hari Ng Padala" logo and "LBC Remit Express" logo in connection with its business. Except for the "LBC Remit Express" design and logo 9registered on July 26, 2012 and expires on July 26, 2022) and the LBC in rectangular box and Pesopak logo (registered on May 31, 2012 and expires on May 31, 2022), which are owned directly by the Company, these marks (collectively, the "LBC Marks") are owned and licensed to the Company by LBC Development Corporation, the Company's parent company, pursuant to a trademark licensing agreement. Under the terms of this agreement, the Company has the full and exclusive right to utilize the LBC Marks in consideration for a fixed royalty fee of 3.5% of the Company's annual gross revenues (defined as all revenue from sales of products and services, direct and indirect, relating to the Company's business operations). Pursuant to an addendum signed October 25, 2013, the fixed royalty fee was lowered to 2.5%, effective December 1, 2013. Under the agreement, the Company also has the right to extend the use of the LBC marks to its subsidiaries (defined as companies in which the Company holds at least 67% of the voting rights) within the Philippines, as well as to its remittance and cargo/courier/freight forwarding fulfillment service

partners and agents in the Philippines and abroad, subject to certain terms and conditions. In practice, foreign agents of the Company are granted very limited use of the "LBC" brand and logos pursuant to the individual agency agreements entered into between them and the Company.

The LBC Marks have also been registered in each major jurisdiction in the Company's international network. LBC Development Corporation is currently in the process of registering the LBC Marks in the International Register pursuant to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement (the "Protocol"), which will grant the LBC Marks intellectual property protection in the jurisdictions of all Contracting Parties (as such term is defined in the Protocol). LBC Development Corporation is also currently in the process of registering the LBC Marks in jurisdictions within the Company's international network not covered by the Protocol.

# **GOVERNMENT PERMITS AND LICENSES**

The Company secures various approvals, permits and licenses from the appropriate government agencies or authorities as part of the normal course of its business.

# **EMPLOYEES**

Note:

As of November 30, 2016, the Company had, on a consolidated basis, 6,539 full-time employees, compared to 6,363 full-time employees as of November 30, 2015. The Company continues to add to its workforce on a regular basis in line with the growth of its business.

Under the Company's hiring policy, all branch employees must have at minimum a college degree, while exchange associates and drivers and couriers are generally required to have completed a two-year vocational course or the second year of college. Employees of the Company in the Philippines are primarily trained in-house.

The Company maintains a non-contributory defined benefit plan covering all qualified employees in the Philippines.

The following table sets out the number of employees of LBC Express, Inc. by job function as of November 30, 2016:

	Number of Employees
Management and Administrative Associates	172
Central Exchange and Regional Distribution Center Associates	243
Branch Associates	3,555
Drivers and Couriers	1,375
Other	1,194
Total	6,539

(1) Figures presented do not include probational employees (i.e. individuals who had been employed by the Company for less than six-months as of the period indicated).

As of the end of November 2016, four Company subsidiaries in the Philippines have entered into collective bargaining agreements with their respective employees, with approximately 709 employee memberships. Approximately 365 of these employees in the Philippines belong to one of the six labor unions (for four subsidiaries) and the remaining approximately 100 employees belong to one of the other five labor unions. The Company believes that there is sufficient coverage

by its other, non-unionized subsidiaries to provide back-up support in the event of a disruptive labor dispute at any given unionized subsidiary. In addition, because freight forwarding and messengerial services may be considered indispensable to national interest in the Philippines, the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment in the Philippines has the discretion to end strikes or certify the same to the National Labor Relations Commission for compulsory arbitration pursuant to Article 263(g) of the Philippine Labor Code, even in cases involving private providers of such services. Such cessation order or arbitration certification would have the effect of automatically enjoining an intended or impending strike or, if one has already taken place, of requiring all striking or locked out employees to immediately return to work and all employers to immediately resume operations. The Company has not experienced any disruptive labor disputes, strikes or threats of strikes for at least the past decade. Management believes that the Company's relationship with its employees in general is satisfactory.

The Company complies with minimum compensation and benefits standards as well as all other applicable labor and employment regulations in all of the jurisdictions in which it operates. The Company has in place internal control systems and risk management procedures, primarily overseen by its Corporate Compliance Group, Labor Department and Legal Department, to monitor its continued compliance with labor, employment and other applicable regulations.

In addition to full-time employees, the Company relies on contractors for the peak seasons, such as during the Easter and Christmas seasons, to satisfy increased demand for services.

# **RISKS**

The Company is subject to certain operational, regulatory and financial risks as follows:

- A significant portion of the Company's business activities are conducted in the Philippines and a significant portion of its assets are located in the Philippines, which exposes the Company to risks associated with the Philippines, including the performance of, and impacts of global conditions on, the Philippine economy.
- The Company's business is particularly dependent on the quality as well as the efficient and uninterrupted operation of its IT and computer network systems, and disruptions to these systems could adversely affect its business, financial condition and results of operations.
- The Company may not be able to expand its domestic branch network and its product offerings and expand into new geographical markets or develop its existing international operations successfully, which could limit the Company's ability to grow and increase its profitability.
- If consumer confidence in the Company and the "LBC" brand deteriorates, the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.
- The Company relies on third party contractors to provide various services, and unsatisfactory or faulty performance of these contractors could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.
- The Company faces risks from increases in freight and transportation costs.
- The Company operates in competitive industries, which could limit its ability to maintain or increase its market share and maintain profitability.
- Any deterioration in the Company's employee relations, or any significant increases in the cost of labor, could materially and adversely affect the Company's operations.
- The Company does not own any real property and the Company may be unable to renew leases at the end of their lease periods or obtain new leases on acceptable terms.
- The Company may encounter difficulties in managing the operations of its agents and affiliates effectively.
- The Company's businesses are subject to regulation in the Philippines, and any changes in Government policies could adversely affect the Company's operations and profitability.

- The Company is subject to numerous U.S. and international laws and regulations intended to
  help detect and prevent money laundering, terrorist financing, fraud and other illicit activity.
  Failure by the Company, its agents and affiliates to comply with these laws and regulations and
  increased costs or loss of business associated with compliance with these laws and regulations
  could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results
  of operations.
- The Company faces risks from trade restrictions.
- Any inability of the Company to secure renewals or new licenses for its money transfer operations may have a material adverse effect on its business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.
- Risks associated with the Company's money transfer operations outside the Philippines could adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Item 2. PROPERTIES

# **REAL PROPERTY**

As of the end of December 2016, the Company does not own any real property.

The Company's registered office is located at the LBC Hangar at the General Aviation Center in the Old Domestic Airport, Pasay City pursuant to a lease with the Manila International Airport Authority. The LBC Hangar houses the Central Exchange, as well as the Company's Information Technology Team and Global Remittance Team. The aggregate floor space of the LBC Hangar is approximately 2,160 sq. m.

In addition, the Company leases the spaces for all of its 1,252 Company-owned branches in the Philippines, as well as its regional distribution centers, delivery hubs, container freight stations and warehouses. The average term of these leases is three to seven years, with renewal options under most of the lease agreements. Branch offices are refurbished approximately every five to seven years, and the Company considers strategic relocation of branch offices from time to time to meet changing market demands.

For its general and administrative activities, the Company leases 2,600 sq. m. of office space in the Star Cruises Centre in Pasay City, Manila, located near its registered office at the LBC Hangar.

For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Company's total rental expense was \$\mathbb{P}\$513.1 million, \$\mathbb{P}\$481.0 million and \$\mathbb{P}\$436.5 million, respectively.

# **EQUIPMENT**

Other property and equipment owned by the Company in the Philippines primarily comprises its fleet of 1,484 delivery vehicles (as of November 30, 2016), servers, computers and peripheral equipment, software, vaults, handheld scanners, X-ray scanners and its bulk mail sorting machine.

# Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Due to the nature of the Company's business, it is involved in various legal proceedings, both as plaintiff and defendant, from time to time. Such litigation involves, among others, claims against the Company for non-delivery, loss or theft of packages and documents, mis-release of remittances, labor disputes, as well as cases filed by the Company against employees and others for theft and similar offenses.

Except as disclosed below, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries have been or are involved in, or the subject of, any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings which, if determined adversely to the Company or the relevant subsidiary's interests, would have a material effect on the business or financial position of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

In "Carlos Araneta, LBC Development Corporation and LBC Express, Inc. vs. The Professional Group", Case No. R-PSY-08-03897-CV pending before Branch III of the Pasay Regional Trial Court, Carlos Araneta, LBC Development Corporation and LBC Express, Inc. filed a Petition for Accounting against The Professional Group (**TPG**). The complaint alleged the need for an accounting considering TPG's position that LBC Development Corporation and LBC Express, Inc. had unremitted collections to TPG in the amount of Php68,154,390.25 while LBC Development Corporation and LBC Express, Inc. incurred expenses in the amount of Php63,001,497.55 (exclusive of interest). The petition was filed for the purpose of seeking a final adjudication on the amount of the parties' obligation in favor of one another under the collecting agent contract between the LBC and TPG. On February 2, 2016, the case was dismissed on the ground that the parties have executed a Memorandum of Understanding concerning their disagreements and/or misunderstanding and that they have amicably settled their disputes.

On November 2, 2015, LBC Development Bank, Inc., through PDIC, filed a case against LBC Express, Inc. and LBC Development Corporation, among other respondents, for a total collection of ₱1.82 billion. The case is in relation to the March 17, 2014 demand letter representing collection of unpaid service fees due from June 2006 to August 2011 and service charges on remittance transactions from January 2010 to September 2011. The increase in the amount from the demand letter to the amount contained in the case was explained by PDIC in the complaint as attributed to their discovery that the supposed payments of LBC Express, Inc. seem to be unsupported by actual cash inflow to LBC Development Bank.

On December 28, 2015, the summons, together with a copy of the Complaint of LBC Development Bank, Inc., and the writ of preliminary attachment were served on the former Corporate Secretary of LBC Express, Inc. The writ of preliminary attachment resulted to the (a) tagging of the 1,205,974,632 shares of LBC Express Holdings, Inc. owned by LBC Development Corporation and; (b) the attachment of various banks accounts of LBC Express, Inc. totalling 6.90 million. The tagging of the shares in the record of the stock transfer agent has the effect of preventing the registration or recording of any shares in the records, unless the writ of attachment is lifted, quashed or discharged.

On January 12, 2016, LBC Express, Inc. filed with the regional court, its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint for the collection of the sum of ₱1.82 billion and on January 21, 2016, filed its Urgent Motion to Dismiss the Complaint for the collection of the sum of ₱1.82 billion and on January 21, 2016, filed its Urgent Motion to Approve the Counterbond and Discharge the Writ of Attachment.

On February 17, 2016, the regional trial court issued the order to lift and set aside the writ of preliminary attachment. The order to lift and set aside the preliminary attachment directs the sheriff of the court to deliver to LBC Express Inc. and LBC Development Corporation all properties previously garnished pursuant to the writ of preliminary attachment. The counterbond delivered by LBC Express, Inc. and LBC Development Corporation, which is for an amount equal to ₱1.82 billion, the total amount of the claim, shall stand in place of the properties so released and shall serve as security to satisfy any final judgement in the case.

Pursuant to the Order of the Makati City Regional Trial Court – Branch 143 dated 17 February 2016 setting aside the writ of preliminary attachment and garnishment, RCBC Stock Transfer Department has effected, as of 13 July 2016, the lifting of the (i) tagging of LBC Express Development Corporation's 1,205,974,632 shares in the Company and (ii) garnishment of PLDT preferred shares of LBC Development Corporation.

In a Joint Resolution dated 28 June 2016, the court resolved to deny the Motion to Dismiss filed by LBC Express, Inc., as well as the other defendants. On 18 July 2016, LBC Express, Inc., together with the other defendants, filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Joint Resolution.

In its Resolution dated 16 February 2017, the court resolved to deny the defendants' Motion for Reconsideration and directed the defendants to file their respective Answers within the remaining period. On 28 February 2017, LBC Express, Inc. filed its *Ad Cautelam* Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer, asking for an additional period of 15 days, or until 15 March 2017, within which to file its Answer. On 15 March 2017, LBC Express, Inc. filed its *Ad Cautelam* Motion for Further Extension of Time to File Answer, asking for a further extension of 15 days, or until 30 March 2017, within which to file its Answer.

The ultimate outcome of the case cannot be presently determined.

# Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Except for matters taken up during the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company held on July 29, 2016, there was no other matter submitted to a vote of security holders during the period covered by this Report.

# PART II - OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 5. MARKET FOR ISSUER'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

# **MARKET INFORMATION**

The Company's common shares are listed with the PSE. As of the end of December 2016, the total number of shares held by the public was 219,889,833 common shares or 15.42% of the total issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company.

The following table sets forth the share prices of the Company's common shares for the first quarter of 2017 and each quarter of the years 2016 and 2015:

Quarter	High ( <del>P</del> )	Low ( <del>P</del> )
2016		
4 <sup>TH</sup>	16.00	11.50
3 <sup>RD</sup>	14.88	10.50
$2^{ND}$	15.00	10.14
1 <sup>ST</sup>	12.20	6.20
2015		
4 <sup>TH</sup>	14.50	11.50
3 <sup>RD</sup>	16.98	11.32
2 <sup>ND</sup>	24.80	11.32
1 <sup>ST</sup>	27.55	15.02
2014		
4 <sup>TH</sup>	15.90	7.76
3 <sup>RD</sup>	10.00	6.00
2 <sup>ND</sup>	11.00	5.30
1 <sup>ST</sup>	13.98	8.88

The stock price of each common share of the Company as of the close of the latest practicable trading date, March 31, 2016, is ₱14.98.

# **STOCKHOLDERS**

As of the end of December 2016, there were a total of 486 registered holders of common shares of the Company. The following are the top 20 registered holders of the common shares of the Company as of the end of December 2016:

			Number of	
	Name of Stockholder	Nationality	Shares Held	Percentage
1	LBC Development Corporation	Filipino	1,205,974,632	84.58%
2	Vittorio Paulo P. Lim	Filipino	59,663,948	4.18%
3	Mariano D. Martinez, Jr.	Filipino	59,663,946	4.18%
4	Lowell L. Yu	Filipino	59,663,946	4.18%
5	Tower Securities, Inc.	Filipino	17,748,498	1.24%
6	SB Equities, Inc.	Filipino	4,864,700	0.34%
7	The First Resources Management and Securities Corp.	Filipino	4,806,402	0.34%
8	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd.	Chinese	2,500,000	0.18%
9	Wealth Securities, Inc.	Filipino	1,658,500	0.12%

10	Coherco Securities, Inc.	Filipino	1,277,100	0.09%
11	COL Financial Group, Inc.	Filipino	890,511	0.06%
12	Alpha Securities Corp.	Filipino	486,700	0.03%
13	Abacus Securities, Corp.	Filipino	351,205	0.02%
14	R. Nubla Securities, Inc.	Filipino	195,200	0.01%
15	Triton Securities Corp.	Filipino	181,000	0.01%
16	Globallink Securities & Stocks, Inc.	Filipino	135,800	0.01%
17	Philstocks Financial, Inc.	Filipino	134,011	0.01%
18	AB Capital Securities, Inc.	Filipino	134,000	0.01%
19	R.S. Lim & Co., Inc.	Filipino	117,900	0.01%
20	Evergreen Stock Brokerage & Sec., Inc.	Filipino	117,800	0.01%

# **DIVIDENDS**

# **Dividend Policy**

The Company has adopted a dividend policy to distribute to its shareholders a portion of its funds that are surplus subject to the operating and expansion needs of the Company, as determined by the board of directors of the Company, in the form of stock and/or cash dividends, subject always to:

- (a) All requirements of the Corporation Code of the Philippines as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations and/or orders;
- (b) Any banking or other funding covenants by which the Company is bound from time to time; and
- (c) The operating and expansion requirements of the Company as mentioned above.

The Company's subsidiary, LBC Express, Inc. has adopted the same dividend policy.

Cash dividends are subject to approval by the Company's board of directors without need of stockholders' approval. However property dividends, such as stock dividends, are subject to the approval of the Company's board of directors and stockholders.

The payment of dividends in the future will depend upon the earnings, cash flow and financial condition of the Company.

# **Dividend History**

On October 11, 2016, the Board of Directors of LBCEH approved the declaration of cash dividends amounting to P313.69 million or P0.22 for every issued and outstanding common share.

# RECENT SALE OF SECURITIES

Please refer to the discussion under "Corporate Reorganization" of item 1 ("Business") of this Report for a summary of recent issuances of shares by the Company.

# Item 6. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATION (all information in this item is updated)

# KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

#### **Financial Ratios:**

		2016	2015
Current ratio	Current Assets/Current Liabilities	1.67	1.18
Debt to equity ratio	Total Liabilities/Stockholders' Equity	1.74	2.66
Debt to total assets ratio	Total Liabilities/Total Assets	0.63	0.73
Return on average assets	Net income attributable to Parent	14.52%	8.11%
Book value per share	Company/ Average assets Stockholders' Equity/ Total Number Shares	P1.73	P1.14
Earnings/(Loss) per share	Net Income/(Loss)/ Total Number Shares	P0.65	P0.29

# **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

# Year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

# Service Revenues

The Company's service revenues increased by 13% to ₱8,695.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱7,686.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, primarily due to an increase in revenues from the Logistics segment attributable to growth in both retail and corporate sales.

# Logistics

Revenues from the Logistics segment grew by 20% to ₱7,521.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱6,290.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, primarily due to a growth in the volume of courier services rendered. The growth in volume of services was mainly attributable to the horizontal growth of the Company, evidenced by the addition of 48 new branches in the Philippines. This growth also resulted in an incremental increase in the Company's volumes from cargo forwarding services during the year.

Price increase is also implemented at an average of 7% to 9% for Philippines, effective April, 2015, respectively, which resulted to higher price variance for the months of January to March.

# Cost of Services

Cost of services increased by 9% to ₱5,590.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱5,119.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 mainly attributable to higher revenue by 13%.

While the improvement in percentage to revenue to 64% in 2017 from 67% is primarily due to favorable cost ratio which resulted from the lower average freight rates of major carrier for the utilization of mid-day flights and maximizing the use of sea carrier with lower rates. Other fixed costs such as salaries and wages, rent, utilities and depreciation remain at a reasonable level with only 6% increment.

#### Gross Profit

Gross profit increased by 21% to ₱3,104.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱2,556.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, primarily due to the increase in volume and rate of air and courier services and improvement in costs of air and sea freight.

## **Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses decreased by 4% to ₱1,872.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱1,947.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Significant reduction of advertising expense by 32% or ₱81.7 million is mainly attributable to non-incurrence of boxing sports sponsorship (Pacquiao) and decrease in media advertising and production related to brand awareness.

The Company had assessed a lower amount of provision for impairment losses on receivables at ₱15.8 million for 2016 while ₱31.4 million for 2015. Incidences that causes write-off of receivables also lowered resulting to another ₱23.4 million reduction in expenses.

The above decreases are offset by increase in professional fees by 11% or ₱19.8 million which is mainly related to acquired services of consultants for overall process improvement of the company.

#### Other Income, Net

Other income, net which comprise of foreign exchange gain, gain on sale of disposal of assets and other miscellaneous expense increased by 41% to ₱154.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱109.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 primarily resulted from earnings generated from foreign exchange trading.

#### Finance Costs, Net

Finance costs, net increased by 46% to \$\mathbb{P}61.1\$ million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from \$\mathbb{P}41.8\$ million for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is related to availment of long-term loans during the year.

#### Income before Income Tax

Income before income tax increased by 93% to ₱1,325.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱686.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, primarily due to improvement in revenue and costs.

## Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense increased by 52% to ₱411.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱270.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 in line with the growth in operating income subject to income taxes.

#### Net Income for the Year

As a result of the foregoing, the Company's profit for the year increased by 120% to ₱913.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 from ₱416.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION

## As of December 31, 2016 compared to as of December 31, 2015

#### Assets

#### Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents increased by 36% to ₱1,327.8 million as December 31, 2016 from ₱979.1 million as of December 31, 2015.

Trade and other receivables increased by 4% to ₱1,526.7 million as of December 31, 2016 from ₱1,466.8 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to growth of receivables from affiliates for the company's fulfillment services. Amount of remittance and cargo service fees is higher by 4% to ₱400.3 million for 2016 and ₱386.4 for 2015.

Due from related parties decreased by 16% to ₱1,108.0 million as of December 31, 2016 from ₱1,321.3 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to settlement amounting to ₱198.0 million before the end of the current year.

Available-for-sale investments amounting to ₱250.9 million represents the Company's investment in unquoted unit investment trust fund.

Prepayments and other current assets decreased by 12% to ₱388.1 million as of December 31, 2016 from ₱443.3 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to the restricted cash of P135.3 million representing cash deposit in bank in the name of the Company which was funded by a specific customer in relation to the money remittance service in behalf of the said specific customer. The Company availed of a loan from a bank specifically to service the said customer and the cash deposit served as a guarantee to the bank. The cash balance is being diminished as the loan balance gets repaid by the Company. This is fully settled during the current year.

#### Non-current Assets

Property and equipment, net increased by 10% to ₱840.0 million as of December 31, 2016 from ₱763.0 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to business expansion which led to net acquisitions of leasehold improvement and furniture and fixtures resulting to an increase by 24% and 26%, respectively, based on net book value.

Intangibles, net decreased by 4% to ₱266.0 million as of December 31, 2016, from ₱276.4 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to lower SAP related additions for this year.

Available for sale investment, higher by 116% to P458.3 million as of December 31, 2016, from P212.6 million as of December 31, 2015, as market price increased from P1.09/share to P2.09/share.

Deferred tax assets, net increased by 22% to P274.4 million as of December 31, 2016, from P225.6 million as of December 31, 2015, as a result of higher non-deductible expenses from retirement benefit and accrued bonus and leave credits.

Security deposits, increased by 8% to ₱226.3 million as of December 31, 2016, from ₱209.9 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to increase in branches.

Other noncurrent assets, increased by 14% to \$\mathbb{P}70.2\$ million as of December 31, 2016, from P61.8 million as of December 31, 2015, which resulted from the increase in noncurrent portion of input tax on capital assets.

#### Liabilities

Accounts and other payables decreased by 29% to ₱1,294.9 million as of December 31, 2016, from ₱1,832.0 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to reduction in trade payable by 19%. This is mainly attributable to improvement of operating expenses.

Notes payable (current and noncurrent) increased by 31% to ₱1,359.2 as of December 31, 2016, from ₱1,040.6 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to higher outstanding loan from BDO bank. The Company availed five-year term loan from the said bank during the year.

Transmission liability decreased by 8% to ₱467.3 million as of December 31, 2016, from ₱508.1 million as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to lower volume and amount of money remittance transactions on the last day of the operations of the year.

Income tax payable increased by 95% to ₱254.8 million as of December 31, 2016, from ₱130.7 million as of December 31, 2015, in line with the growth in operating income subject to income taxes.

Finance lease liabilities (current and noncurrent) increased by 6% to ₱124.1 million as of December 31, 2016, from ₱117.2 million as of December 31, 2015, due to additional service vehicles acquired through finance lease during the year.

Retirement benefit obligation increased by 12% to ₱721.0 million as of December 31, 2016, from ₱641.8 million as of December 31, 2015.

## **LIQUIDITY**

#### **Cash Flows**

## Years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015

#### Cash flow from operating activities

The Company's net cash from operating activities is primarily affected by income before income tax, depreciation and amortization, interest expense, retirement benefit expense, interest expense and changes in working capital. The Company's net cash from operating activities were ₱757.3 million, and ₱596.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, cash flow from operating activities were derived from the normal operations.

#### Cash flows from investing activities

Cash flow used investing activities for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were ₱559.4 million and ₱1,722.2 million, respectively.

Payment of cash to effect reverse acquisition amounting to ₱1,325.9 million had the largest impact on cash flow from investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2015.

## Cash flow from financing activities

Cash flow from financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were ₱154.6 million and ₱1,567.0 million, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the inflow from financing activities is primarily from the issuance of stocks amounting to ₱1,369.3 million, net of stock issuance cost.

#### Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2016 consolidated financial statements of the Company are incorporated herein the accompanying index to exhibits.

## Item 8. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

The consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were audited by SGV & Co., a member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited.

SGV & Co. has acted as the Company's independent auditor since fiscal year 2014. Cyril Jasmin B. Valencia is the current audit partner for the Company and has served as such since fiscal year 2014. The Company has not had any material disagreements on accounting and financial disclosures with its current independent auditor for the same periods or any subsequent interim period. SGV & Co. has neither shareholdings in the Company nor any right, whether legally enforceable or not, to nominate persons or to subscribe for the securities of the Company. The foregoing is in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines set by the Board of Accountancy and approved by the Professional Regulation Commission.

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed for each of the last two years for professional services rendered by SGV & Co.

	2016	2015
In millions (P)		
Audit and Audit-Related Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>₱</b> 7,987,500	₱8,035,000
Total	<b>₱</b> 7,987,500	₱8,035,000

(1) Audit and Audit-Related Fees. This category includes the audit of annual financial statements, review of interim financial statements and services that are normally provided by the independent auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those calendar years.

SGV & Co. did not provide services for tax accounting, compliance, advice, planning and any other form of tax services to the Company in the last two fiscal years. Other than the audit of the annual financial statements and the review of the interim financial statements, SGV & Co. did not provide any other services to the Company in the last two fiscal years.

In relation to the audit of the Company's annual financial statements, the Company's Corporate Governance Manual, provides that the audit committee shall, among other activities (i) review the reports submitted by the internal and external auditors; (ii) ensure that other non-audit work provided by the external auditors are not in conflict with their functions as external auditors; and (iii) coordinate, monitor and facilitate compliance with laws, rules and regulations.

The audit committee consists of at least three members of the board of directors, at least one of whom is an independent director, including the chairman of the committee. The audit committee, with respect to an external audit:

• Perform oversight functions over the Company's external auditors; the Audit Committee should ensure that the internal and external auditors act independently from each other, and that both auditors are given unrestricted access to all records, properties and personnel to enable them to perform their respective audit functions.

- Prior to the commencement of the audit, discuss with the external auditor the nature, scope and expenses of the audit, and ensure proper coordination if more than one audit firm is involved in the activity to secure proper coverage and minimize duplication of efforts.
- Evaluate and determine the non-audit work, if any, of the external auditor, and review periodically the non-audit fees paid to the external auditor in relation to their significance to the total annual income of the external auditor and to the Company's overall consultancy expenses. The committee shall disallow any non-audit work that will conflict with his duties as an external auditor or may pose a threat to his independence. The non-audit work, if allowed, should be disclosed in the Company's annual report.
- Review the reports submitted by the external auditors.

The following are the members of the Company's audit committee:

- (a) Solita V. Delantar Chairman
- (b) Miguel Angel A. Camahort Member
- (c) Enrique V. Rey, Jr. Member

#### PART II - CONTROL AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

#### Item 9. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Company's by-laws and articles of incorporation provide for the election of nine directors, two of whom shall be independent directors. The board of directors is responsible for the direction and control of the business affairs, and management of the company, and the preservation of its assets and properties. No person can be elected as a director of the company unless he is pre-screened by the nomination committee and is a registered owner of at least one common share of the capital of the Company.

The Company's nomination committee is composed of the following:

(a) Solita V. Delantar - Chairman

(b) Miguel Angel A. Camahort - Member

(c) Enrique V. Rey, Jr. - Member

The table below sets forth each member of the Company's board of directors:

Name	Nationality	Age	Position
Miguel Angel A. Camahort	Filipino	54	Chairman of the Board
Rene E. Fuentes	Filipino	43	Director
Enrique V. Rey, Jr.	Filipino	45	Director
Augusto G. Gan	Filipino	52	Director
Mark Werner J. Rosal	Filipino	40	Director
Solita V. Delantar	Filipino	73	Independent Director
Luis N. Yu, Jr.	Filipino	61	Independent Director

The business experience of each of the directors is set forth below.

#### Miguel Angel A. Camahort

Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President

Mr. Miguel Angel A. Camahort is a Director, Chairman of the Board, and President of the Company. He is also the President of LBC Express Corporate Solutions, Inc, the subsidiary operating the "Print and Mail" business of LBC Express, Inc. Mr. Camahort concurrently serves on the Board of Directors of the United Football League. Prior to joining the LBC Group, Mr. Camahort was a Senior Vice President and the Chief Operating Officer of Aboitiz One, Inc. from 2007 to 2009 and Aboitiz Transport System Corporation (ATSC) Solutions Division from 2004 to 2007. He also served as a Senior Vice President and the Chief Operating Officer of Aboitiz Transport System Corp. (formerly, William, Gothong & Aboitiz, Inc.) in the Freight Division from 1999 to 2003, prior to which he was the President of Davao Integrated Stevedoring Services Corporation (DIPSCCOR) from 1999 to 2003. Mr. Camahort holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics from Notre Dame de Namur University (formerly, the College of Notre Dame) in California, U.S.A.

#### Rene E. Fuentes

Director

Mr. Rene E. Fuentes is currently the Senior Vice President for Global Retail Operations of LBC Express, Inc. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Fuentes served as President of Documents Plus, Inc. from 1996 to 2001, and as Regional Manager, Vice-President of EFC Food Corporation from 1996 to 2001. Mr. Fuentes attended De La Salle University and completed a Key Executive Program in November 2013 at the Harvard Business School.

#### Enrique V. Rey Jr.

Director

Mr. Enrique V. Rey Jr. assumed the position of Investor Relations Officer of the Company on September 2015 and the acting Treasurer and acting Chief Finance Officer on December 2015. Mr. Rey, Jr. was also a director of LBC Systems, Inc. from 2008 to 2010 and LBC Mundial Inc. from 2005 to 2008. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Rey, Jr. worked for Coca-Cola Phil ATS, where he was the Senior Head of Sales from 2003 to 2005 and the Associate Vice President for Institutional Sales from 2000 to 2003. Mr. Rey, Jr. attended De La Salle University and completed a Management program at the Ateneo Business School. Mr. Rey, Jr. has also received training in Finance. Since 2010, Mr. Rey, Jr. has been a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

#### Mark Werner J. Rosal

Director

Atty. Rosal became a director of the Company on 28 April 2015. Born in Cebu City, Atty. Rosal, prior to taking up law, has a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy from Cebu Velez College and is a licensed Physical Therapist. Atty. Rosal graduated in the top 5% of his law school batch at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City, in 2002 and was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2003. He spent his early years in the practice of law at Balgos and Perez Law Offices and Angara Cruz Concepcion Regala and Abello (ACCRALAW). Currently, he is the Managing Partner of Rosal Diaz Bacalla and Fortuna Law Offices, a Cebu-based law firm. As part of his law practice as retained counsel of private corporations, he is a director (holding nominal shares) of Cebu Agaru Motors Inc., Wide Gain Property Holdings, Inc., and Sem-Ros Food Corp. (a non- operational corporation).

## Augusto Gan

Director

Mr. Augusto G. Gan was appointed Director of the Company in September 2015. Mr. Gan concurrently serves as a Director of Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, Investment and Capital Corp of the Philippines, Pick Szeged ZRT and Sole-Mizo Zrt. He is also the Managing Director of Ganesp Ventures and the Chairman of the Board of Anders Consulting Ltd. Previously, Mr. Gan was the President of the Delphi Group from 2001 to 2012 and the Chief Executive Officer of Novasage Incorporations (HK) from 2006 to 2007. He has also served as a Director of AFP Group Ltd. (HK) from 2005 to 2007 and ISM Communication from 2003 to 2004, as well as the Chairman of the Boards of Cambridge Holdings from 1995 to 2000 and Qualibrand Industries from 1988 to 2001. Mr. Gan holds a Master in Business Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management.

## Solita V. Delantar

Independent Director

Ms. Solita V. Delantar was appointed Director of the Company in March 2014. She concurrently serves as Independent Director on the Board of Directors at Anchor Land Holdings, Inc., Executive Director at PMAP Human Resources Management Foundation (since July 2013) and Vice President at PONTICELLI, Inc. (since 2006). Previously, Ms. Delantar served as Vice-President, Human Resources Management & Development Administration (November 1999 – September 2003), Consultant (July 1997 – July 1998), Vice-President, Finance & Administration (May 1988 - June 1996) and various other positions at Honda Philippines, Inc. Ms. Delantar is a Certified Public Accountant, Fellow in Personal Management and professional business mediator. From September 1998 to March 2007, she served as a Member of the Professional Board of Accountancy, which administers licensure examinations for CPAs. Ms. Delantar received her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce with a major in Accounting from Far Eastern University and participated in a Bachelor of Laws program at Ateneo de Manila University.

#### Luis N. Yu, Jr.

Independent Director

Mr. Luis Yu, Jr. is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the 8990 Holdings, Inc. Mr. Yu is also the Chairman Emeritus of IHoldings, Inc. (2012 to present). He is also the Chairman of 8990 Cebu Housing Development Corporation, 8990 Visayas Housing Development Corporation, 8990 Davao Housing Development Corporation, 8990 Mindanao Housing Development Corporation, 8990 Iloilo Housing Development Corporation and 8990 Luzon Housing Development Corporation (2009 to present), 8990 Housing Development Corporation (2006 to present), Ceres Homes, Inc. (2002 to present), N&S Homes, Inc. (1998 to present), L&D Realty Holdings, Inc. (1998 to present), and Fog Horn (1994 to present). Mr. Yu is currently the President of DECA Housing Corporation (1995 to present). Mr. Yu holds a Master in Business Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management. Mr. Yu has more than 30 years of experience managing and heading companies engaged in Mass Housing subdivision development.

## MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS

The Company's executive officers and management team cooperate with its Board by preparing appropriate information and documents concerning the Company's business operations, financial condition and results of operations for its review. The table below sets forth each member of the Company's management:

Name	Nationality	Age	Position
Miguel Angel A. Camahort	Filipino	54	Chief Executive Officer and President
Enrique V. Rey, Jr.	Filipino	45	Investor Relations Officer, Acting Treasurer and Acting Chief Finance Officer
Cristina S. Palma Gil- Fernandez	Filipino	48	Corporate Secretary
Mahleene G. Go	Filipino	36	Assistant Corporate Secretary, Corporate Information Officer and Compliance Officer
Ma. Eloisa Imelda S. Singzon	Filipino	30	Assistant Corporate Information Officer

The business experience of each of the Company's officers is set forth below.

#### Miguel Angel A. Camahort

Chief Executive Officer and President

Please refer to the table of directors above.

#### Enrique V. Rey Jr.

Investor Relations Officer, Acting Treasurer and Acting Chief Finance Officer

Please refer to the table of directors above.

#### Cristina S. Palma-Gil Fernandez

Corporate Secretary

Atty. Palma Gil-Fernandez assumed the position of Corporate Secretary of the Company in September 2015. Atty. Palma Gil-Fernandez graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Major in History (Honors) from the University of San Francisco in 1989, and with a Juris Doctor degree, second honors, from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1995. She is currently a Partner at Picazo Buyco Tan Fider & Santos Law Offices and has more than 20 years of experience in corporate and commercial law, with emphasis on the practice areas of banking, securities and capital markets (equity and debt), corporate reorganizations and restructurings and real estate.

#### Mahleene G. Go

Assistant Corporate Secretary, Corporate Information Officer and Compliance Officer

Atty. Mahleene G. Go assumed the position of Assistant Corporate Secretary, Compliance Officer and Corporate Information Officer of the Company in September 2015. Born on April 25, 1980, Atty. Go graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Major in Political Science, from the University of the Philippines in 2001, and with the degree of Juris Doctor from Ateneo De Manila University-School of Law in 2005. She also received a Certificate of Mandarin Language Training for International Students from 2011 to 2012 in Peking University, Beijing, China. She served as a Junior Associate at Picazo Buyco Tan Fider & Santos Law Offices from 2007 to 2010 and 2012 and is currently a Senior Associate at the same office. She currently serves as Trustee and Corporate Secretary for Center for Empowerment and Resource and Development, Inc.

#### Maria Eloisa Imelda S. Singzon

Alternate Corporate Information Officer

Maria Eloisa Imelda S. Singzon: Atty. Singzon assumed the position of Alternate Corporate Information Officer of the Company in April 2015. Born on September 18, 1986, Atty. Singzon graduated cum laude with the degree of Bachelor of Science, Business Economics, from the University of the Philippines in 2008, and with the degree of Juris Doctor from Ateneo de Manila School of Law in 2012. She is a Junior Associate at Picazo Buyco Tan Fider & Santos Law Offices from 2013 to present.

## **SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYEES**

The Company considers its entire work force as significant employees. Everyone is expected to work together as a team to achieve the Company's goals and objectives.

#### **FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

As of the date of this Report, there are no family relationships between Directors and members of the Company's senior management known to the Company.

#### **INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Company believes that none of the Company's directors, nominees for election as director, or executive officers have in the five-year period prior to the date of this Report: (1) had any petition filed by or against any business of which such person was a general partner or executive officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within a two-year period of that time; (2) have been convicted by final judgment in a criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, or have been subjected to a pending judicial proceeding of a criminal nature, domestic or foreign, excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses; (3) have been the subject of any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting their involvement in any type of

business, securities, commodities or banking activities; or (4) have been found by a domestic or foreign court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the SEC or comparable foreign body, or a domestic or foreign exchange or other organized trading market or self-regulatory organization, to have violated a securities or commodities law or regulation, such judgment having not been reversed, suspended, or vacated.

On 9 September 2011, pursuant to Monetary Board Resolution No. 1354, the Monetary Board prohibited LBC Bank (which is controlled by the Araneta Family) from doing business in the Philippines, ordered it closed, and placed it under the receivership of the PDIC based on the following:

- 1. LBC Bank has insufficient realizable assets to meet liabilities;
- 2. LBC Bank cannot continue in business without involving probable losses to its depositors and creditors; and
- 3. LBC Bank has willfully violated the Cease and Desist Order of the Monetary Board dated 12 March 2010 for acts or transactions which are considered unsafe and unsound banking practices and other acts or transactions constituting fraud or dissipation of the assets of the institution and considering the failure of the Board of Directors/management of LBC Bank to restore the bank's financial health and viability despite considerable time given to address the financial problems, and that the bank had been accorded due process.

The PDIC thereafter stepped in as receiver and prepared its report on LBC Bank's status. Based on the Rehabilitation Report of PDIC, the conclusion/ recommendation was that LBC Bank could not be rehabilitated or otherwise placed in such a condition that it can be permitted to resume business with safety to its depositors, creditors, and the general public considering that:

- 1. the estimated realizable value of its assets (ERVA) as of 31 December 2011 in the amount of Php1.7 billion is deficient by Php4.96 billion to cover estimated liabilities aggregating to Php6.6 billion. Additional capital infusion of Php5.96 billion is needed to meet the Php1 billion minimum capital requirement for a thrift bank with head office located in Metro Manila; and
- 2. the rehabilitation proposal submitted by the LBC Group of Companies and the Rizal Banking Corporation via asset purchase agreement was found not viable.

On 5 July 2012, the MB of the BSP issued Resolution No. 1088 directing PDIC to proceed with the liquidation of LBC Bank on the basis of the Rehabilitation Report.

The PDIC has filed various criminal and administrative complaints against certain members of the Araneta Family in relation to the receivership of LBC Bank, which are described below:

- Mr. Juan Carlos Araneta, Mr. Santiago Araneta, Mr. Fernando Araneta and Ms. Ma. Monica G. Araneta (the "Araneta Siblings") were named as respondents in their capacity as stockholders and/or directors LBC Bank in a complaint for estafa, falsification of commercial documents and conducting business in an unsafe and unsound manner that was filed by the PDIC before the prosecutor's office. PDIC alleged that the Araneta Siblings, in conspiracy with the other respondents, made it appear that they infused capital into LBC Bank in the amount of approximately 39 Million Pesos to cover a capital deficiency as required by the BSP. On 18 April 2016, the complaint against all the respondents were dismissed. The PDIC filed a Petition for Review with the Department of Justice ("DOJ") to appeal the dismissal. The appeal is currently pending with the DOJ.
- Mr. Juan Carlos Araneta, Mr. Santiago Araneta and Mr. Fernando Araneta were named as respondents in their capacity as stockholders and/or directors of LBC Bank in a complaint for

syndicated estafa, falsification of commercial documents and conducting business in an unsafe and unsound manner that was filed by the PDIC before the prosecutor's office. PDIC alleged, among others, that LBC Bank took out a 30 Million Peso loan from Chinabank "to generate funds for the purpose of remittance." The loan, however, was not recorded as "Bills Payable" nor as any other liability in LBC Bank's books, but was used to credit 30 Million Pesos from "Miscellaneous Assets," which is one of the accounts used to record the advances. It further alleged that the loan proceeds were then transferred to LBC Development Corporation, which then issued a check in favor of LBC Bank for the same amount supposedly as payment for the advances. LBC Bank then allegedly paid its loan to Chinabank prior to maturity date using LBC Bank's own funds. The case was submitted for resolution on 28 March 2016.

- Mr. Juan Carlos Araneta, Mr. Santiago Araneta and Mr. Fernando Araneta were named as respondents in their capacity as stockholders and/or directors of LBC Bank in a complaint for syndicated estafa, falsification of commercial documents and conducting business in an unsafe and unsound manner that was filed by the PDIC before the prosecutor's office. PDIC alleged that LBC Bank obtained three loans from Chinabank in the amount of approximately 50 Million Pesos, which were secured by a Hold-Put Agreement on LBC's existing Foreign Currency Deposit Unit Time Deposits with Chinabank. The loans all indicated that the proceeds were intended for LBC Bank's "working capital" and yet were not recorded as "Bills Payables" or liabilities in the books of LBC Bank. The proceeds from the loan were allegedly credited by Chinabank to LBC Bank's Current/Savings Bank Account, and then used as partial payment to the "advance to affiliates". Thereafter, LBC Bank used the proceeds of the matured time deposits to pay the loans to Chinabank. The case was submitted for resolution on 25 May 2016.
- Mr. Juan Carlos Araneta, Mr. Santiago Araneta and Mr. Fernando Araneta were named as respondents in their capacity as stockholders and/or directors of LBC Bank in a complaint for syndicated estafa, falsification of commercial documents and unsound business practices that was filed by the PDIC before the prosecutor's office. PDIC alleged that Foreign Currency Remittances received by LBC Mabuhay were not deposited to LBC Bank's Dollar Account with CalBank resulting in Funding Gaps or "short remittances." Despite this, LBC Bank continued to pay the full amount of the remittance instructions resulting in Advances by LBC Bank in favor of LBC Mabuhay, supposedly in violation of the Memorandum of Understanding between LBC Bank and the BSP. The case was submitted for resolution on 25 May 2016.
- Mr. Juan Carlos Araneta, Mr. Santiago Araneta, Mr. Fernando Araneta and Mr. Carlos G. Araneta were named as respondents in their capacity as stockholders and/or directors of LBC Bank in a complaint for unsafe and unsound business practices that was filed by the PDIC before the the prosecutor's office. PDIC alleged that the respondents committed acts or omissions constituting unsafe and unsound business practice by entering into Service Agreements with LBC Express, Inc., whose terms were supposedly manifestly and grossly disadvantageous to Bank. The Respondents allegedly failed to enforce payment of service fees, thereby causing undue injury and/or unwarranted benefits, advantage, or preference to LBC Express, Inc. through manifest partiality and bad faith that resulted in a material loss or damage to the liquidity or solvency of LBC Bank and to the latter's depositors, creditors, and the general public. The case was submitted for resolution on 11 August 2016.
- An administrative complaint was filed by the PDIC before the the prosecutor's office against Mr. Juan Carlos Araneta, Mr. Santiago Araneta, Mr. Fernando Araneta and Mr. Carlos G. Araneta in their capacity as stockholders and/or directors of LBC Bank. PDIC alleged that the respondents had caused LBC Bank to enter into manifestly and grossly disadvantageous Service Agreements with LBC Express, inc.. In these Service Agreements, the LBC Bank would act as a payout or distribution agent for the remittances to the beneficiaries of LBC Express Inc.. In return, LBC Express would pay LBC Bank service fees on a per transaction basis. PDIC accused the respondents of not enforcing the payment of the service fees due from LBC Express in favor of LBC Bank. These actions allegedly amount to "commission of any other

irregularities and/or conducting business in an unsafe or unsound manner," which violate Section 21(f) of RA 3591. The case was submitted for resolution on 27 September 2016.

## Item 10. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### **COMPENSATION**

There are no employees under LBCEH.

#### **Standard Arrangements**

Other than payment of reasonable per diem as may be determined by the board of directors for every meeting, there are no standard arrangements pursuant to which directors of the Company are compensated, or were compensated, directly or indirectly, for any services provided as a director and for their committee participation or special assignments for 2010 up to the present.

## **Other Arrangements**

There are no other arrangements pursuant to which any director of the Company was compensated, or to be compensated, directly or indirectly, during 2013 for any service provided as a director.

## **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS**

The Company has no special employment contracts with the named executive officers.

## WARRANTS AND OPTIONS OUTSTANDING

There are no outstanding warrants or options held by the President, the named executive officers, and all officers and directors as a group.

# Item 11. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

Security Ownership of Certain Record and Beneficial Owners of more than 5% of the Company's voting securities as of 31 January 2017.

Title of Class	Name and Address of Record Owner and Relationship to Issuer	Name of Beneficial Owner	Citizenship	No. of Common Shares Held in the Company	% of Total Outstanding Shares of the Company
Common	LBC Development Corporation General Aviation Center, Domestic Airport Compound, Pasay City (stockholder)	The record owner is the beneficial owner of the shares indicated	Filipino	1,205,974,632	84.58%

## Security Ownership of Directors and Officers as of 31 January 2017

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Citizenship	% of Total Outstanding Shares
Common	Rene E. Fuentes	1- direct	Filipino	0.0%
Common	Enrique V. Rey, Jr.	1- direct	Filipino	0.0%
Common	Augusto Gan	1- direct	Filipino	0.0%
Common	Miguel Angel A. Camahort	1- direct	Filipino	0.0%
Common	Mark Werner J. Rosal	1,000 - direct	Filipino	0.0%
Common	Solita V. Delantar	1- direct	Filipino	0.0%
Common	Luis N. Yu, Jr.	1- direct	Filipino	0.0%

#### **Voting Trust Holders of five percent or More**

There were no persons holding more than five percent of a class of shares of the Company under a voting trust or similar agreement as of the date of this Prospectus.

## **CHANGE IN CONTROL**

On May 18, 2015, LBC Development Corporation subscribed to 59,101,000 common shares of the Company (equivalent to 59.10% of the total issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company as of said date) which resulted in LBC Development Corporation acquiring control of the Company.

On September 18, 2015, LBC Development Corporation subscribed to an additional 1,146,873,632 common shares which were issued on October 12, 2015 following the approval by the SEC of the Company's application to increase its authorized capital stock from ₱100,000,000.000 divided into 100,000,000 common shares with par value of ₱1.00 per share, to ₱2,000,000,000.00 divided into 2,000,000,000 common shares with par value of ₱1.00 per share. As of the date of this Report, LBC Development Corporation holds a total of 1,205,974,632 common shares of the Company or 84.58% of the Company's total issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company.

As of December 31, 2016, there are no arrangements which would delay, defer or prevent a change in control of the Company.

#### Item 12. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company and its subsidiaries in their ordinary course of business, engage in transactions with related parties and affiliates consisting of its parent company (LBC Development Corporation) and entities under common control. These transactions include royalty, service and management fee arrangements and loans and advances.

It is a policy of the Company that related party transactions are entered into on terms which are not more favorable to the related party than those generally available to third parties dealing at arm's length basis and are not detrimental to unrelated shareholders. All related party transactions shall be reviewed by the appropriate approving authority, as may be determined by the board of directors. In the event of a related party transaction involving a director, the relevant director should make a full disclosure of any actual or potential conflict of interest and must abstain from participating in the

deliberation and voting on the approval of the proposed transaction and any action to be taken to address the conflict.

Please refer to Note 14 ("Related Party Transactions") to the notes to the 2016 consolidated financial statements of the Company which is incorporated herein in the accompanying index to exhibits.

The Company has the following major transactions with related parties:

#### **Royalty Fee and Licensing Agreement with Parent Company**

LBC Express, Inc. and LBC Development Corporation have entered into a trademark licensing agreement dated November 29, 2007 under which LBC Development Corporation has granted the Company the full and exclusive right within the Philippines to use LBC Marks including the names "LBC Express, Inc.," "LBC Express," "LBC", "Hari Ng Padala" (Tagalog for "King of Forwarding Services") and "WWW.LBCEXPRESS.COM" as well as the "LBC" corporate logo and the "Team LBC Hari Ng Padala" logo.

#### Cash Advances to and from Related Parties

The Company regularly makes advances to and from related parties to finance working capital requirements and as part of their cost reimbursements arrangement. These unsecured advances are non-interest bearing and payable on demand.

#### **Fulfillment Fee**

In the normal course of business, the Group fulfills the delivery of balikbayan boxes and money remittances, and performs certain administrative functions on behalf of its international affiliates. The Group charges delivery fees and service fees for the fulfillment of these services based on agreed rates.

#### **Guarantee Fee**

The Group entered into a loan agreement with BDO which is secured with real estate mortgage on various real estate properties owned by the Group's affiliate. In consideration of the affiliate's accommodation to the Group's request to use these properties as loan collateral, the Group agreed to pay the affiliate, every April 1 of the year starting April 1, 2016, a guarantee fee of 1% of the outstanding loan and until said properties are released by the bank as loan collateral.

## **Dividends**

The BOD of LBCH approved the declaration of cash dividends amounting to ₱313.69 million or ₱0.22 for every issued and outstanding common share. On November 29, 2016 through a Memorandum of Agreement, LBCDC and LBCH agreed to offset the dividends payable of LBCH to LBCDC against LBCDC's payable to the Group amounting to ₱265.31 million (see Note 21 of the notes to the 2016 consolidated financial statements of the Company which is incorporated herein in the accompanying index to exhibits). The ₱265.31 million pertains to the share in dividends of LBCDC while the ₱48.38 million pertains to the share of non-controlling interest.

#### PARENT COMPANY/MAJOR HOLDERS

As of the date of this Report, LBC Development Corporation owns 84.58% of the total issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company.

## PART IV - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## Item 13. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Please refer to the Annual Corporate Governance Report filed on January 10, 2017.

## PART V - EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES

## Item 14. REPORTS ON SEC FORM 17-C

(a) Exhibits - Please accompanying index to exhibits

## (b) Reports on SEC Form 17-C

The following current reports have been reported by LBC Express Holdings, Inc. during the year 2016:

	Disclosure	Date of Report
1	SEC 17-C (Legal Proceedings) (Civil Case against LBC Development Corporation	_
	and LBC Express, Inc.)	04 January 2016
2	SEC 17-C (Material Information/Transaction) (additional information on disclosure	
	made on 04 January 2016) (Letter Reply)	07 January 2016
3	SEC 17-C (Reply to Exchange's Query) (Writ of Preliminary Attachment in	
	relation to Civil Case No. 15-1528)	08 January 2016
4	SEC 17-C (Reply to Exchange's Query) (Civil Case against LBC Development	
_	Corporation and LBC Express, Inc.)	13 January 2016
5	SEC 17-C (Reply to Exchange's Query) (Civil Case No. 15-1258 against LBC	10.7
	Development Corporation and LBC Express, Inc.)	18 January 2016
6	SEC 17-C (Clarification on News Reports) (Clarification on news article under	
	Cocktales column entitled "LBC sinks deep into garnishment" posted in	10.1
7	Interaksyon.com on January 18, 2016	19 January 2016
7	SEC 17-C (Material Information/Transactions) (Letter Reply)	22 January 2016
8	SEC 17-C (Legal Proceedings) (Update on Civil Case No. 15-1258 against, among	22 F 1 2016
0	others, LBC Development Corporation and LBC Express, Inc.)	23 February 2016
9	SEC 17-C (Further update on Civil Case NO. 15-1258 against, among others, LBC	14 1.1. 2016
10	Development Corporation and LBC Express, Inc.) SEC 17-C (Clarification on the news article entitled "LBC Express income seen to	14 July 2016
10	hit P1 billion by year-end" posted on Business Mirror (Internet Edition) on 31 July	
	2016")	02 August 2016
11	SEC 17-C (Declaration of cash dividends by the Company's subsidiary, LBC	02 August 2010
11	Express, Inc.)	03 October 2016
12	SEC 17-C (Declaration of Cash Dividends)	11 October 2016
13	SEC 17-C (Amend) (Declaration of Cash Dividends)	11 October 2016
14	SEC 17-C (Press release on the Company's performance for the 3rd quarter of	11 October 2010
17	2016)	17 November 2016
15	SEC 17-C (Amend) (Press release on the Company's performance for the 3rd	17 100 veimoer 2010
10	quarter of 2016)	18 November 2016
16	SEC 17-C (Clarification on the news article entitled "LBC eyes P1.2-B follow on	10110101110112010
10	offer" posted on the Philippine Star website, philSTAR.com, 18 November 2016)	18 November 2016
17	SEC 17-C (Confirmation of authority to conduct a follow-on offering of 69,101,000	
	shares of the Corporation (FOO consists of 59,101,000 secondary shares and	
	10,000,000 primary shares))	28 November 2016
18	SEC 17-C (Filing of Registration Statement in relation to the public offering by the	
	Company (the "Follow-on Offering") of up to 69,101,000 common shares (the "Offer	
	Shares"))	02 December 2016

#### **SIGNATURES**

LBC EXPRESS HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

Enrique V. Rey, Jr.

Acting Chief Finance Officer and Treasurer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2017, affiants exhibiting to me their respective competent evidence of identities, as follows:

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 17 of the Code and Section 141 of the Corporation Code	2,
this report is signed on behalf of the issuer by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized, in th	e
City of MAKAII CITY on 0 7 AIR 2011	

LBC EXPRESS HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

Miguel Angel A. Camahort

President and Chief Executive Officer

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Mahleene G. Go

Assistant Corporate Secretary

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