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The attached press release was distributed today by Metro Pacific Corporation, in which the First Pacific Group holds an attributable interest of 80.6 per cent.

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PRESS RELEASE

METRO PACIFIC SUBSIDIARY TO SELL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS IN GLOBAL CITY'S NORTHERN CBD

Metro Pacific Corporation (MPC) announced today that its 67.5 % subsidiary, Bonifacio Land Corporation (BLC) plans to sell its rights to develop the northern central business district (CBD) of the Bonifacio Global City. This northern CBD is located north of S&R Price Club up to the Kalayaan gate of Fort Bonifacio and adjacent to the University Park where three major international schools are located.

This initiative will accelerate the advancement of the Bonifacio Global City's undeveloped areas while allowing the MPC Group to concentrate on its ongoing and future vertical developments within the Big Delta and Expanded Big Delta.

Proposal

Under the terms of the proposed sale, FBDC will inject 18.9 hectares of land into a separate wholly owned company. Said parcel of land represents the northern CBD, for which BLC has 55% development rights. The Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) holds the balance of 45%.

BLC is inviting strategic investors - likely to include large, well-capitalized developers or developer consortiums - to participate in the development of the identified area through the acquisition of its 55% development rights.

Ricardo S. Pascua, president and CEO of MPC, commented: "By enabling substantial developers access to the heart of the Bonifacio Global City, we will accelerate development and attainment of critical mass, which is essential in a project of this scale and magnitude."

Pascua added that the sale of development rights will enable the MPC Group to strengthen its balance sheet and concentrate on major future projects within the

City which will augment early sustained cash flows and long-term recurring income.

FBDC has developed 75% of granted land

Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC) is developing 150 hectares of land in stages. In 1996, it sold Pesos 28.4 billion worth of land inventory. The initial development focus was on Big Delta, an area covering 57 hectares in the southwest quadrant of the site. The horizontal development of Big Delta, covering the installation of utility services, telecommunications infrastructure, drainage and other ancillary services, was completed on schedule and below budget in April 2000.

In early 1999, FBDC commenced the horizontal development of Expanded Big Delta, an area covering a further 54 hectares to the north and west of Big Delta. The first phase of Expanded Big Delta is substantially complete. Together Big Delta and Expanded Big Delta represent approximately 75 % of the land granted to FBDC for development, or a total of approximately 111 hectares.

Business, residential and entertainment facilities operational

Major access routes are now open, increasing visibility and accessibility to and from the Global City. The most recently opened route - 32nd Street - connects the Makati CBD area via the Kalayaan Flyover to C5, thereby making the City more accessible to eastbound and southbound motorists.

Offices will shortly locate to FBDC's e-Square IT Park with the opening of HatchAsia GlobalCity Center (HGCC) and Net One Center in August 2001. HGCC will house the headquarters of the Philippines' leading business incubator- HatchAsia.com. Net One Center offers a full suite of technology and telecommunications services to locators. The unified Philippine Stock Exchange is also set to relocate to the Bonifacio Global City and is currently in discussion with FBDC on this matter.

Residential development continues. Premier developments, including MPC's Pacific Plaza Towers and the Meridien Development Group's Essensa, already have residents. FBDC's first residential development, Bonifacio Ridge is scheduled to top-off early July and will be ready for turnover to its buyers in 2002. Regent Parkway and One McKinley Place will also turnover units to residential buyers in 2002, while Parque Bonifacio and Rialto have likewise signed up with FBDC for development.

S&R Price, a U.S. company specialising in bulk sales, has taken advantage of the recent liberalization of the retail laws, and chose to open the first of its 10 Philippine stores in the City in May 2001.

The Fort and its surrounding areas continue to attract a steady stream of clients, while complementing developments such as Bonifacio StopOver, a gas plaza with retail components, and the operation of the expanded retail and entertainment area are expected to commence operations in the latter part of this year.

In the City's 25-hectare University Park, the Manila Japanese School is already open, the British School Manila is scheduled to open September 2001, and the International School Manila will open for the school year 2002.

A press conference outlining the details of this sale will take place at 9:00 AM on Monday, July 2 at the FBDC headquarters in Bonifacio Centre, Taguig, Metro Manila.

Background

- In 1995, a MPC-led consortium won the bid to act as a 55.0 % partner in a joint venture with the Philippine government agency, Bases Development Conversion Authority (BCDA), to develop a 150 hectare portion of the former military base, Fort Bonifacio. This joint venture is called Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation (FBDC).
- Bonifacio Land Corporation (BLC) is the company formed by the MPC-led consortium to hold the shares in FBDC. MPC holds a 67.5 % interest in BLC.

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