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PRESS RELEASE

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METRO PACIFIC ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2005 RESULTS

The attached press release was released today in Manila by Metro Pacific Corporation, in which the First Pacific Group holds an economic interest of 75.5 per cent.

Metro Pacific is a Manila, Philippines-based holding firm listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange. Metro Pacific's businesses include property concerns Landco Pacific Corporation and Pacific Plaza Towers, and domestic Philippine shipping firm Negros Navigation Co., Inc. Further information on Metro Pacific can be found at www.metropacific.com

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, 13TH MAY 2005 — Metro Pacific Corporation (“Metro Pacific”) (PSE: MPC) today reported an unaudited net loss of Pesos 64.8 million for the first three months of 2005, versus an unaudited net income of Pesos 4.0 million reported for the same period in 2004. Last year, Metro Pacific recorded exceptional gains of Pesos 126.5 million for the first quarter; in 2005, only Pesos 49.3 million of exceptional gains were realized.

Consolidated revenues stood at Pesos 703.2 million this year, compared with Pesos 760.1 million for 2004, due to reduced revenues from Negros Navigation Company (“Nenaco”). Nenaco’s higher vessel operating costs caused an increase in consolidated cost of sales to Pesos 663.6 million in 2005 versus Pesos 611.9 million in 2004. Financing charges however, fell significantly to Pesos 34.6 million in 2005, compared with Pesos 126.5 million in 2004, as Metro Pacific continued reduce to its debts.

Metro Pacific went into a self-administered debt workout scenario from late 2001, when its parent company bank debts stood at approximately Pesos 11.7 billion. Metro Pacific has since reduced this amount to Pesos 801.1 million as a 31st March 2005, representing a decrease of 93.0 percent. Of this outstanding amount, Pesos 437 million are presently subject to closing documentation, and will result in Metro Pacific’s debts falling to only Pesos 364 million by year-end, or about 3.0 percent of total debts in 2001.

Operations Review

Landco Pacific Corporation (“Landco”) reported a higher net profit of Pesos 14.7 million for the first three months of 2005, a marked improvement from its net profit of Pesos 8.6 million reported for the same period last year. The rise is attributed to the continued success of Landco’s Leisure Farms and Ponderosa Leisure Farms residential projects, both which continue to sell at a robust pace.

Pacific Plaza Towers reported a net income of Pesos 4.1 million for the first quarter of 2005, reflecting the sale of one unit and reduced condominium dues requirements, which lowered operating expenses.

Nenaco reported a net loss of Pesos 57.8 million for the first quarter of 2005 due to reduced passenger traffic carried during the period. For the first three months of the year Nenaco experienced a number of unscheduled dry-dockings and extended maintenance servicing of several vessels, which prevented them from serving revenue-producing routes.

Comments

“We have effectively and successfully concluded our three-year debt reduction exercises, fulfilling the commitments Metro Pacific made in 2001 to reduce our debts and fix our businesses. We are confident about Nenaco’s prospects under its rehabilitation program, and believe it will show improved results this year compared with previous years. Landco continues to perform well, and we are now assessing opportunities where Metro Pacific

can foster growth in its new businesses. We are committed to realizing Metro Pacific's transformation and we hope to announce positive progress in the course of this year," said Jose Ma. Lim, President and CEO.

About Metro Pacific

Metro Pacific Corporation is a Manila, Philippines-based holding firm listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE: MPC). Metro Pacific's businesses include property concerns Landco Pacific Corporation and Pacific Plaza Towers, and shipping firm Negros Navigation Company. Further information regarding Metro Pacific can be accessed at www.metropacific.com

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METRO PACIFIC CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND ACCUMULATED DEFICIT
(Unaudited)

| For the periods ended 31 March (In thousand pesos) | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Revenues | 703,194 | 760,071 |
| Cost of sales | (663,626) | (611,853) |
| Operating expenses | (99,560) | (130,375) |
| Operating (loss) / profit | (59,992) | 17,843 |
| Share of net profits / (losses) of associated companies | 487 | (3,762) |
| Financing charges, net | (34,607) | (126,542) |
| Loss before other income | (94,112) | (112,461) |
| Other income, net | 49,296 | 126,605 |
| (Loss) / Profit before taxation | (44,816) | 14,144 |
| Taxation | (9,229) | (5,888) |
| (Loss) / Profit after taxation | (54,045) | 8,256 |
| Outside interests | (10,778) | (4,291) |
| Net (loss)/ profit for the period | (64,823) | 3,965 |
| Accumulated deficit | | |
| Beginning of the period | (27,290,754) | (27,045,979) |
| End of the period | (27,355,577) | (27,042,014) |
| Basic (loss) / earning per share (in centavos) | (0.35) | 0.02 |
| Basic weighted average number of shares in issue (in thousands) | 18,603,473 | 18,603,473 |

METRO PACIFIC CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

| As at (In thousand pesos) | 31 March 2005 | 31 December 2004 | 31 March 2004 |
|--|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 284,370 | 233,599 | 176,850 |
| Receivables - net | 1,727,488 | 1,813,127 | 2,214,732 |
| Real estate for sale - net | 2,039,346 | 1,962,480 | 2,258,254 |
| Inventories, net | 45,543 | 29,270 | 30,715 |
| Due from related parties - net | 39,014 | 5,134 | 14,651 |
| Investment in and advances to Bonifacio Land Corporation - net | 440,670 | 1,203,010 | 3,374,495 |
| Prepayments and other current assets | 451,404 | 442,893 | 458,498 |
| Total current assets | 5,027,835 | 5,689,513 | 8,528,195 |
| Deferred tax assets | 2,547 | 1,750 | 22,994 |
| Investments in and advances to associates - net | 1,446,615 | 1,448,104 | 1,787,321 |
| Property and equipment | 2,690,621 | 2,711,889 | 3,189,538 |
| Long-term receivables - net of current portion | 204,187 | 219,251 | 144,742 |
| Other non-current assets | 417,949 | 426,078 | 382,592 |
| Total assets | 9,789,754 | 10,496,585 | 14,055,382 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Loans and notes payable | 716,350 | 714,491 | 1,178,055 |
| Trade accounts payable | 955,689 | 982,851 | 1,150,844 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 2,499,033 | 2,844,806 | 3,928,245 |
| Current portion of long-term debts | 342,523 | 852,737 | 2,077,109 |
| Current portion of other long-term liabilities | 524,487 | 500,488 | 387,592 |
| Due to related parties | 212,404 | 97,404 | 156,133 |
| Total current liabilities | 5,250,486 | 5,992,777 | 8,877,978 |
| Deferred tax liability | 9,997 | 9,997 | 11,249 |
| Due to related parties | 793,217 | 793,217 | 793,415 |
| Long-term debts - net of current portion | 223,387 | 235,388 | 2,209,177 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 637,838 | 567,958 | 1,213,148 |
| Restructured debts and liabilities | 2,069,587 | 2,038,112 | - |
| Outside Interests | 617,706 | 605,382 | 726,821 |
| Equity | | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | | |
| Capital stock | 18,605,974 | 18,605,974 | 18,605,974 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 9,691,239 | 9,692,634 | 9,692,634 |
| Deposit for future subscription | 278,900 | 278,900 | - |
| Treasury stock | (1,033,000) | (1,033,000) | (1,033,000) |
| Accumulated deficit | (27,355,577) | (27,290,754) | (27,042,014) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 187,536 | 253,754 | 223,594 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 9,789,754 | 10,496,585 | 14,055,382 |

Reclassifications were effected in the March 2004 accounts to conform with the December 2004 and March 2005 account classifications.