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**PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY – CONSENT
SOLICITATION FOR ITS US\$250,000,000 11.375% NOTES DUE 2012 AND
TENDER OFFER AND CONSENT SOLICITATION FOR ITS US\$71,986,000
10.625% NOTES DUE 2007**

The attached press release was distributed today in Manila by Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), in which First Pacific Group has a 25 per cent economic interest, and a 32 per cent voting interest.

PLDT is the leading telecommunications service provider in the Philippines. It is based in Manila, and has common shares listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange and ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange and on the Archipelago Exchange. Through its three principal business groups, PLDT offers a wide range of telecommunications services: Wireless (principally through wholly-owned subsidiary company Smart Communications, Inc.); Fixed Line (principally through PLDT); and Information and Communications Technology (principally through wholly-owned subsidiary company ePLDT). PLDT has developed the Philippines' most extensive fiber optic backbone, cellular, fixed line and satellite networks.

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Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

Consent Solicitation for its US\$250,000,000 11.375% Notes due 2012 and Tender Offer and Consent Solicitation for its US\$71,986,000 10.625% Notes due 2007

Manila, Philippines, October 6, 2005 – Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (“PLDT”) announced today that it has commenced a solicitation of consents from holders of its outstanding 11.375% Notes due 2012 (the “2012 Notes”) to effect certain proposed amendments to the 2012 Notes (the “2012 Notes Consent Solicitation”). In addition, PLDT has commenced a cash tender offer for any and all of its outstanding 10.625% Notes due 2007 (the “2007 Notes”) in the aggregate principal amount of US\$71,986,000 and a related solicitation of consents from holders of the 2007 Notes to effect identical proposed amendments to the 2007 Notes (the “2007 Notes Offer to Purchase”).

Proposed amendments. The proposed amendments will, once operative, amend the covenants in the 2012 Notes and the 2007 Notes relating to the limitation on restricted payments and the limitation on indebtedness. Specifically, the proposed amendments would give PLDT greater flexibility to make certain restricted payments, including payment of dividends to holders of PLDT’s common stock, and would reduce PLDT’s permitted leverage ratio pursuant to the terms of the notes.

PLDT has significantly de-leveraged since the issuance of the 2012 Notes and the 2007 Notes, utilizing its cash flow from operations supplemented by dividends from its subsidiary Smart Communications, Inc. As a result of PLDT’s improved cash flows and reduced debt levels, PLDT restored the payment of common dividends in May 2005, after suspending common dividend payments in April 2001, and intends to gradually increase its dividend payout in succeeding years. PLDT, therefore, is seeking greater flexibility to make restricted payments, including payment of dividends to its common shareholders. At the same time, PLDT’s offer to tighten its leverage ratio affirms its commitment to maintain its leverage ratios at healthy levels.

2012 Notes Consent Solicitation. The 2012 Notes Consent Solicitation will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Thursday, October 27, 2005, unless extended or earlier terminated. Only holders of the 2012 Notes that deliver valid consents prior to such deadline will receive a consent payment of US\$5 for each US\$1,000 principal amount of the 2012 Notes for which consents have been accepted.

The terms and conditions of the 2012 Notes Consent Solicitation, including PLDT’s obligation to accept the consents delivered and pay the Consent Payment, are set forth in PLDT’s Consent Solicitation Statement dated October 6, 2005. PLDT may amend, extend or, subject to certain conditions, terminate the 2012 Notes Consent Solicitation.

2007 Notes Offer to Purchase. The 2007 Notes Offer to Purchase will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, November 4, 2005, unless extended or earlier terminated (the “Expiration Time”). Holders of the 2007 Notes who validly tender their notes prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Thursday, October 27, 2005, unless extended (the “Consent Payment Deadline”), will be entitled to receive US\$1,097.50 for each US\$1,000 principal amount of the 2007 Notes accepted for payment, which amount comprises (i) a consent payment of US\$5 (“Consent Payment”) and (ii) tender offer consideration of US\$1,092.50 (“Tender Offer Consideration”). Holders of the 2007 Notes who validly tender their notes after the Consent Payment Deadline but prior to the Expiration Time will be entitled to receive only the Tender Offer Consideration for each US\$1,000 principal amount of the 2007 Notes accepted for payment. Holders tendering their notes will be required to consent to the proposed amendments. All holders tendering before the Expiration Time will be paid accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount tendered to, but excluding, the date such notes are accepted.

Holders of the 2007 Notes may consent to the amendments without tendering their notes. Non-tendering holders that deliver valid consents prior to the Consent Payment Deadline will receive the Consent Payment for each US\$1,000 principal amount of the 2007 Notes for which consents have been accepted.

The terms and conditions of the 2007 Notes Offer to Purchase, including PLDT's obligation to accept the 2007 Notes tendered or the consents delivered and pay the Tender Offer Consideration and the Consent Payment, are set forth in PLDT's Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement dated October 6, 2005. PLDT may amend, extend or, subject to certain conditions, terminate the 2007 Notes Offer to Purchase.

In connection with the 2012 Notes Consent Solicitation and the 2007 Notes Offer to Purchase, PLDT has retained Credit Suisse First Boston as the dealer manager and solicitation agent, Bondholder Communications Group as the information agent and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the tender and tabulation agent.

Questions regarding the 2012 Notes Consent Solicitation or the 2007 Notes Offer to Purchase and requests for documents may be directed to Credit Suisse First Boston in Hong Kong at 852-2101-6346 (Alister Moss), in London at 44-20-7888-6999 (Chris Tuffey) or in New York at 1-212-325-7596 (Andrew Karsh), or Bondholder Communications Group in New York at 1-212-809-2663 (Patricia Lawson) or in London at 44-20-7236-0788.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to purchase, a solicitation of an offer to purchase, or a solicitation of consents with respect to any securities. Any such offer or solicitation will be made only by means of the Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement dated October 6, 2005 and Consent Solicitation Statement dated October 6, 2005.

This press release contains "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Any forward-looking statements in this news release are based on certain assumptions and expectations made by PLDT in light of its experience and expectations with respect to future developments and other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future events and actual results or developments may differ materially from expectations.

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