

# Republic of the Philippines Department of Finance

### **Securities and Exchange Commission**

SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City

## SEC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1 SERIES OF 2016

TO:

ALL CONCERNED CORPORATIONS

SUBJECT:

2016 FILING OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND GENERAL

**INFORMATION SHEET** 

DATE:

11 JANUARY 2016

To maintain an organized and orderly filing of Audited Financial Statements (AFS) and General Information Sheet (GIS), the Commission, pursuant to its authority under the Corporation Code and Securities Regulation Code, adopt the following measures in the filing of annual reports:

# I.AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF COMPANIES WHOSE FISCAL YEAR ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2015:

1. All corporations, including branch offices, representative offices, regional headquarters and regional operating headquarters of foreign corporations, shall file their AFS depending on the last numerical digit of their SEC registration or license number in accordance with the following schedule:

April 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 : 1 and 2 April 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 : 3 and 4 May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 : 5 and 6 May 10, 11, 12, 13 : 7 and 8 May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 : 9 and 0

All SEC Satellite Offices and Extension Offices in Cebu, lloilo, Baguio and Davao shall be governed also by the above coding schedule in 2016. However, any corporations may file on or before its respective filing dates.

- 2. The above filing schedule shall not apply to the following corporations:
  - (a) Those whose fiscal year ends on a date other than December 31, 2015. These entities shall file their AFS within 120 calendar days from the end of their fiscal year;
  - (b) Those whose securities are listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange. These entities shall continue to observe the due date of filing of their AFS as attachment to their Annual Reports (SEC Form 17-A), in accordance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Securities Regulation Code;

- (c) Those whose AFS are being audited by the Commission on Audit (COA) provided that the following documents are attached to their AFS:
  - (i) An Affidavit signed by the President and Treasurer (or Chief Finance Officer, where applicable) attesting to the fact that the company timely provided COA with the financial statements and supporting documents and that the audit of COA has just been concluded; and
  - (ii) A letter from COA confirming the information provided in the above Affidavit.
- 3. All corporations may file their AFS regardless of the last numerical digit of their registration or license number on or before the first day stated in the coding schedule in paragraph 1 pertaining to said digit;
- 4. Late filings or filing after respective due dates shall be accepted starting May 23, 2016 and shall be subject to the prescribed penalties which shall be computed from the date of the last day of filing schedule stated in paragraph 1:
- 5. The AFS, other than the consolidated financial statements, shall have the stamped "received by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or its authorized banks, unless the BIR allows an alternative proof of submission for its authorized banks (e.g. bank slips);
- 6. The basic components as prescribed under SRC Rule 68, as amended, shall be submitted by filers. Failure to comply with any of the formal requirements under said Rule including the prescribed qualifications for independent auditors and/or any material deficiency or misstatement that may be found upon evaluation of the specific contents thereof, shall be considered a sufficient ground for the imposition of penalties by SEC. The acceptance and receipt by the Commission of the financial statements shall be without prejudice to such penalties.

#### II. ALL REPORTS

All corporations may directly file their reports in SEC Head Office and/or all Satellite Offices (Ali Mall-Cubao Quezon City, SM Manila, SM North EDSA, Robinson's Galleria) applying the SEC issued number coding schedule.

All filers regardless of the number of reports to be filed at SEC following the circularized SEC-issued number coding schedule may choose to avail of courier filing options and select any courier of their choice.

- a). SEC Express Nationwide Submission (SENS) with the following procedures:
  - Filer downloads SEC Express Nationwide Submission Checklist and Undertaking Form (SENS Form)
  - > Filer accomplishes and signs SENS Form
  - > Filer attaches checklist with signed undertaking to each report to be submitted

Filer encloses the documents and accomplished checklist with undertaking in an envelope

Filer proceeds to nearest courier designated area for his offsite

submission and pay the service fee and courier fee

> Courier delivers the receiving copy to filer within the agreed period of time

## b). Any Courier/Regular Mail with no return copy of reports submitted:

Filer downloads SEC Express Nationwide Submission Checklist and Undertaking Form (SENS Form)

Filer accomplishes and signs SENS Form

- Filer attaches checklist with signed undertaking to each report to be submitted
- > Filer encloses the documents and accomplished checklist with undertaking in an envelope
- > Filer proceeds to courier of his choice or post office

The reckoning date of submission of GIS and AFS through courier is the date the courier has actually sent or delivered the filed reports to the SEC.

### III. GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET (GIS)

- 1. All corporations shall file their GIS within 30 calendar days from:
  - a. Stock Corporations date of annual stockholders' meeting PER By-Laws.
  - b. Non-Stock Corporations date of annual members meeting per By-Laws.
  - c. Foreign Corporations anniversary date of the issuance of the SEC License.

All other circulars, memoranda and implementing rules and regulations that may be inconsistent with the foregoing provisions shall be deemed modified or amended accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall be published in two newspapers of general circulation.

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For the Commission:

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