

# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Ground Floor. Secretariat Building, PICC City Of Pasay, Metro Manila

COMPANY REG. NO. 34218

# CERTIFICATE OF FILING OF AMENDED BY-LAWS

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Amended By-Laws of

# AYALA CORPORATION

copy annexed, adopted on March 10, 2022 by majority vote of the Board of Directors pursuant to the authority duly delegated to it by the stockholders owning at least two thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock on May 18, 1989, and certified under oath by the Corporate Secretary and majority of the said Board was approved by the Commission on this date pursuant to the provisions of Section 47 of the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines, Republic Act No. 11232, which took effect on February 23, 2019, and copies thereof are filed with the Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of this Commission to be affixed to this Certificate at Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of June, Twenty Twenty Two.

DANIEL P. GABOYO

Assistant Director
SO Order 1188 Series of 2018

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#### AMENDED BY-LAWS

OF

AYALA CORPORATION (SEC Reg. No. 34218)

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## ARTICLE I

#### CORPORATE CAPITAL AND SHARES

**Section 1** – The authorized capital of the Corporation shall be as provided in the Articles of Incorporation. (As amended on 07 May 1976)

The stockholders of the Corporation shall have preferred right to subscribe to all new issues of its stocks in the event of issue of additional shares of stock or of any increase in capital.

**Section 2** – Each stockholder who has fully paid his subscription shall be entitled to a certificate or certificates setting forth the number of shares of stock in the Corporation registered in his name in the books thereof.<sup>2</sup> Each stock certificate shall be numbered, shall bear the signatures of the President and the Secretary and the seal of the Corporation, and shall be issued in numerical order from the stock certificate book. No certificate shall be issued for fractional shares.

**Section 3** — Shares of stock may be transferred, sold, assigned or pledged by written endorsement of the stock certificate on the back and the delivery thereof by the transferor to the transferee, but the Corporation shall continue to consider as the stockholder the person in whose name the certificate was issued until such certificate shall have been surrendered to the Secretary for cancellation and replaced by a new certificate in the name of the transferee.<sup>3</sup> (As amended on 4 December 2014)

**Section 4** - All certificates so surrendered to the Secretary shall be marked by him with the word "CANCELLED" and the date of cancellation, and shall forthwith be attached to the corresponding stub of the stock certificate book.

**Section 5** – Duplicate of lost or destroyed certificates, or new certificates to replace said lost or destroyed certificates, may be issued in accordance with the requirements of existing laws. (As amended on 4 December 2014)

#### ARTICLE II

# INVESTMENT OF CORPORATE CAPITAL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All references to "Articles of Incorporation" in these By-Laws refer to the Articles of Incorporation of Ayala Corporation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 63. (As amended on 12 March 2020)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 62. (As amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 1** – The funds of the Corporation other than the sums necessary for current expenses shall be invested as may be directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and subject to the limitations provided by existing laws.

**Section 2** – All cash of the Corporation shall be deposited in its name in such banks and credit institutions as the Board of Directors may designate.

#### ARTICLE III

#### OF THE STOCKHOLDERS

**Section 1** – A meeting of the stockholders, duly constituted, represents the entire body of stockholders and its decisions in matters for its proper deliberation are binding upon absenting or dissenting stockholders. (*As amended on 12 March 2020*)

Section 2 – The meetings of stockholders may be regular or special, and shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at any place in the city where the principal office of the Corporation is located. Regular meetings, also referred to as annual or general meetings, shall be held annually on any date in April of each year as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be held at any time by resolution of the Board of Directors or at the request of stockholders representing at least ten percent (10%) or more of the subscribed and outstanding capital, setting forth the purpose of such meeting in the notice. (As amended on 10 March 2022)

**Section 3** - Regular or special meeting of stockholders shall be called by written notice. The notice shall be served to all stockholders by electronic transmission. For regular meetings, the notice shall be sent at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting, while for special meetings, at least one (1) week written notice shall be sent to all stockholders.<sup>4</sup> The notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time when it has been electronically transmitted through any of the means mentioned herein. (As amended on 22 September 2020)

Notice of regular or special meeting shall contain, in addition to the date, hour and place of the meeting, a statement of the matters to be transacted at the meeting, and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting. Any director or stockholder may propose any other matter for inclusion in the agenda at any regular or special stockholders meeting, subject to reasonable guidelines issued by the Board which are consistent with applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as may be amended from time to time. <sup>5</sup> (As amended on 12 March 2020) The notice of the stockholders' meeting shall also set the date, time and place of the validation of proxies, which in no case, shall be less than five (5) business days prior to the stockholders' meeting. (As amended on 18 April 2011.) The notice shall also contain the procedures to be followed when a stockholder elects to participate and vote through remote communication or in absentia. <sup>6</sup> (As amended on 12 March 2020 and 22 September 2020)

The Corporation shall also provide information or documents to all stockholders by electronic transmission. The information or documents shall be deemed delivered upon the transfer or posting by electronic means. (As amended on 22 September 2020)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 49.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 49.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 50.

As used herein, electronic transmission means the delivery or transfer of documents, data or information by electronic mail to the electronic address of the stockholders registered in the books of the Corporation, posting in the Philippine Stock Exchange, posting in the Corporation's website (in the subsections for stockholders' meetings or disclosures of the Governance section), or such other recognized means of electronic transfer of data or information. (As amended on 22 September 2020)

The Corporation shall require all stockholders to provide a valid electronic address for them to receive notices and other information or documents from the Corporation. (As amended on 22 September 2020)

Stockholders preferring to receive physical copies of the notice, information or documents shall make a written request to the Corporation. Upon receipt of the request, the Corporation shall send the notice, information and documents by personal service. (As amended on 22 September 2020)

Notice to any meeting may be waived, expressly or impliedly, including through a stockholder's attendance at a meeting unless the stockholder's presence is for the express purpose of contending that the meeting is not lawfully convened.<sup>7</sup> (As amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 4** – Regular meetings and duly called special meetings shall be constituted to pass resolutions provided over one-half of the stock is present or represented except in cases where the applicable law requires a greater number. (As amended on 12 March 2020)

The Corporation may opt to hold fully virtual stockholders' meetings, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as may be amended from time to time. The virtual meetings shall be conducted in such a way that the stockholder experience shall be, to every extent possible, similar to a physical meeting. In any such instance, if stockholders holding at least ten percent (10%) of the outstanding capital stock ask for a physical meeting, the Corporation shall conduct a physical meeting unless prevented by existing rules and regulations. The request shall be made within two (2) weeks from the announcement of the holding of a virtual meeting, which shall be made ahead of the sending out of the Notice of Meeting. (As amended on 22 September 2020)

**Section 5** – For the election of directors, it is necessary that the majority of the outstanding capital stock be present or represented. (As amended on 4 December 2014). Stockholders casting votes through remote communication or in absentia, electronically or otherwise, shall be deemed present for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum. (As amended on 12 March 2019)

**Section 6** — Any stockholder entitled to vote may vote in person, through remote communication, in absentia, or be represented by proxy at any regular or special stockholders' meetings, subject to compliance with rules and regulations as may be issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time. (*As amended on 12 March 2019*) Proxies shall be in writing and signed and in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Duly accomplished proxies must be submitted to the office of the Corporate Secretary not later than seven (7) business days prior to the date of the stockholders' meeting. Validation of proxies shall be conducted at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the stockholders' meeting. (As amended on 18 April 1997)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 49.

**Section 7** – Each share of stock entitles the person in whose name it is registered in the books of the Corporation to one vote, provided the share has not been declared delinquent. (As amended on 4 December 2014)

**Section 8** – The election of Directors shall be by ballot and each stockholder entitled to vote may cast the vote in person, by proxy, through remote communication, or in absentia, electronically or otherwise (*As amended on 12 March 2019*), to which the number of shares he owns entitles him, (*As amended on 12 March 2020*) for as many persons as are Directors to be elected, or he may give to one candidate as many votes as the number of Directors to be elected multiplied by the number of his shares shall equal, or he may distribute them on the same principle among as many candidates he may see fit, provided that the whole number of votes cast by him shall not exceed the number of shares owned by him multiplied by the whole number of Directors to be elected. (As amended on 4 December 2014)

**Section 9** – At the regular meetings, the Board of seven (7) Directors shall be elected who shall hold office for the term of one (1) year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

**Section 10** – All stockholders' meetings shall be presided by the Chairman of the Board, or in his absence, by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or in his absence, by the President, and in case the latter is also absent, by the senior Director, or by the oldest if several became Directors on the same date.

The minutes of the stockholders' meetings shall be signed by the Secretary, with the approval of the Chairman of the meeting.

**Section 11** – The Board of Directors shall fix a record date for the purpose of determining the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, or entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights, or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock or for the purpose of any other lawful action, provided that the stock and transfer book shall be closed at least twenty (20) days for regular meetings and seven (7) days for special meetings, before the scheduled date of the meeting.<sup>8</sup> (As amended on 12 March 2020)

## **ARTICLE IV**

## OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1** – The Board of Directors shall have seven (7) members who shall be elected individually by the Corporation's stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified in accordance with these By-Laws. (As amended on 4 December 2014)

As a corporation publicly listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), the Corporation shall comply with the requirement to have such number of independent directors as may be required by law, and with the legally prescribed procedures for their nomination and election. (Old first paragraph deleted, as amended on 12 March 2020).

**Section 2** – No person shall be elected nor be competent to hold the office of Director of this Corporation unless at least one (1) share of stock of the Corporation shall stand in his name in the books of the Corporation at the time of his election.

<sup>8</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 49.

**Section 3** – No person shall qualify or be eligible for nomination or election to the Board of Directors if he is in possession of any of the grounds for disqualification provided in applicable laws and the rules and regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as may be amended from time to time<sup>9</sup>, or if he is engaged in any business which competes with or is antagonistic to that of the Corporation. (As amended on 12 March 2020) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a person shall be deemed to be so engaged:

- a. If he is an officer, manager or controlling person of, or the owner (either of record or beneficially) of 10% or more of any outstanding class of shares of, any corporation (other than one in which the Corporation owns at least 30% of the capital stock) engaged in a business which the Board, by at least three-fourths (3/4) vote, determines to be competitive or antagonistic to that of the Corporation, or
- b. If he is an officer, manager or controlling person of, or the owner (either of record or beneficially) of 10% or more of any outstanding class of shares of, any other corporation or entity engaged in any line of business of the Corporation, when in the judgment of the Board, by at least three-fourths (3/4) vote, the laws against combinations in restraint of trade shall be violated by such persons membership in the Board of Directors; or
- c. If the Board, in the exercise of its judgment in good faith, determines by at least three-fourths (3/4) vote that he is the nominee of any person set forth in (a) or (b).

In determining whether or not a person is a controlling person, beneficial owner, or the nominee of another, the Board may take into account such factors as business and family relations.

For the proper implementation of this provision, all nominations for election of Directors by the stockholders shall be submitted in writing to the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee at least thirty (30) business days before the date of the regular meeting of the stockholders. <sup>10</sup> (As amended on 12 March 2020).

**Section 4** – Any vacancy due to expiration of term shall be filled no later than the day of such expiration at the annual stockholders' meeting. For any vacancy arising from removal by the stockholders, the election shall be held on the same meeting if so stated in the agenda and notice of meeting. In all other cases, the vacancy may be filled by at least a majority vote of the remaining directors, if still constituting a quorum; otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled in a special stockholders' meeting called for that purpose, in any instance no later than forty-five (45) days from the time the vacancy occurred. The director so elected shall be referred to as replacement director and act as a member of the said Board only for the unexpired term of his predecessor.<sup>11</sup> (Old Section 4 deleted; Old Section 5 renumbered as Section 4, as amended on 12 March 2020)

However, when the remaining directors cannot constitute a quorum and emergency action is required to prevent grave, substantial or irreparable loss or damage to the Corporation, the vacancy may be temporarily filled from among the officers of the Corporation by the unanimous vote of the remaining directors. The designated director's actions shall be limited to any necessary emergency action and his term shall cease within a reasonable time from the termination of the emergency or upon election of the replacement director, whichever comes first. <sup>12</sup> (As amended on 12 March 2020)

<sup>9</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Charter of the Board of Directors (Board Charter), Section 4.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 28.

**Section 5** – The Board of Directors shall designate the days when it shall meet in regular session, but it shall meet at least six (6) times a year. <sup>13</sup> It may be convened in special session by the Chairman or at the request of three (3) Directors. (As amended on 4 December 2014). Two-thirds (2/3) of the number of directors as fixed in the articles of incorporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of corporate business, except for the election of officers, which shall require the presence of all directors. <sup>14</sup>

Participation of directors, including voting, at board meetings can be in person, through remote communication, such as videoconferencing, teleconferencing or other alternative modes of communication allowed by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Participation and voting cannot be done by proxy. <sup>15</sup> (Old Section 6 renumbered as Section 5, amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 6** - The Board of Directors shall have the duties, powers and attributes, assigned to it by the Corporation Code, as may be amended from time to time, other sections of these By-Laws, the Board Charter and the Corporate Governance Manual. (Old Section 7 renumbered as Section 6, as amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 7** – Directors with interest, potential or otherwise, in any related party transaction shall timely and fully disclose any and all material facts and abstain from deliberations on and approval of the same without prejudice to compliance with the requirements of the law and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as may be amended from time to time. <sup>16</sup> Material related party contracts, as defined in applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, shall be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the directors, including at least a majority of the independent directors. <sup>17</sup> (As amended 12 March 2020)

Section 8 - The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

- a. To preside at all of stockholders' meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors;
- b. To cast the deciding vote in case of a tie in the stockholders' meetings or in the Board meetings; and (As amended on 12 March 2020)
- c. To exercise such other powers which are given him by these By-Laws. (As amended on 4 December 2014)

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall automatically take his place as Acting Chairman of the Board of Directors. (Old Section 8 deleted, old Section 10 renumbered as Section 8, as amended on 12 March 2020)

Section 9 – The Executive Committee, composed of not less than three (3) but not more than five (5) members elected and appointed to the same by the Board, shall exercise any of the powers and attributes, allowable by law, of the Board of Directors during the intervening period between the Board's meetings, and shall report all resolutions adopted by it to the Board of Directors at the first meeting that the latter may subsequently hold. (As amended on 4 December 2014; Old Section 12 renumbered as Section 9, as amended on 12 March 2020)

<sup>13</sup> Board Charter, Section 5.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 31.

**Section 10** – The Chairman of the Executive Committee is the legal representative of the Corporation and has powers:

- To execute the resolutions of the stockholders' meetings, of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee;
- b. To sign, in accordance with said resolutions, such contracts, instruments and powers of attorney as may be necessary;
- c. To represent the Corporation and vote at the stockholders' meetings all stocks owned by the Corporation in other corporations or companies.

With the consent of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Executive Committee may delegate to any of the officers of the Corporation any and all powers granted him under this section, provided, however, that such delegation shall not divest the Chairman of the authority to exercise the same powers.<sup>18</sup>

Any delegation of powers made by the Chairman of the Executive Committee pursuant to the provisions of the next preceding paragraph should likewise be submitted for ratification and confirmation at the next annual meeting of stockholders. <sup>19</sup> (Old Section 11 renumbered as Section 10, as amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 11** – The corporate signature required for contracts, powers of attorney, etc., of all kinds shall be that of the Chairman of the Executive Committee alone, or that of any other person or persons that the Board may designate.

Checks and orders of payment shall be signed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or by the President, or by the Chief Finance Officer or Treasurer, or by the persons or persons that the Board may designate. (Old Section 9 renumbered as Section 11, as amended on 12 March 2020)

Section 12 – During the absence or illness of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Vice Chairman shall automatically assume his place as Acting Chairman of the Executive Committee and, in the absence of both, the Board of Directors shall designate, who, among its members, shall act as Acting Chairman of the Executive Committee. (Old Section 13 deleted, old Section 14 renumbered as Section 12, as amended on 12 March 2020)

Section 13 – Directors sanctioning transactions not authorized in these By-Laws or by statute shall be held personally and jointly liable therefor. (Old Sections 15 to 18 transferred to Article V; Old Section 19 renumbered as Section 13, as amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 14** – Directors shall be entitled to receive from the Corporation, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors, fees and other compensation for their services. In no case shall the total yearly compensation of Directors exceed one percent (1%) of the net income before income tax of the Corporation during the preceding year. (As amended on 12 March 2020)

The **Personnel and Compensation Committee** of the Board of Directors shall have the responsibility of recommending to the Board of Directors the fees and other compensation for directors. In discharging this duty, the committee shall be guided by the objective of ensuring that the level of compensation should fairly pay directors for work required in a company of the Corporation's size and scope. No Director shall be involved in deciding his own

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Charter of the Executive Committee, Section 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Charter of the Executive Committee, Section 3.

remuneration during his incumbent term<sup>20</sup>. (As amended on 18 April 2011; Old Section 20 renumbered as Section 14, as amended on 12 March 2020)

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### OF MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS

(As amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 1** – Management stands as the locus of decision-making for the day-to-day affairs of the Corporation and is primarily accountable to the Board of Directors for the operations of the Corporation. (As amended on 12 March 2020) It determines the Corporation's activities by putting the Corporation's targets in concrete terms and by formulating the basic strategies for achieving these targets.

Section 2 – The Chief Executive Officer shall determine the Corporation's strategic direction and formulate and implement its strategic plan on the direction of the business, oversee the operations of the Corporation and manage human and financial resources in accordance with the strategic plan , and such other powers which may be assigned to him by the Board. (Old Section 2 deleted, as amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 3** – The President shall have exercise general supervision of the business, affairs and property of the Corporation, and over its officers and employees and such other the powers which may be delegated to him by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, with the consent of the Executive Committee.

Any delegation of powers by the Chairman of the Executive Committee to the President shall be submitted for ratification and confirmation by the stockholders pursuant to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 10 of Article IV.

In the absence of the President, the Acting President, shall be, in this order of precedence, (a) The Chief Executive Officer; (b) the Chairman of the Executive Committee; and (c) any Senior Officer, as may be determined by the Board of Directors. (Old Section 2 deleted, New Section 3 transferred from Article IV, as amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 4** – The Treasurer or a Vice President (or Managing Director) so appointed by the Board of Directors shall have custody of the funds, credit instruments and documents of the Corporation and shall furnish a bond, conditioned on the faithful performance of this duties, in a sum to be fixed by the Board of Directors. (As amended on 4 December 2014; new Section 4 transferred from Article IV, as amended on 12 March 2020)

Section 5 – The Secretary shall prepare and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and stockholders and attend to the correspondence and files of the Corporation, sign, jointly with the President, all stock certificates, keep and affix the Corporate seal, record all transfers of stock and cancellations and keep all stock certificates transferred, likewise, keep a list in alphabetical order of all stockholders of the Corporation and of their residences and the shares owned by each, and perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. (New Section 5 transferred from Article IV, as amended on 12 March 2020).

Section 6 – The Compliance Officer shall ensure compliance by the Corporation, its directors and officers with applicable laws, rules and regulations, and governance issuances of regulatory agencies, proper onboarding of new directors, identification and appropriate resolution of any compliance issues, and the integrity and accuracy of all documentary

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 29.

submissions to regulators, and perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.<sup>21</sup> (New Section 6, as amended on 12 March 2020)

**Section 7** – In case of illness or absence of any officer of the Company, he shall be temporarily replaced by any other officer that the Chairman of the Executive Committee may designate. (New Section 7 transferred from Article IV, as amended on 12 March 2020).

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### OF THE AUDITS

**Section 1** – At each general meeting held, the stockholders shall elect the person or persons who are to audit the accounts of the Corporation until the next annual meeting.

**Section 2** – No person shall be deemed ineligible to the office of the auditor because he is a stockholder of the Corporation, but said office is incompatible with the office of the Director of the Corporation.

**Section 3** – It shall be the duty of the Auditor to audit the books of account of the Corporation whenever he shall see fit, and to report on the annual balance sheet, which later shall be published jointly with his report and for this purpose, all books of accounts, vouchers and other documents of the Corporation relating to its financial administration shall be placed at his disposal when he requests it.

**Section 4** - A copy of the balance sheet and the report shall be filed in the offices of the Corporation ten (10) days in advance of the date on which the general meeting is held and shall be open for inspection by the stockholders.

**Section 5** – The auditor shall receive such remuneration as the general meeting electing him may determine.

#### ARTICLE VII

# OF THE PROFITS AND LIQUIDATION OF THE CORPORATION

Section 1 – The net profits before taxes shall be distributed as follows:

- a. An amount for management bonus to be recommended by the compensation committee of the Board of Directors and approved by the Board of Directors, and
- b. The balance shall be made available for distribution as dividends to stockholders. (As amended on 4 December 2014).

Cash dividend payouts shall be done through electronic means such as direct bank transfer and the like, as may be decided by the Board of Directors. The Corporation shall request stockholders to provide account details or other reference number/s needed for the transfer. Stockholders who fail to provide account details or other reference number/s shall receive their dividend payout by check, which will be available for pick-up at a designated office as announced in the Corporation's website and in regulatory disclosures. (As amended on 22 September 2020)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 24.

Section 2 – The Board of Directors may deduct from the annual profits any amount which it may see fit to create reserves for any purpose when, in its judgment, said action may be deemed necessary and convenient for the business of the Corporation or to meet contingencies that might arise in the course of business of the Corporation.

**Section 3** – At the end of the life of the Corporation, or if it has to liquidate for any reason, the Board of Directors shall exercise the functions of liquidators and the applicable portions of these By-Laws shall continue in force.

**Section 4** – The products that may be obtained from the liquidation of the Corporation, after liquidating all of its obligations, shall first be applied to the return of the shares of the stockholders, and the remainder, should there be any, shall be distributed in accordance with the rule established in these By-Laws for distribution of annual profits.

## ARTICLE VIII

### **ARBITRATION**

Section 1 – Any dispute, controversy or claim between the Corporation and its stockholders arising from, relating to, or in connection with the implementation of the articles of incorporation or by-laws, or from intra-corporate relations, except those involving criminal offenses and interests of third parties, may be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with prevailing Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. (PDRCI) Arbitration Rules and Securities and Exchange Commission Rules and Regulations.

**Section 2** – The number of arbitrators shall be three (3) appointed by the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. (PDRCI) and the place of arbitration shall be in Metro Manila, Philippines. The language to be used for the arbitral proceedings shall be English.<sup>22</sup>

**Section 3** – The parties shall be bound by the award rendered by the Arbitral Tribunal and confirmed by the appropriate Regional Trial Court. Arbitration shall not be available for disputes involving claims in excess of One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000.00) or involving the determination of the fair valuation of shares in appraisal proceedings. (New Article, As amended on 12 March 2020)

# ARTICLE IX (Renumbered on 12 March 2020)

# MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Section 1 – The seal of the Corporation shall contain the name, principal place of business of the Corporation, and the words "ESTABLISHED" in 1834 and "INCORPORATED IN 1968" and said seal is hereby adopted as corporate seal.

**Section 2** – To aid the Board of Directors in the promotion of and adherence to the principles and best practices of good corporate governance, the Manual of Corporate Governance adopted by the Board of Directors on August 26, 2002, and any amendments thereto, and the Charters of the Board of Directors and of the Board Committees shall be suppletory to these By-Laws. (As amended on 4 December 2014).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Revised Corporation Code, Section 181.

Section 3 – These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or modified by the affirmative vote of the stockholders owning or representing a majority of the outstanding capital stock and majority of the Directors, at any regular or special meeting duly called for the purpose; Provided, however, that by the affirmative vote of the stockholders owning or representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock, the power and authority to amend or repeal these By-Laws or adopt new By-Laws may be delegated to the Board of Directors; Provided, finally, that the delegation of such powers and authority to the Board shall be considered as revoked whenever stockholders owning or representing a majority of the outstanding capital stock shall so vote at a regular or special meeting called for the purpose. (As amended by the stockholders on 18 May 1989, and further amended on 4 December 2014).

**Section 4** – The fiscal year and closing of the books of the Corporation shall be on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of each year. (As amended on 14 March 1983).

ADOPTED this 26th day of January 1968 at Makati, Rizal.

(s/t) J.R. MCMICKING

(s/t) ENRIQUE ZOBEL

(s/t) JAIME ZOBEL DE AYALA

(s/t) SALVADOR J. LORAYES

(s/t) JAVIER J. NEPOMUCENO

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(Attorney-in-Fact)

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