

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CO

Form 6-K

January 12, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6 -K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Report on Form 6-K dated January 12, 2005

(Commission File No. 1-15024)

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

(Name of Registrant)

Ramon Cojuangco Building

Makati Avenue, Makati City

Philippines 0721

(Address of Principal Executive Officers)

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Yes: No:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Yes: No:

Enclosure:

A copy of the disclosure letter we sent today to the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding Smart's acquisition of additional 9% of Meridian Telekoms, Inc.

January 12, 2005 SECURITY CODE: CM-040

The Philippine Stock Exchange

Disclosure Department

4th Floor PSE Centre

Exchange Road, Ortigas Center

Pasig City

Attention: Ms. Jurisita M. Quintos

Senior Vice President

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 17.1(b) of the Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1, we submit herewith a copy of SEC Form 17-C with respect to a discloseable event/information.

This shall also serve as the disclosure letter for the purpose of complying with PSE Revised Disclosure Rules.

Respectfully yours,

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

MLCRC:amq

Encs.

January 12, 2005

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Corporation Finance Department

SEC Building, EDSA

Mandaluyong City

Attention: Director Justina F. Callangan

Corporation Finance Department

Gentlemen:

Re : Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

SEC Registration No. PW-55

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In accordance with Section 17.1(b) of the Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1, we submit herewith a copy of SEC Form 17-C with respect to a discloseable event/information.

Respectfully yours,

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

MLCRC:amq

Encs.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
AND SRC RULE 17.1

1. January 12, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

2. SEC Identification Number PW-55

3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-488-793

4. PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

5. PHILIPPINES 6. _____ (SEC Use Only)

Province, country or other jurisdiction Industry Classification Code
of Incorporation

7. Ramon Cojuangco Building, Makati Avenue, Makati City 1200

Address of principal office Postal Code

8. (632) 814-3664

Issuer's telephone number, including area code

9. Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Securities Regulation Code or Sections 4 and 8 of the Revised Securities Act

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock
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Licensed and Amount of Debt Outstanding

11. Item 9 Other Events

Smart Communications, Inc. (Smart), a subsidiary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, today disclosed that it has acquired an additional 9% of Meridian Telekoms, Inc. ("MTI"), bringing its aggregate ownership in MTI to

49%. MTI had received on December 13, 2004, approval from the National Telecommunications Commission allowing MTI to transfer more than 40% of its capital stock. Smart had earlier disclosed that it had entered into an agreement to acquire 40% of MTI (said transaction was closed on December 1, 2004) and, subject to certain approvals, up to 100% before the end of 2005.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE
TELEPHONE COMPANY

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN
Corporate Secretary

Date: 12 January 2005

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1 copy - Philippine Stock Exchange

1 copy - Company Secretary

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

Date: January 12, 2005