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VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC. (Formerly iVantage Corporation) AND SUBSIDIARIES

(Company's Full Name)

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**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE
SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17(2)(b)
THEREUNDER**

1. For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012
 2. SEC Identification Number AS-092-07059
 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 002-010-620
 4. Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter.
VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC.
 5. Province, Country or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization:
Philippines
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 (SEC Use Only)
Industry Classification Code
- Address of Principal Office:
Unit 2703A East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre,
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City
7. Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (632) 689-8094
 8. Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report
Not applicable
 9. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding
Common Stock, P1.00 par value	2,235,390,633
 10. Are any or all of these securities listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange.
Yes No
 11. Check whether the registrant:
 - a) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 11 of the Revised Securities Act (RSA) and RSA Rule 11(a)-1 thereunder and Sections 26 and 141 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports):
Yes No
 - b) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.
Yes No

PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

The Consolidated Financial Statements are filed as part of this Form 17-Q.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operations

Financial Highlights

In Millions	Unaudited		Audited
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Balance Sheet			
Assets	6,847	5,842	5,302
Liabilities	535	309	436
Stockholders' Equity	6,312	5,533	4,865
Book Value per Share	3.00	2.63	2.32
Income Statement			
Revenues	708	1,053	1,226
Expenses	378	512	508
Other Income / (Charges)	(3)	(11)	(1)
Net Income	327	530	717
Earnings per Share	0.15	0.25	0.34

Results of Operations for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2012

The Company posted a consolidated net income of Php327.0 million as of September 31, 2012. It slid down by 25% compared to same period last year of Php434.0 million. On a per share basis, the company earned 0.15 centavos as of Septemeber 30, 2012 compared to .25 centavos as of December 31, 2011.

Aggressive statements from the ECB and the Fed with respect to defending the euro and launching QE3 respectively, spurred a rally in global equities markets. Said statements signaled a return to “risk on” trades and as a result, battered stock markets rallied sharply. The S&P 500 and the MSCI World Index registered returns of 5.8% and 6.1%, respectively, in 3Q12 compared to -14.3% and -17.1%, respectively, same period last year.

Despite the strong rally in global equities, the local equities market remained flat for the following reasons: (1) significant overnight secondary placements siphoned market liquidity, (2) Chinese investors avoid making investments in what they believe are the ghost months of August and September, and (3) foreign investors sold Philippine stocks, which are considered ‘defensive’, in favor of more cyclical and riskier assets. As a result, the PHISIX and the Company’s equity portfolio only gained 1.9% and 1.3%, respectively, in 3Q12. Same period last year, the PHISIX and the Company’s equity portfolio posted returns of -6.8% and -13.1%, respectively.

On the fixed income side, yields were on a downtrend in 3Q12 after Standard & Poor’s issued the country a credit rating upgrade and after BSP reduced its benchmark rate by 25 bps. 10-year and 20-year benchmark yields were lower by 102 bps and 17 bps respectively from end-June to end-September. The Company’s fixed income portfolio gained 3.4% in 3Q12, marginally outperforming the benchmark HSBC Local Bond Index which gained 3.3% during the same period. In 3Q11, the Company’s fixed income portfolio gained 3.4% while the benchmark gained 4.2%.

The following summarizes the operating results of the Company's subsidiaries:

eBusiness Services, Inc. ("eBiz")

eBiz continue to achieve record money transfer volume, hitting over 1.1 million transactions worth in excess of USD 249 million for the third quarter of 2012. However, despite transaction growth, third quarter revenues still fell 9% YoY to Php 97 million due to the contractual reduction in the Company's share of fees from Western Union and an appreciating currency. Meanwhile, operating expenses fell by 9% YoY to Php 74 million as a result of the company's continued efforts to rationalize costs. After depreciation and taxes, eBiz posted a net income of Php 13.1 million for the third quarter of 2012, down 8% from Php 14.3 million same period last year.

Yehey! Corporation ("Yehey")

Total assets increased by P4M. Current assets increased by P15.4M due to increase in Company's trade receivables and non-current assets decreased by P12M due to decrease in loans and available-for-sale securities and the investment in joint venture.

Total cost and expenses decreased by P5.99M due to decrease in Salaries and Wages and other costs such as depreciation, subscription and writer's fee, among others.

Total revenues of the Company decreased by P6.37M, from P23.30M to P16.93M as of September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. This is due to substantial decrease web development, e-commerce and start revenues.

As such, net income of the Company is P6.88 million as of September 30, 2012 from P7.26 million as of September 30, 2011.

Philequity Management, Inc. ("PEMI")

Net revenues as of September 30, 2012 climbed to Php62.2 million from Php48.7 million last year. The funds that the Company manages experienced a significant increase in net subscriptions to Php 330 million in 3Q12 from Php 17 million in 3Q11. Meanwhile, total assets under management as of end-September 2012 increased 35% to Php 5.9 billion from Php 4.4 billion same period last year.

Expenses as of the 3rd quarter of the year were 28% higher vs. last year. YTD net profit increased by 38% or Php 29.0 million from Php21.0 million last year.

There is no material commitment for capital expenditure as of report date. There is no unusual nature or amount of item that affect the financials. There are no changes in the estimates of amount reported in the prior periods. There were no issuance, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities for the period. No material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the interim period. No significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the issuers continuing operations.

The Company will continue to operate as an investment and management firm to help improve the performances of its subsidiaries. There is no seasonal aspect that had a material effect on the financial condition or results of operations.

Key Performance Indicators

The Company sets certain performance measures to gauge its operating performance periodically to assess its overall state of corporate health. Listed below are the major performance measures, which the Company has identified as reliable performance indicators.

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Current Ratio ¹	3.08	4.88
Assets to Equity ²	1.08	1.06
Liabilities to Equity ³	0.08	0.06
Return on Average Assets ⁴	0.05	0.10
Return on Average Equity ⁵	0.06	0.10

The manner by which the Company calculates the above performance indicators for is as follows:

<i>Formula</i>	
1	Current Assets / Current Liabilities
2	Total Assets / Total Equity
3	Total Liabilities / Total Equity
4	Net Income / Average Total Assets
5	Net Income / Average Total Equity

Causes for any material changes (+/- 5% or more) in the financial statements

Income Statement items – nine month period ending 30-September- 2012 versus 30-September-2011

14% decrease in internet sales and services

Mainly due to lower media sales, web development and dpr revenue.

133% increase in money changing and foreign exchange

Mainly due to higher value of forex rates.

15% increase in interest income

Mainly due to additional fixed income securities.

35% increase in mutual fund income

Mainly due to increase in assets under administration.

44% decrease in trading gains(loss)

Mainly due to lower market price of investments.

199% increase in cost of services and sales

Primarily due to increase in cost of internet sales and services.

Balance Sheet items - September 30, 2012 versus end 2011

11% decrease in receivables

Mainly due to Western Union transactions.

24% decrease in Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit and Loss (FVPL)

Primarily due to lower market price of FVPL.

20% increase in available-for-sale securities

Largely due to increase in equities and mutual fund investments.

77% increase in cumulative unrealized gain on change in fair value of available-for-sale investments

Mainly due to revaluation of fixed income and equities securities.

ART II – OTHER INFORMATION

PFRS 9 – Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement

The Company has decided not to early adopt either PFRS 9 (2009) or PFRS 9 (2010) for its 2011 annual financial reporting. The Company has decided not to early adopt for its 2012 financial, thus, has not conducted a quantification of full impact of this standard. The Company, however, will quantify in conjunction with the other phases, when issued, to present a more comprehensive picture.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Section 17 of the Code and Section 141 of the Corporation Code, this report is signed on behalf of the issuer by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized, in the City of Pasig on November 14, 2012.


VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Issuer

By:

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EDMUNDO MARCO P. BUNYI, JR.
President & COO



MARIBEL E. BERE
Group Comptroller

VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Unaudited	Audited
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	785,562,105	540,411,971
Loans and receivables	733,216,282	824,397,007
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	66,292,775	86,739,792
Prepaid taxes and other current assets	40,075,553	13,899,226
Total Current Assets	1,625,146,715	1,165,447,996
Noncurrent Assets		
Available-for-sale securities	5,156,508,493	4,299,216,023
Investment in associates & JV - net	119,228	4,957,780
Deferred tax assets	3,819,683	2,040,989
Goodwill	3,654,985	3,654,985
Property and equipment - net	40,328,365	44,331,659
Other noncurrent assets - net	17,139,997	22,290,539
Total Noncurrent Assets	5,221,570,751	4,376,491,975
	6,846,717,466	5,841,939,971
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	264,887,674	288,465,032
Notes Payable	247,859,150	-
Income tax payable	14,300,391	12,073,051
Total Current Liabilities	527,047,215	300,538,083
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	482,199	1,003,292
Accrued retirement costs	7,230,626	7,030,626
Total Current Liabilities	7,712,825	8,033,918
Total Liabilities	534,760,040	308,572,001
(Forward)		

	Unaudited	Audited
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Equity		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company:		
Capital stock - ₱1 par value		
Authorized – 2,250,000,000		
Issued – 2,235,390,633	2,235,390,633	2,235,390,633
Stock issuance cost of a subsidiary	(3,209,910)	(3,209,910)
Cumulative net unrealized gain on change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	989,570,961	558,384,899
Retained earnings	3,143,672,020	2,801,387,551
Treasury stocks	(188,520,838)	(188,520,838)
	6,176,902,866	5,403,432,335
Non-controlling interest	135,054,560	129,935,635
Total Equity	6,311,957,426	5,533,367,970
	6,846,717,466	5,841,939,971

VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the Semester Ended (Unaudited)		For the Quarter Ended (Unaudited)	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
REVENUES				
Money transfer service	231,902,071	267,290,997	40,872,439	88,561,161
Equity in net earnings of associates	-	(10,910)	-	24,904
Internet service and sales	16,927,337	19,610,600	7,905,699	8,200,799
Money changing and foreign exchange	98,365,116	42,214,089	71,797,730	17,454,238
Interest income	93,850,862	81,419,775	32,154,401	27,873,924
Trading gain/(loss)	154,898,757	277,397,293	78,318,804	104,581,716
Income from Mutual Fund	62,242,527	46,071,727	21,610,411	16,652,315
Others	49,329,219	34,832,660	3,400,495	4,918,372
	707,515,889	768,826,231	256,059,979	268,267,429
EXPENSES				
General and administrative expenses	267,705,884	261,857,960	89,453,172	90,510,144
Cost of services and sales	67,975,602	22,743,073	24,298,733	7,406,134
Depreciation and amortization	12,536,904	15,837,745	4,100,393	5,050,349
	346,924,272	300,438,778	117,852,298	102,966,627
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	360,591,617	468,387,453	138,207,681	165,300,802
OTHER INCOME (CHARGES)				
Interest and bank charges – net	(6,124,116)	389,450	(3,193,760)	(1,453,443)
Others	2,654,841	(1,409,331)	4,482	599,650
	(3,469,275)	(1,019,881)	(3,189,278)	(853,793)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	355,828,224	467,367,572	135,018,403	164,447,009
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX				
Current	28,814,897	38,513,226	11,385,653	9,392,131
Deferred	-	(5,223,282)	-	(6,734,319)
	28,814,897	33,289,944	11,385,653	2,657,812
NET INCOME (LOSS)	327,013,327	434,077,628	123,632,750	161,789,197
Attributable to:				
Equity holders for the Parent	310,588,702	416,259,189	118,513,825	154,455,559
Non-controlling interest	16,424,625	17,818,439	5,118,925	7,333,638
	327,013,327	434,077,628	123,632,750	161,789,197
Basic/Diluted Earnings Per Share				
Attributable to Equity Holders				
of the Parent Company	0.15	0.19	0.057	0.075

VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	For the Semester Ended (Unaudited)	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
CAPITAL STOCK - P1 PAR VALUE		
Authorized – 2,250,000,000 shares		
Issued – 2,235,390,933 shares		
Balance at beginning of year	2,235,390,633	2,235,390,633
Stock issuance cost of a subsidiary	(3,209,910)	(3,209,910)
Balance at end of period	2,232,180,723	2,232,180,723
CUMULATIVE NET UNREALIZED GAIN ON CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE OF AVAILABLE- FOR-SALE SECURITIES		
Balance at beginning of year	558,384,899	420,177,574
Unrealized gain (loss)	431,186,062	(251,139,896)
Balance at end of period	989,570,961	169,037,678
RETAINED EARNINGS		
Balance at beginning of year	2,485,920,030	2,286,681,992
Net Income	327,013,325	416,259,187
Share in minority interest	(29,261,334)	-
Balance at end of period	3,143,672,021	2,702,941,179
TREASURY STOCK	(188,520,838)	(188,520,838)
MINORITY INTEREST		
Balance at beginning of year	129,935,635	114,817,421
Total income and expenses recognized during the period	(7,717,785)	17,818,439
Balance at end of period	122,217,850	132,635,860
	6,311,957,426	5,048,274,603

VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Semester Ended (Unaudited)	
	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Income (loss) before tax	355,828,224	467,367,572
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortization	12,536,904	15,837,745
Interest expense	6,124,116	1,237,941
Dividend income	(32,889,493)	(30,716,148)
Interest income	(93,850,862)	(81,419,775)
Operating income before working capital changes	247,748,889	372,296,425
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in:		
Receivable	112,055,725	206,346,435
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(26,176,327)	(22,202,557)
Increase (decrease) in account payable and other current liabilities	(51,743,611)	33,534
Net cash generated from operations	281,884,676	556,473,837
Interest paid	(6,124,116)	(1,237,941)
Dividends received	32,889,493	30,716,148
Interests received	93,850,862	81,419,775
Net cash provided by operating activities	402,500,915	667,371,819
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Decrease (increase) in:		
Property and equipment	(8,533,608)	(5,089,568)
Available-for-sale securities	(857,720,453)	(347,282,782)
Net unrealized gain on AFS	431,186,062	(251,139,894)
Other Assets	4,629,449	(84,847,460)
Net cash used in investing activities	(425,599,998)	(688,308,385)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (decrease) in minority interest	20,390,067	(5)
Loans	247,859,150	(2,148,451)
Net cash provided by financing activities	268,249,217	(2,148,456)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	245,150,134	(23,085,022)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	540,411,971	778,376,824
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	785,562,105	755,291,803

VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC.
(Formerly iVantage Corporation)
AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General Information

Corporate Information

Vantage Equities, Inc. (the Parent Company) was incorporated in the Philippines and registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on October 20, 1992. The primary business of the Parent Company is to invest in, acquire by purchase, exchange, assignment or otherwise; or to hold, own, use for investment or otherwise shares of the capital stock, bonds, debentures, promissory notes, or other securities or obligations created, negotiated or issued by any corporation, association or other entities, whether foreign or domestic, including but not limited to information technology companies and related ventures, holding companies and companies engaged in financial services, investments and real property development. Its investments consist of shares in: (a) entities involved in inward remittances and financing services; (b) an Information Technology (IT)-based entity; and (c) an entity involved in management of mutual funds.

On April 8, 2008, the SEC approved the Parent Company's change of corporate name from iVantage Corporation to Vantage Equities, Inc.

The Parent Company's shares are publicly traded in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

The registered office address of the Parent Company is 2703 East Tower, PSE Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Parent Company and the following subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group"):

Name of Subsidiaries	Place of Incorporation	Percentage of Ownership	
		3Q2012	2011
e-Business Services, Inc. (e-Business)	Philippines	100.00	100.00
eBIZ Financial Services, Inc. (eBIZ Financial)*	Philippines	100.00	100.00
iCurrencies, Inc. (iCurrencies)	Philippines	100.00	100.00
Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc.	Philippines	100.00	100.00
Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income Fund, Inc.	Philippines	100.00	100.00
Yehey! Corporation (Yehey!)	Philippines	68.35	68.35
Philequity Management, Inc. (PEMI)	Philippines	51.00	51.00

* Indirectly owned through e-Business

The Parent Company is the ultimate parent of the Group.

e-Business

e-Business is involved in fund transfer and remittance services, both domestic and abroad, of any form or kind of currencies or monies, as well as in conducting money exchange transactions as may be allowed by law and other allied activities relative thereto. e-Business has an existing Representation Agreement (Agreement) with Western Union Financial Services, Inc. (Western Union) covering its fund transfer and remittance services for a period of seven years from

September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2014. e-Business shall receive remuneration for the services provided to Western Union in accordance with the terms stipulated in the Agreement.

eBiz Financial

eBiz Financial is wholly owned by e-Business. eBiz Financial was incorporated on April 11, 2005 and started commercial operations on May 9, 2005. eBiz Financial is engaged in financing business.

iCurrencies

iCurrencies, Inc. was incorporated on February 3, 2000 and started commercial operations on May 31, 2000. iCurrencies is organized primarily to engage in the business of buying and selling of foreign currencies.

In May 2001, the iCurrencies effectively stopped its business of buying and selling currencies as a result of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circular No. 264, issued on October 26, 2000. Among others, the new circular required additional documentation for sale of foreign currencies and required Foreign Exchange Corporations (FxCorps) to have a minimum paid-up capital of ₱50.0 million.

The Circular effectively aligned the regulations under which FxCorps are to operate to that of banks. To avoid duplication and direct competition with its previous major stockholder, iCurrencies decided to stop its business of buying and selling foreign currencies. The stockholders likewise decided not to increase its paid-up capital.

In the meantime, iCurrencies is sustained by income on its investments and interest income on its funds while awaiting for regulatory changes.

Yehey!

Yehey! is engaged in the business of internet online related products relating to database search engine, such as, but not limited to, conceptualizing, designing, illustrating, processing and editing web sites. It is also engaged in pre-production and post-production work on web sites in internet and sell and market said products in the form of advertising of finished products in the domestic or export market.

PEMI

PEMI was incorporated in the Philippines and is primarily engaged in management of mutual funds.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) and available-for-sale (AFS) investments, which are measured at fair value. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Philippine peso, which is the Group's functional and presentation currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest peso unit, except when otherwise indicated.

Statement of Compliance

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group are prepared for the same reporting year as the Parent Company, using consistent accounting policies.

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Parent Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Parent Company controls another entity.

All significant intra-group balances, transactions, income and expenses and profits and losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Parent Company. Control is achieved when the Parent Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. Consolidation of subsidiaries ceases when control is transferred out of the Group.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of income from the date of acquisition up to the date of disposal, as appropriate.

When a change in ownership interest in a subsidiary occurs, which results in loss of control over the subsidiary, the Parent Company:

- Derecognizes the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary;
- Derecognizes the carrying amount of any non-controlling interest;
- Derecognizes the related other comprehensive income recorded in equity and recycle the same to profit or loss or surplus;
- Recognizes the fair value of the consideration received;
- Recognizes the fair value of any investment retained; and
- Recognizes any surplus or deficit in profit or loss.

In a separate or parent company financial statements, investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost, less accumulated impairment in value. Dividends earned on these investments are recognized in the Parent Company's separate statement of income as declared by the respective BOD of the investees.

Non-Controlling Interest

Non-controlling interest represents the portion of profit or loss and net assets not owned, directly or indirectly, by the Parent Company.

Non-controlling interests are presented separately in the consolidated statement of income, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, and within equity in the consolidated statement of financial position, separately from parent shareholders' equity. Any losses applicable to the non-controlling interests are allocated against the interests of the non-controlling interest even if this results in the non-controlling interest having a deficit balance. Acquisitions of non-controlling interests that does not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transaction, whereby the difference between the consideration and the fair value of the share of the net assets acquired is recognized as an equity transaction and attributed to the owners of the Parent Company.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except for new and amended Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS), PFRS and Philippine Interpretation which were adopted as of January 1, 2011. The following new, amendments and improvements to existing PFRS and Interpretations, which became effective in January 1, 2011, did not have a significant impact on the accounting policies, financial condition or performance of the Group.

New and amended standards and interpretations

PAS 24, *Related Party Transactions* (Amendment)

The amendment clarifies the definitions of a related party. The new definitions emphasize a symmetrical view of related party relationships and clarify the circumstances in which persons and key management personnel affect related party relationships of an entity. In addition, the amendment introduces an exemption from the general related party disclosure requirements for transactions with government and entities that are controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by the same government as the reporting entity.

PAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation* (Amendment)

The amendment alters the definition of a financial liability in PAS 32 to enable entities to classify rights issues and certain options or warrants as equity instruments. The amendment is applicable if the rights are given pro rata to all of the existing owners of the same class of an entity's non-derivative equity instruments, to acquire a fixed number of the entity's own equity instruments for a fixed amount in any currency.

Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 14, *Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement* (Amendment)

The amendment removes an unintended consequence when an entity is subject to minimum funding requirements and makes an early payment of contributions to cover such requirements. The amendment permits a prepayment of future service cost by the entity to be recognized as a pension asset.

Improvements to PFRSs 2010

The amendments to PFRS were issued primarily with a view to removing inconsistencies and clarify wordings. There are separate transitional provisions for each standard. The adoption of the amendments resulted in changes in accounting policies but did not have any impact on the financial position or performance of the Group.

- PFRS 3, *Business Combination*
- PFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*
- PAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- PAS 27, *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*
- PAS 34, *Interim Financial Statements*
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC13, *Customer Loyalty Programmes*
- Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 19, *Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments*

Significant Accounting Policies

Foreign Currency Translation

Each entity in the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

Foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities are translated in Philippine peso based on the Philippine Dealing system (PDS) closing rate prevailing at end of year and foreign currency-denominated income and expenses, at PDS weighted average rate for the year. Foreign exchange differences arising from restatements of foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities are credited to or charged against operations in the year in which the rates change.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

Financial Instruments - Initial Recognition and Subsequent Measurement

Date of recognition

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace are recognized on the settlement date. Receivables, accounts payable and other noncurrent liabilities, bonds payable and long term debt are recognized when cash is received by the Group or advanced to the borrowers.

Initial recognition of financial instruments

All financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value. Except for financial instruments at FVPL, the initial measurement of financial assets includes transaction costs. The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at FVPL, held-to-maturity (HTM) investments, AFS investments, and loans and receivables. Financial liabilities are classified as either derivative liabilities, financial liabilities at FVPL or financial liabilities carried at amortized cost. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired and whether they are quoted in an active market. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and, where allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates such designation at every reporting date.

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Group does not have HTM investments.

Determination of fair value

The fair value of the financial instruments traded in active markets at the consolidated statement of financial position date is based on their quoted market prices or dealer price quotations (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs. When current bid and ask prices are not available, the price of the most recent transaction provides evidence of the current fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances since the time of the transaction.

For all other financial instruments not listed in an active market, the fair value is determined by using appropriate valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. Valuation techniques include net present value techniques, comparison to similar instruments for which market observable prices exist, option pricing models, and other relevant valuation models. The inputs to these models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data are not available, judgment is required to establish fair values. The judgments include considerations of liquidity and model inputs such as volatility for longer dated derivatives and discount rates.

'Day 1' difference

Where the transaction price in a non-active market is different to the fair value from other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable market, the Group recognizes the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a 'Day 1' difference) in the consolidated statement of income under 'Miscellaneous expense' unless it qualifies for recognition as some other type of asset. In cases where transaction price used is made of data which is not observable, the difference between the transaction price and model value is only recognized in the statement of income when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Group determines the appropriate method of recognizing the 'Day 1' difference amount.

Financial assets at FVPL represent securities which are held for trading and free standing derivative (currency forward contract). Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVPL are recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value. Interest earned or incurred is recorded in 'Interest income' or 'Interest expense' in the consolidated statement of income, respectively, while dividend income is recorded in 'Dividends' in the consolidated

statement of income according to the terms of the contract, or when the right to receive payment has been established.

Financial instruments at FVPL

Financial instruments at FVPL include financial assets and financial liabilities that are:

- acquired and held for trading purposes
- designated upon initial recognition as at FVPL; and
- stand-alone or bifurcated embedded derivative financial instruments not designated as effective hedging instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purposes of selling and repurchasing in the near term.

Financial assets and financial liabilities may be designated by management on initial recognition at FVPL when the following criteria are met:

- The designation eliminates or significantly reduces the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognizing gains or losses on them on a different basis;
- The assets and liabilities are part of a group of financial assets, liabilities or both which are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy; or
- The financial instrument contains an embedded derivative, unless the embedded derivative does not significantly modify the cash flows or it is clear, with little or no analysis, that it would not be separately recorded.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVPL are recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value. Subsequent changes in fair value are recognized in the consolidated statement of income. Interest earned or dividends received are recorded in interest income or dividend income, respectively. Interest incurred is recorded as interest expense in the consolidated statement of income.

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value on the date in which a derivative transaction is entered into or bifurcated, and are subsequently re-measured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when the fair value is negative.

An embedded derivative is a component of a hybrid (combined) instrument that also includes a non-derivative host contract, with the effect that some of the cash flows of the combined instrument vary in a way similar to a stand-alone derivative. An embedded derivative is separated from the host contract and accounted for as derivative if all the following conditions are met:

- the economic characteristics and risks of the embedded derivative are not closely related to the economic characteristic of the host contract;
- a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of the derivative; and
- the hybrid or combined instrument is not measured at fair value with fair value changes charged through profit or loss.

The Group assesses whether embedded derivatives are required to be separated from host contracts when the Group first becomes party to the contract. Reassessment only occurs if there

is a change in the terms of the contracts that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required.

The Group does not have any bifurcated embedded derivatives as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company's financial assets at FVPL comprise of investments in corporate bonds and currency forward contracts.

Loans and receivables

This accounting policy relates to the consolidated statement of financial position captions 'Cash and cash equivalents', 'Loans and receivables' and 'Refundable deposits' (included under Prepaid expenses and other current assets). These are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that are not quoted in an active market. They are not entered into with the intention of immediate or short-term resale and are not classified as 'Other financial assets held for trading' or designated as 'AFS investments' or 'Financial assets designated at FVPL'.

After initial measurement, loans and receivables are subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost using the EIR method, less allowance for credit losses. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees and costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The amortization is included in 'Interest income' in the consolidated statement of income. The losses arising from impairment are recognized in 'Provision for credit and impairment losses' in the consolidated statement of income.

AFS investments

AFS investments are nonderivative financial assets which are designated as such or do not qualify to be classified as designated at FVPL, HTM investments or loans and receivables. They are purchased and held indefinitely and may be sold in response to liquidity requirements or changes in market conditions. They include equity investments, money market papers and other debt instruments.

After initial measurement, AFS investments are subsequently measured at fair value. The effective yield component of AFS debt securities, as well as the impact of restatement on foreign currency-denominated AFS debt securities, is reported in the consolidated statement of income. The unrealized gains and losses arising from the fair valuation of AFS investments are excluded, net of tax, from the reported earnings and are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as 'Net unrealized gain on AFS investments'.

When the security is disposed of, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in consolidated statement of comprehensive income is recognized in the consolidated statement of income. Where the Group holds more than one investment in the same security, these are deemed to be disposed of on a first-in first-out basis. Interest earned on holding AFS debt investments are reported in the consolidated statement of income as 'Interest income' using the EIR. Dividends earned on holding AFS equity investments are recognized in the consolidated statement of income as 'Dividends' when the right to receive payment has been established. The losses arising from impairment of such investment are recognized as 'Provision for credit and impairment losses' in the consolidated statement of income.

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as at FVPL when the financial liability is either held for trading or it is designated as at FVPL.

A financial liability is held for trading if:

- it has been incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing it in the near term; or

- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument or a financial guarantee.

Management may designate a financial liability at FVPL upon initial recognition when the following criteria are met, and designation is determined on an instrument by instrument basis:

- The designation eliminates or significantly reduces the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the liabilities or recognizing gains or losses on them on a different basis; or
- The liabilities are part of a group of financial liabilities which are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy; or
- The financial instrument contains an embedded derivative, unless the embedded derivative does not significantly modify the cash flows or it is clear, with little or no analysis, that it would not be separately recorded.

Financial liabilities at FVPL are recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value of financial instruments are recorded in Mark-to-market gain (loss) on financial assets at FVPL in the consolidated statement of income. Interests incurred are recorded in Interest expense in the statement of income using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial assets

A financial asset (where applicable, a part of a financial asset, or part of a group of financial assets) is derecognized when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Group retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a “pass-through” arrangement; or
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risk and rewards of the asset but has transferred the control over the asset.

Where the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control over the asset, the asset is recognized to the extent of the Group’s continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

Financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expired. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the consolidated statement of income.

Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize

the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, therefore, the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or a group of borrowers is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization and where observable data indicate that there is measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

Impairment of financial assets carried at amortized cost

For financial assets carried at amortized cost, which includes cash and cash equivalents, receivables and deposits, the Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. For individually assessed financial assets, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred). The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original EIR. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current EIR, adjusted for the original credit risk premium. The calculation of the present value of the estimated future cash flows of a collateralized financial asset reflects the cash flows that may result from foreclosure less costs for obtaining and selling the collateral, whether or not foreclosure is probable.

Financial assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognized are not included in a collective assessment for impairment. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of loss is charged against the statement of income. Interest income continues to be recognized based on the original EIR of the asset. Loans, together with the associated allowance accounts, are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realized. If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a future write-off is later recovered, any amounts formerly charged are credited to the 'Provision for credit and impairment losses' in the consolidated statement of income.

If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses for impairment. Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the debtors' ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated.

For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped on the basis of credit risk characteristics such as industry, collateral type, past-due status and term. Future cash flows in a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the group. Historical loss experience is adjusted on the basis of current

observable data to reflect the effects of current conditions that did not affect the period on which the historical loss experience is based and to remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that do not exist currently. Estimates of changes in future cash flows reflect, and are directionally consistent with changes in related observable data from period to period (such changes in property prices, payment status, or other factors that are indicative of incurred losses in the Group and their magnitude). The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly by the Group to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

AFS investments

For AFS investments, the Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

In case of equity investments classified as AFS investments, this would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the investments below its cost. Where there is evidence of impairment, the cumulative loss - measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in the consolidated statement of income - is removed from consolidated statement of comprehensive income and recognized in the consolidated statement of income. Impairment losses on equity investments are not reversed through the consolidated statement of income. Increases in fair value after impairment are recognized directly in consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

In the case of debt instruments classified as AFS investments, impairment is assessed based on the same criteria as financial assets carried at amortized cost. However, the amount recorded for impairment is the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the amortized cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognized in the statement of income. Future interest income is based on the reduced carrying amount and is accrued based on the rate of interest used to discount future cash flows for the purpose of measuring impairment loss. Such accrual is recorded as part of 'Interest income' in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. If, in subsequent year, the fair value of a debt instrument increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the impairment loss is reversed through the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in banks and short-term investments. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with original maturities of three months or less from the dates of placement and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Investments in associate and joint venture

Investment in associate

Associates are entities which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20.00% and 50.00% of the voting rights. In the consolidated financial statements, investment in associates is accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

Under the equity method, an investment in an associate is carried in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of the net assets of the associate. Goodwill relating to an associate is included in the carrying value of the investment and is not amortized. The Group's share in an associate's post-acquisition profits or losses is recognized in the consolidated statement of income, and its share of post-acquisition movements in the associate's equity reserves is recognized directly in consolidated statement of comprehensive income. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the

carrying amount of the investments. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate. Profits and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and an associate are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the associate.

Investment in joint venture

Investment in joint venture is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The investment in joint venture is carried in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the share of net assets of the joint venture, less any allowance for impairment losses.

Investments in joint ventures in the Group's financial statements are carried at cost less any allowance for impairment losses.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. The initial cost of property and equipment consists of its purchase price, including import duties, taxes and any costs directly attributable to bringing the property and equipment to its working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditures incurred after the property and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, are normally charged to income in the year in which such costs are incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditures have resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property and equipment beyond its originally assessed standard of performance, the expenditures are capitalized as additional costs of property and equipment.

The cost of an item of property and equipment also includes costs of dismantlement, removal or restoration and the related obligation that the Group incurs at the end of the useful life of property and equipment.

When each major repairs and maintenance is performed, its cost is recognized in the carrying amount of the item of property and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. Such costs are capitalized and amortized over the next major repairs and maintenance activity.

Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the property and equipment as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	2-10 years
Office improvements	10 years
Transportation equipment	5 years
Office condominium	20 years
Server and network equipment	3 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years or term of lease, whichever period is shorter

The useful lives, residual values, and depreciation and amortization method are reviewed periodically to ensure that the periods, residual values, and method of depreciation and amortization are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the accounts until they are no longer in use and no further depreciation are credited or charged to consolidated statement of income.

When property and equipment are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, amortization and any impairment in value are eliminated from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is credited or charged to consolidated statement of income.

Software and Website

Development costs of software and website included under "Other noncurrent assets" account in the consolidated statement of financial position are capitalized and treated as intangible assets because their costs are not an integral part of the related hardware. Amortization is computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful life of 3 years for software and 2 years for website.

Impairment of Property and Equipment, Software and Investment in Associate and Joint Venture

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Impairment losses are recognized in the consolidated statement of income in the expense category consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognized impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognized. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation and amortization, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in the consolidated statement of income unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case, the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase. After such a reversal, the depreciation and amortization charge is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Goodwill

Goodwill acquired in a business combination is initially measured at cost being the excess of the cost of the business combination over the Parent Company's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquired business. Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment, annually or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit, to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the cash generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated, an impairment loss is recognized. Impairment loss relating to goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods.

Revenue Recognition

The Group assesses its revenue arrangements against specific criteria in order to determine if it is acting as principal or agent. Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the

economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized:

Commission income

This represents the commission received by the Group from Western Union. The Group receives commission from Western Union for every advance dollar remittance service provided by the former for the latter. Revenue is recognized the remittance service has been rendered which is when Western Union acknowledges the transaction.

Advertising, Web Development and Internet Service

Revenue from advertising and web development is recognized based on Percentage of Completion Method. The stage of completion is assessed by reference to surveys of the work performed. Revenue from internet service is recognized at the time services are rendered.

Money Changing Gain

Money changing gains are related to the Group's retail foreign exchange operations in the branches. The Group provides money changing services to its clients which includes buying and selling of foreign currencies. Revenue is recognized when the service is rendered.

Share in Foreign Exchange Differential

Income from foreign exchange differential is recognized when service is rendered and foreign currency denominated cash is converted into Philippine peso.

Interest Income

Revenue is recognized as the interest accrues, using the effective interest rate.

Dividend Income

Revenue is recognized when the right to receive payment is established.

Service Income

Service income is recognized when the services are rendered.

Management fee

Revenue is recognized as services are rendered and in accordance with the management and distribution agreement.

Gain on Sale of AFS Investments

Revenue is recognized on trade date upon receipt of confirmation of sale of investments from counterparties.

Expense Recognition

Expenses are recognized when decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in an asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether the fulfillment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset. A re-assessment is made after inception of the lease only if one of the following applies:

- (a) There is a change in contractual terms, other than a renewal or extension of the arrangement;
- (b) A renewal option is exercised or extension granted, unless that term of the renewal or extension was initially included in the lease term;
- (c) There is a change in the determination of whether fulfillment is dependent on a specified asset; or

(d) There is a substantial change to the asset.

Where a re-assessment is made, lease accounting shall commence or cease from the date when the change in circumstances gave rise to the re-assessment for scenarios a, c or d above, and at the date of renewal or extension period for scenario b.

Group as a Lessee. Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the assets are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognized as expense in the consolidated statement of income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease agreement.

Retirement Costs

e-Business has funded, noncontributory defined benefit retirement plan covering substantially all of its regular employees. The Parent Company and Yehey! have unfunded, noncontributory defined benefit retirement plan covering substantially all of its regular employees. The obligation and costs of retirement benefits are actuarially computed by an independent actuary using projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognized as income or expense when the net cumulative unrecognized actuarial gains and losses for the plan at the end of the previous reporting period exceed 10.00% of the higher of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of the plan assets at that date. These gains or losses are recognized over the expected average remaining working lives of the employees participating in the plan.

The past service cost is recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested. If the benefits are already vested immediately following the introduction of, or changes to, a pension plan, past service cost is recognized immediately.

The defined benefit liability is the aggregate of the present value of the defined benefit obligation and actuarial gains not recognized reduced by past service cost not yet recognized and the fair value of plan assets out of which the obligations are to be settled directly. If such aggregate is negative, the asset is measured at the lower of such aggregate or the aggregate of cumulative unrecognized net actuarial losses and past service cost and the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in the future contributions to the plan.

If the asset is measured at the aggregate of cumulative unrecognized net actuarial losses and past service cost and the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in the future contributions to the plan, net actuarial losses of the current period and past service cost of the current period are recognized immediately to the extent that they exceed any reduction in the present value of those economic benefits. If there is no change or an increase in the present value of the economic benefits, the entire net actuarial losses of the current period and past service cost of the current period are recognized immediately. Similarly, net actuarial gains of the current period after the deduction of past service cost of the current period exceeding any increase in the present value of the economic benefits stated above are recognized immediately if the asset is measured at the aggregate of cumulative unrecognized net actuarial losses and past service cost and the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in the future contributions to the plan. If there is no change or a decrease in the present value of the economic benefits, the entire net actuarial gains of the current period after the deduction of past service cost of the current period are recognized immediately.

Income Taxes

Current Tax

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior years are measured at the amounts expected to be recovered from or paid to the tax authority. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred Tax

Deferred tax is provided, using the balance sheet liability method, on all temporary differences and carryforward benefit of unused net operating loss carry over (NOLCO) and excess of minimum corporate income tax (MCIT) over regular corporate income tax (RCIT) at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences with certain exceptions. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carryforward benefit of unused NOLCO and excess of MCIT over RCIT, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable income will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax assets to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable income will allow the deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax relating to items recognized directly in other comprehensive income and not in the consolidated statement of income.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the periods when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same tax authority.

Equity

Capital stock is measured at par value for all shares issued and outstanding. When the shares are sold at a premium, the difference between the proceeds and the par value is credited to 'Capital paid-in excess of par value' account. Direct costs incurred related to equity issuance, such as underwriting, accounting and legal fees, printing costs and taxes are chargeable to 'Capital paid-in excess of par value' account. If the 'Capital paid-in excess of par value' is not sufficient, the excess is charged against the 'Retained earnings'.

When the Group issues more than one class of stock, a separate account is maintained for each class of stock and the number of shares issued.

Own equity instruments which are acquired (treasury shares) are deducted from equity and accounted for at weighted average cost. No gain or loss is recognized in the statement of income on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Parent Company's own equity instruments.

'Retained earnings' represents accumulated earnings of the Group less dividends declared.

Basic/Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic/diluted earnings (loss) per share is determined by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year with retroactive adjustments for any stock split and stock dividends declared.

Provisions

General

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event; it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pretax rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provisions due to the passage of time is recognized as an interest expense. Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed.

Asset Retirement Obligation

The Group recognizes provision arising from legal and/or constructive obligations associated with the cost of dismantling and removing an item of property and equipment and restoring the site where it is located, the obligation for which the Group incurs either when the asset is acquired or as a consequence of having used the asset during a particular period for purposes other than to produce inventories during that period. A corresponding asset is recognized as part of property and equipment. Decommissioning costs are provided at the present value of expected costs to settle the obligation using estimated cash flows. The cash flows are discounted at a current pretax rate that reflects the risks specific to the decommissioning liability.

The unwinding of the discount is expensed as incurred and recognized in the consolidated statement of income as an interest expense. The estimated future costs of decommissioning are reviewed annually and adjusted prospectively. Changes in the estimated future costs or in the discount rate applied are added or deducted from the cost of property and equipment. The amount deducted from the cost of property and equipment shall not exceed its carrying amount.

Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements. These are disclosed in the notes to consolidated financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements but disclosed in the notes to consolidated financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Events after the Reporting Period

Events after reporting date that provide additional information about the Group's financial position at the reporting date (adjusting events), if any, are reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Events that are not adjusting events, if any, are disclosed in the notes to consolidated financial statements, when material.

Dividends on common shares

Dividends on common shares are recognized as a liability and deducted from equity when approved by the respective shareholders of the Parent Company and its subsidiaries while stock dividends are deducted from equity when approved by the BOD and shareholders of the Parent Company. Dividends for the year that are approved after the consolidated statement of financial position date are dealt with as an event after the consolidated statement of financial position date.

Segment reporting

The Group's operating businesses are organized and managed separately according to the nature of the products and services provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products and serves different markets. Financial information on business segments is presented in Note 6. The Group's assets producing revenues are located in the

Philippines (i.e., one geographical location). Therefore, geographical segment information is no longer presented.

Future Changes in Accounting Policies

Standards issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the financial statements are listed below. This listing is of standards and interpretations issued, which the Group reasonably expects to be applicable at a future date. The Group intends to adopt those standards when they become effective.

Effective in 2012

PAS 12, Income Taxes - Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets

The amendment provides a practical solution to the problem of assessing whether recovery of an asset will be through use or sale. It introduces a presumption that recovery of the carrying amount of an asset will, normally, be through sale.

PAS 1, Financial Statement Presentation - Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income

The amendments to PAS 1 change the grouping of items presented in other comprehensive income. Items that could be reclassified (or “recycled”) to profit or loss at a future point in time (for example, upon derecognition or settlement) would be presented separately from items that will never be reclassified. The amendment affects presentation only and has therefore no impact on the Group’s financial position or performance. The amendment becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

Effective in 2013

PAS 19, Employee Benefits (Amendment)

Amendments to PAS 19 range from fundamental changes such as removing the corridor mechanism and the concept of expected returns on plan assets to simple clarifications and rewording.

PAS 27, Separate Financial Statements (as revised in 2011)

As a consequence of the new PFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statement and PFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, what remains of PAS 27 is limited to accounting for subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities, and associates in separate financial statements. The Group will assess the impact of this standard as it becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

PAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (as revised in 2011)

As a consequence of the new PFRS 11, Joint Arrangements and PFRS 12, PAS 28 has been renamed PAS 28, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures, and describes the application of the equity method to investments in joint ventures in addition to associates. The Group will assess the impact of this standard as it becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

PFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures - Enhanced Derecognition Disclosure Requirements

The amendment requires additional disclosure about financial assets that have been transferred but not derecognized to enable the user of the Group’s financial statements to understand the relationship with those assets that have not been derecognized and their associated liabilities. In addition, the amendment requires disclosures about continuing involvement in derecognized assets to enable the user to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with, the entity’s continuing involvement in those derecognized assets. The amendment becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2011.

PFRS 7, Financial instruments: Disclosures - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

These amendments require an entity to disclose information about rights of set-off and related

arrangements (such as collateral agreements). The new disclosures are required for all recognized financial instruments that are set off in accordance with PAS 32. These disclosures also apply to recognized financial instruments that are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or 'similar agreement', irrespective of whether they are set-off in accordance with PAS 32. The amendments require entities to disclose, in a tabular format unless another format is more appropriate, the following minimum quantitative information. This is presented separately for financial assets and financial liabilities recognized at the end of the reporting period:

- a) The gross amounts of those recognized financial assets and recognized financial liabilities;
- b) The amounts that are set off in accordance with the criteria in PAS 32 when determining the net amounts presented in the statement of financial position;
- c) The net amounts presented in the statement of financial position;
- d) The amounts subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement that are not otherwise included in (b) above, including:
 - i. Amounts related to recognized financial instruments that do not meet some or all of the offsetting criteria in PAS 32; and
 - ii. Amounts related to financial collateral (including cash collateral); and
- e) The net amount after deducting the amounts in (d) from the amounts in (c) above.

The amendments to PFRS 7 are to be retrospectively applied for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

PFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements

PFRS 10 replaces the portion of PAS 27, Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements that addresses the accounting for consolidated financial statements. It also includes the issues raised in SIC-12, Consolidation - Special Purpose Entities. PFRS 10 establishes a single control model that applies to all entities including special purpose entities. The changes introduced by PFRS 10 will require management to exercise significant judgment to determine which entities are controlled, and therefore, are required to be consolidated by a parent, compared with the requirements that were in PAS 27. The Group will assess the impact of this standard as it becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

PFRS 11, Joint Arrangements

PFRS 11 replaces PAS 31, Interests in Joint Ventures and SIC-13, Jointly-controlled Entities - Non-monetary Contributions by Venturers. PFRS 11 removes the option to account for jointly controlled entities (JCEs) using proportionate consolidation. Instead, JCEs that meet the definition of a joint venture must be accounted for using the equity method. This standard becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

PFRS 12, Disclosure of Interests with Other Entities

PFRS 12 includes all of the disclosures that were previously in PAS 27 related to consolidated financial statements, as well as all of the disclosures that were previously included in PAS 31 and PAS 28. These disclosures relate to an entity's interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates and structured entities. A number of new disclosures are also required. The Group will assess the impact of this standard as it becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

PFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement

PFRS 13 establishes a single source of guidance under PFRS for all fair value measurements. PFRS 13 does not change when an entity is required to use fair value, but rather provides guidance on how to measure fair value under PFRS when fair value is required or permitted. The Group will assess the impact of this standard as it becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 20, Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine

This interpretation applies to waste removal costs that are incurred in surface mining activity during the production phase of the mine (“production stripping costs”) and provides guidance on the recognition of production stripping costs as an asset and measurement of the stripping activity asset. This interpretation becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

Effective in 2014

PAS 32, Financial Instruments: Presentation - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial liabilities

These amendments to PAS 32 clarify the meaning of “currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off” and also clarify the application of the PAS 32 offsetting criteria to settlement systems (such as central clearing house systems) which apply gross settlement mechanisms that are not simultaneous. The Group will assess the impact of this standard as it becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

Effective in 2015

PFRS 9, Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement

PFRS 9 as issued reflects the first phase on the replacement of PAS 39 and applies to classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities as defined in PAS 39. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015. In subsequent phases, hedge accounting and impairment of financial assets will be addressed with the completion of this project expected on the first half of 2012. The adoption of the first phase of PFRS 9 will have an effect on the classification and measurement of the Group’s financial assets, but will potentially have no impact on classification and measurements of financial liabilities.

Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 15, Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate

This interpretation covers accounting for revenue and associated expenses by entities that undertake the construction of real estate directly or through subcontractors. The interpretation requires that revenue on construction of real estate be recognized only upon completion, except when such contract qualifies as construction contract to be accounted for under PAS 11, Construction Contracts, or involves rendering of services in which case revenue is recognized based on stage of completion. Contracts involving provision of services with the construction materials and where the risks and reward of ownership are transferred to the buyer on a continuous basis will also be accounted for based on stage of completion. The SEC and the Financial Reporting Standards Council (FRSC) have deferred the effectivity of this interpretation until the final Revenue standard is issued by International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and an evaluation of the requirements of the final Revenue standard against the practices of the Philippine real estate industry is completed.

3. Significant Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRS requires the Group to make judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and contingent liabilities. Future events may occur which will cause the judgments and assumptions used in arriving at the estimates to change. The effects of any change in judgments and estimates are reflected in the financial statements as they become reasonably determinable.

Judgments and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Judgments

The following are the critical judgments and key assumptions that have a significant risk of material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

- a) *Determination of Functional Currency*
The Group has determined its functional currency to be the Philippine peso. It is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates and the currency that mainly influences the income and expenses.
- b) *Operating Lease Commitments - Group as a Lessee*
The Group has entered into a lease for some of its office spaces and branches. The Group has determined that it has not acquired all the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the leased properties because of the following factors: (a) the Group will not acquire the ownership of the leased asset upon termination of the lease; (b) the Group has no option to purchase the asset at a price that is sufficiently lower than the fair value at the date of the option; and (c) the lease term is only for a period of one year, renewable annually. Accordingly, the Group accounts for the lease as operating leases.
- c) *Fair value of financial instruments*
Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, these are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgment is required in establishing fair values. The judgments include considerations of liquidity and model inputs such as correlation and volatility for longer dated financial instruments (see Note 5).
- d) *Financial assets not quoted in an active market*
The Group classifies financial assets by evaluating, among others, whether the asset is quoted or not in an active market. Included in the evaluation on whether a financial asset is quoted in an active market is the determination on whether quoted prices are readily and regularly available, and whether those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.
- e) *Determination of whether the Group is acting as a principal or an agent*
The Group assesses its revenue arrangements against the following criteria to determine whether it is acting as a principal or an agent:
- whether the Group has primary responsibility for providing the goods and services;
 - whether the Group has inventory risk;
 - whether the Group has discretion in establishing prices; and
 - whether the Group bears the credit risk.

If the Group has determined it is acting as a principal, revenue is recognized on a gross basis with the amount remitted to the other party being accounted for as part of costs and expenses.

If the Group has determined it is acting as an agent, only the net amount retained is recognized as revenue.

The Group assessed its revenue arrangements and concluded that it is acting as principal in some arrangements and as an agent in other arrangements.

Estimates

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

a) *Fair value of financial instruments*

PFRS requires that certain financial assets and liabilities be carried and disclosed at fair value, which requires the use of accounting estimates and judgments. While significant components of fair value measurement are determined using verifiable objective evidence (i.e. foreign exchange rates, interest rates, volatility rate), the timing and amount of changes in fair value would differ if the Group utilized a different valuation methodology. Any change in the assumptions could affect the fair values of these financial assets and liabilities.

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in Note 7.

b) *Allowance for credit losses*

The Group maintains an allowance for credit losses at a level considered adequate to provide for potential uncollectible receivables. The level of allowance is evaluated by the Group on the basis of factors that affect the collectibility of the accounts. These factors include, but are not limited to, the length of the Group's relationship with the customers, average age of accounts and collection experience. The Group performs a regular review of the age and status of these accounts, designed to identify accounts with objective evidence of impairment and provide the appropriate allowance for impairment losses. The review is accomplished using specific assessment and collective approaches. The amount and timing of recorded expenses for any period would differ if the Group made different judgments or utilized different methodologies.

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, receivables net of allowance for credit losses are disclosed in Note 6.

c) *Impairment of AFS equity investments*

The Group determines that AFS equity investments are impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost. This determination of what is significant or prolonged requires judgment. The Group treats 'significant' generally as decrease by more than 20.00% of the original cost of investment, and 'prolonged' as greater than 12 months. In making this judgment, the Group evaluates among other factors, the normal volatility in share price.

In addition, impairment may be appropriate when there is evidence of deterioration in the financial health of the investee, industry and sector performance, changes in technology, and operational and financing cash flows. As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the carrying value of AFS investments are disclosed in Note 8.

d) *Estimated useful lives of property and equipment, software and website*

The useful lives of the property and equipment, software and website are estimated based on the period over which the property and equipment, software and website are expected to be available for use and on the collective assessment of industry practice, internal technical evaluation and experience with similar assets. The estimated useful lives of property and equipment, software and website are reviewed periodically and updated if expectations differ materially from previous estimates due to physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence and legal or other limits on the use of the property and equipment, software and website. However, it is possible that future results or operations could be materially affected by changes in the estimates brought about by changes in factors mentioned above. The amounts and timing of recording of expenses for any period would be affected by changes in these factors and circumstances.

There is no change in the estimated useful lives of property and equipment, software and website during the year. As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the carrying values of property and equipment are disclosed in Note 10.

e) *Impairment of nonfinancial assets (except Goodwill)*

PAS 36, *Impairment of Assets*, requires that an impairment review be performed when certain impairment indicators are present. Determining the value in use of property and equipment and other nonfinancial assets, which require the determination of future cash flows expected to be generated from the continued use and ultimate disposition of such assets, requires the Group to make estimates and assumptions that can materially affect the consolidated financial statements.

As of the reporting dates, the property and equipment and software do not have any indication of impairment.

Fifth Agency Unified Services, Inc. (FAUSI) stopped its normal operations in 2008. FAUSI suffered consecutive years of losses which the management believes may lead to non-recovery of their investment.

f) *Impairment of Goodwill*

The Group determines whether goodwill is impaired on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units to which the goodwill is allocated. Estimating the value in use requires the Group to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the cash-generating unit and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

Key assumptions used in value in use calculations

The calculation of value in use for both cash-generating units are most sensitive to the following assumptions explained as follows:

Discount Rates. Discount rates reflect management's estimate of the risks specific to the cash generating unit. This is the benchmark used by management to assess operating performance and to evaluate future investment proposals. The discount rate used for the cash-generating unit is based on the estimated cost of equity. This rate is further adjusted to reflect the market assessment of any risk specific to the generating unit for which estimates of cash flows have not been adjusted.

Growth Rate. Growth rate reflects management's estimate of the cash generating unit's earnings potential as a function of economic and industry growth and the unit's strategic position relative to its competitors. For purposes of the projection, a growth rate of 5.0% was used.

Sensitivity to Changes in Assumptions

With regard to the assessment of value-in-use of the cash-generating unit, management believes that no reasonably possible change in any of the above key assumptions would cause the carrying value of the unit to materially exceed its recoverable amount.

g) *Asset retirement obligation*

Determining asset retirement obligation requires estimation of the costs of dismantling installations and restoring leased properties to their original condition. While the Group believes that the assumptions used in the estimation of such costs are reasonable, significant changes in these assumptions may materially affect the recorded expense or obligation in the future period.

h) *Accrued retirement costs*

The determination of the Group's retirement cost is dependent on selection of certain assumptions used by the actuary in calculating such amount. Those assumptions include, among others, discount rates, rates of future salary increase, expected rate of return on plan assets and average remaining working lives of employees. Actual results that differ from the

Group's assumptions are accumulated and amortized over future periods and therefore, generally affect the Group's recognized expense and recorded obligation in such future periods. While management believes that the assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, significant differences in the Group's actual experience or significant changes in the assumptions may materially affect the pension and other retirement obligation.

i) *Deferred tax assets*

The Group's assessment on the recognition of deferred tax assets on deductible temporary differences is based on the budgeted taxable income of the following period. This budget is based on the Group's past results and future expectations on revenue and expenses.

j) *Legal Contingencies*

The estimate of probable costs, if any, for the resolution of possible claims is developed in consultation with outside legal counsel handling the Group's defense in these matters and is based upon an analysis of potential results. Based on management's assessment, there are no liabilities that require recognition arising from legal claims.

4. Segment Information

For management purposes, the Group is organized into major operating business segments as follows:

a. Investment holdings

The investment holdings segment deals in the acquisition and sale of financial instruments.

b. Remittance services

The remittance services segment provides the infrastructure and services as the largest direct agent for money transfer of Overseas Filipino Workers. Beyond the remittance business, this segment facilitates the fulfillment of e-commerce transactions and serves as a payment platform for any Business to Business (B2B) or Business to Customers (B2C) initiative.

c. Internet services

The internet services segment is engaged in the business of internet online-related products relating to a database search engine. It also provides enterprise and consumer solutions via products of the internet.

d. Mutual fund management

This segment deals in the management of mutual funds.

The Group mainly operates and generates revenue in the Philippines only, (i. e., one geographical location). Thus, geographical segment information is not presented.

The Group has no significant customers which contribute 10.00% or more of the consolidated revenues.

5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

This account consists of:

	September 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cash on hand and in banks	P173,951,366	P259,024,545
Short-term investments	611,610,739	287,699,554
	P785,562,105	P546,724,099

Cash in banks earn interest at the prevailing bank deposit rates. Short-term investments are made for varying periods of one to three months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the prevailing short-term investment rates.

6. Loans and receivables

This account consists of:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Due from:		
Western Union	₱302,974,049	₱347,017,898
Broker	691,153	48,291,151
Sub-agents	14,600,000	15,285,589
Affiliates	7,173,357	9,257,840
Business partners	-	3,252,237
Unquoted debt securities	331,079,500	296,979,500
Receivable from advertising and web development services	46,966,060	101,843,265
Accrued interest	25,522,054	34,057,391
Advances to officers and employees	1,708,483	2,737,208
Miscellaneous assets	20,875,000	-
Others	24,508,777	18,888,008
	776,098,433	874,357,850
Less allowance for credit losses	(42,882,151)	(49,960,843)
	₱733,216,282	₱824,397,007

Aging of Loans and Receivables

As of September 30, 2012

No. of Days	Trade	Due from WU, Brokers, Subagents and Affiliates	Unquoted Debt Securities	Others	Total
Current (1-30 days)	5,660,101	325,438,559	-	72,614,314	403,712,974
31 – 60 days	4,980,801	-	-	-	4,980,801
61 – 90 days	4,778,236	-	-	-	4,778,236
Over 90 days	31,546,922	-	331,079,500	-	362,626,422
TOTAL	46,966,060	325,438,559	331,079,500	72,614,314	776,098,433

Due from Western Union represents pay-outs from e-Business covering fund transfers and remittance services, which were not yet reimbursed by Western Union as of the reporting date.

Due from sub-agents arising from money transfer services are shown net of related payables to the same sub-agent. Sub-agent accounts showing net payable balances are shown under 'Accounts payable and other current liabilities' in the consolidated statements of financial position.

Unquoted debt securities represent investment in a credit linked note. This credit linked note is a financial instrument structured with an embedded credit default swap in relation to the linked obligation, a global bond issued by SM Investment Corporation to ING Bank. Aside from the credit default swap, the note contains an embedded foreign exchange option wherein the issuer has the option to pay interest in USD or in an equivalent amount of PHP calculated at the foreign exchange period end rate. No bifurcation was made on the embedded derivatives.

The advances to officers and employees are either subject for liquidation or collectible through salary deduction.

The terms and conditions of receivables are as follows:

- Due from sub-agents, business partners and Western Union are noninterest bearing and are generally on a one to four days' term.
- Due from broker is noninterest-bearing and are usually collectible on a 3-day term.
- Receivables from advertising and web development services are normally collectible within two to four months after completion of the contract while other receivables are due and demandable upon completion of the transaction.
- Interest receivables are generally collectible on a 180-day term.
- Due from affiliates represents short-term noninterest bearing advances for working capital requirements.
- Other receivables such as business partners and prudential guarantees are all short-term in nature.

7. Financial Assets at FVPL

This account consists of investments in:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Held-for-trading		
Corporate securities	P63,331,875	P86,627,840
Derivative asset		
Currency forward contracts	2,960,900	111,952
	P66,292,775	P86,739,792

8. Available-For-Sale Investments

This account consists of investments in:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Debt securities	P1,862,718,733	P1,884,122,384
Equity securities	1,839,118,570	1,271,291,653
Mutual funds	1,454,671,190	1,143,801,986
	P5,156,508,493	P4,299,216,023

9. Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

This account consists of:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Prepaid expenses	P25,938,000	P6,500,670
Input value-added tax	3,073,504	1,897,486
Creditable withholding tax	4,437,637	3,335,870
Others	6,626,412	2,165,200
	P40,075,553	P13,899,226

10. Property and Equipment

Details of this account is presented below:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cost	₱329,844,371	₱326,912,300
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	289,516,006	282,580,641
	<u>₱40,328,365</u>	<u>₱44,331,659</u>

11. Other Noncurrent Assets

This account consists of:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Receivable from sale of investments	₱-	₱96,592,600
Deposits	2,501,232	18,456,517
Software and website - net	62,356,276	3,261,053
Others	11,232,670	795,384
	<u>76,090,178</u>	<u>119,105,554</u>
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(58,950,181)	(96,815,015)
	<u>₱17,139,997</u>	<u>₱22,290,539</u>

12. Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities

This account consists of:

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Due to sub-agents and brokers	₱138,529,951	₱135,273,271
Accrued expenses	51,191,692	69,935,443
Trade	33,704,366	56,555,896
Others	41,461,665	26,700,422
	<u>₱264,887,674</u>	<u>₱288,465,032</u>

Terms and conditions of financial liabilities follow:

- Due to sub-agents and brokers are noninterest-bearing and are normally settled on a two to four days' term.
- Accrued interest are payable within 30 days from its accrual.
- Trade payables, accrued expenses and other payables are noninterest-bearing and are normally settled on a 60 to 90-day term.

13. General and Administrative Expenses

This account consists of:

	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011
Salaries, wages and allowances	₱89,637,877	₱100,379,833
Rent and utilities	63,394,916	64,307,176
Outside services	44,699,575	48,595,006
Professional fee	31,200,706	11,956,438
Office supplies	8,643,859	10,649,969
Taxes and licenses	8,159,720	10,948,524
Transportation and travel	3,334,541	6,382,187
Representation	1,667,271	2,499,359
Advertising	666,149	1,288,179
Others	16,571,271	4,851,287
	<u>₱267,975,885</u>	<u>₱261,857,960</u>

14. Retirement Costs

e-Business has a funded, noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its qualified employees. The Parent Company and Yehey! have an unfunded, noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of their qualified employees.

15. Equity

a. Capital Stock - ₱1 par value of common shares

The details of this account are shown below:

Authorized shares	2,250,000,000
Issued and outstanding shares	2,235,390,633

b. Treasury stock

On various dates in 2009, the Parent Company reacquired a total of 26.9 million shares for an aggregate price of ₱35.1 million. The aggregate amounts are presented in the consolidated financial statements as 'Treasury stock'.

In addition, on various dates in 2010, the Parent Company reacquired a total of 134.9 million shares for an aggregate price of ₱153.4 million.

16. Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. This includes: (a) individuals owning, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control, or are controlled by, or under common control with, the Group; (b) associates; and, (c) individuals owning, directly or indirectly, an interest in the voting power of the Group that gives them significant influence over the Group and close members of the family of any such individual.

17. Basic/Diluted Earnings Per Share

	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010
(a) Net income attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	P310,588,702	P416,259,189	P435,930,869
(b) Weighted average outstanding shares	2,100,535,133	2,100,535,133	2,134,334,104
(c) Basic/Diluted earnings (loss) per share (a/b)	P0.148	P0.198	P0.204