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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.
3/F Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza
Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue
Makati City

Attention: **Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion**
Head-Disclosure Department

Re: Resignation of Mr. Gregorio U. Kilayko
as Independent Director of Vantage Equities, Inc.

Gentlemen:

We respond to your request for clarification on the reason for the resignation of Mr. Gregorio U. Kilayko as Independent Director of Vantage Equities, Inc. (the "Corporation"). Please be informed that Mr. Kilayko resigned from the Corporation, pursuant to good corporate governance practice, in order to concentrate on his duties as Independent Director of the following mutual fund companies:

1. Philequity Fund, Inc.
2. Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc.
3. Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc.
4. Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc.
5. Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc.

Further, we note the directive under SEC Memorandum Circular No. 9, Series of 2011, on the rules on the election of Independent Director in listed, public, and mutual fund companies. Said Rules state that, while there shall be no limit in the number of covered companies that a person may be elected to as independent director, in business conglomerates, an independent director can only be elected to a total of five (5) companies that are members of the same conglomerate.

We trust that we have sufficiently addressed your concern. Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours,


ADRIAN FRANCIS S. BUSTOS
Assistant Corporate Secretary