

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CO

Form 6-K

July 27, 2009

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**For the month of July 2009**

**Commission File Number 1-03006**

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Ramon Cojuangco Building**

**Makati Avenue**

**Makati City**

**Philippines**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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

Yes  No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-  
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Some information in this report may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current beliefs, expectations and intentions as to facts, actions and events that will or may occur in the future. Such statements generally are identified by forward-looking words such as believe, plan, anticipate, continue, estimate, expect, may, will or other similar words.

A forward-looking statement may include a statement of the assumptions or bases underlying the forward-looking statement. We have chosen these assumptions or bases in good faith. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, some of which are beyond our control. In addition, these forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from information contained in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, the risk factors set forth in Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. You should also keep in mind that any forward-looking statement made by us in this report or elsewhere speaks only as at the date on which we made it. New risks and uncertainties come up from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict these events or how they may affect us. We have no duty to, and do not intend to, update or revise the statements in this report after the date hereof. In light of these risks and uncertainties, you should keep in mind that actual results may differ materially from any forward-looking statement made in this report or elsewhere.

**EXHIBITS**

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1	A copy of the disclosure letter that we filed today with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Philippine Stock Exchange regarding the press release issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) entitled "Moody's upgrades PLDT's bond rating to Ba1; outlook stable."	6



Exhibit 1

July 24, 2009

The Philippine Stock Exchange  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor PSE Centre  
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center  
Pasig City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion

Head, Disclosure Department

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 17.1(b) and Section 17.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, we submit herewith a copy of SEC Form 17-C with a press release issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) attached thereto entitled "Moody's upgrades PLDT's bond rating to Ba1; outlook stable".

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

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

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July 24, 2009

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Money Market Operations Department

SEC Building, EDSA

Mandaluyong City

Attention : Director Justina F. Callangan

Corporations Finance Department

Gentlemen:

Re : Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

SEC Registration No. PW-55

In accordance with Section 17.1 (b) of the Securities Regulation Code, we submit herewith three (3) copies of SEC Form 17-C with a press release issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) attached thereto entitled "Moody's upgrades PLDT's bond rating to Ba1; outlook stable".



Very truly yours,

/s/ Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**SEC FORM 17-C**

**CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17**

OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE

AND SRC RULE 17.1

1. July 24, 2009

(Date of earliest event reported)

2. SEC Identification Number PW-55

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

4. PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter

5. PHILIPPINES 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (SEC Use Only)

Province, country or other jurisdiction Industry Classification Code  
of Incorporation

7. 9<sup>th</sup> Floor MGO Building

Legaspi corner dela Rosa Streets, Makati City 1200

Address of principal office Postal Code

8. (632) 816-8553

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

9. Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC

Title of Each Class Number of Shares of Common Stock

Licensed and Amount of Debt Outstanding

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11. Item 9 Other Events

Attached hereto is a press release issued by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) entitled "Moody's upgrades PLDT's bond rating to Ba1; outlook stable".

SIGNATURE

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

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY

/s/ Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

Date: July 24, 2009

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*Moody's Investors Service*

Rating Action: Moody's upgrades PLDT's bond rating to Ba1; outlook stable

Global Credit Research 24 Jul 2009

Approximately \$550 Million of Debt Securities Affected

Hong Kong, July 24, 2009 Moody's Investors Service has upgraded to Ba1 from Ba2 the foreign currency bond rating of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company's (PLDT). This rating action follows Moody's decision to upgrade the Republic of Philippines government's B1 long-term foreign-currency rating to Ba3 and the foreign-currency country ceiling to Ba1 from Ba3. PLDT's Ba1 foreign currency debt rating is now in line with the Philippines' country ceiling for foreign currency bonds.

At the same time, Moody's has affirmed PLDT's Baa2 local currency issuer rating. The outlook for both ratings is stable.

The principal methodology used in rating PLDT was the Global Telecommunications Industry dated December 2007, which can be found at [www.moodys.com](http://www.moodys.com) in the Credit Policy & Methodologies directory, in the Ratings Methodologies subdirectory. Other methodologies and factors that may have been considered in the process of rating this issuer can also be found in the Credit Policy & Methodologies directory.

The last rating action was taken on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 when PLDT's Baa2 senior unsecured local currency issuer rating was confirmed with a stable outlook.

PLDT, headquartered in Manila and listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange and American Depository Receipts traded on the New York Stock Exchange, is an integrated provider of fixed-line, broadband, cellular and ICT (Information and Communications Technology) services. It currently has a 52% subscriber market share for cellular

telephony, 60% for fixed-line services and about 70% for broadband.

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#### Signatures

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

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE

TELEPHONE COMPANY

By : /s/ Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

Name : MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Title : Senior Vice President, Corporate

Affairs and Legal Services Head

and Corporate Secretary

Date: July 24, 2009