

January 15, 2020

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

6F PSE Tower
5th Avenue corner 28th Street
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

Attention: **MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION**
Head, Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit the SEC Form 23A of Ms. Hiroko Mercene Castro.

We hope you find everything in order.

Very truly yours,
METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY
(Trust Banking Group)
(Transfer Agent)
By:


MA. ANNETTE VALENE BAUTISTA
Junior Assistant Manager


WALTER R. BRIONES
Manager

Cc: **Atty. Marie Rose M. Magallen - Lirio**
Head - Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department (ICDD)
Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Metro Manila, Philippines

FORM 23-A

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 23 of the Securities Regulation Code

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Castro Hiroko Mercene (Last) (First) (Middle) 63 Diamond St., Terminal Subd. (Street) Antipolo City, Rizal (City) (Province) (Postal Code)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) January 13, 2020	5. Issuer Name and Trading Symbol METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY (MBT)			
	3. Tax Identification Number 108-131-564	6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other Deputy Head – Branch Support Center / <u>Senior Vice President</u>			7. If Amendment Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) N/A
	4. Citizenship Filipino	Table 1- Equity Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Class of Equity Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Percentage (%) Held	4. Ownership From: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	5. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
COMMON	100		I	Equity Security owned by my spouse Ronald Castro	
-----nothing follows-----					

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of Equity securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
(Print or Type Responses)

* (1) A person is directly or indirectly the beneficial owner of any equity security with respect to which he has or shares:
 (A) Voting power which includes the power to vote, or to direct the voting of, such security; and/or
 (B) Investment power which includes the power to dispose of, or to direct the disposition of, such security.
 (2) A person will be deemed to have an indirect beneficial interest in any equity security which is:
 (A) held by members of a person's immediate family sharing the same household;
 (B) held by a partner in which such person is a general partner;
 (C) held by a corporation of which such person is a controlling shareholder; or
 (D) subject to any contact, arrangement or understanding which gives such person voting power with respect to such security.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Equity Securities Underlying the Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Direct (D) or Indirect (I))	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



 Signature of Reporting Person

January 13, 2020

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

Intentional misstatements or omission of facts is a Criminal Violations under the SRC.

Note : File five (5) copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed by the reporting person,