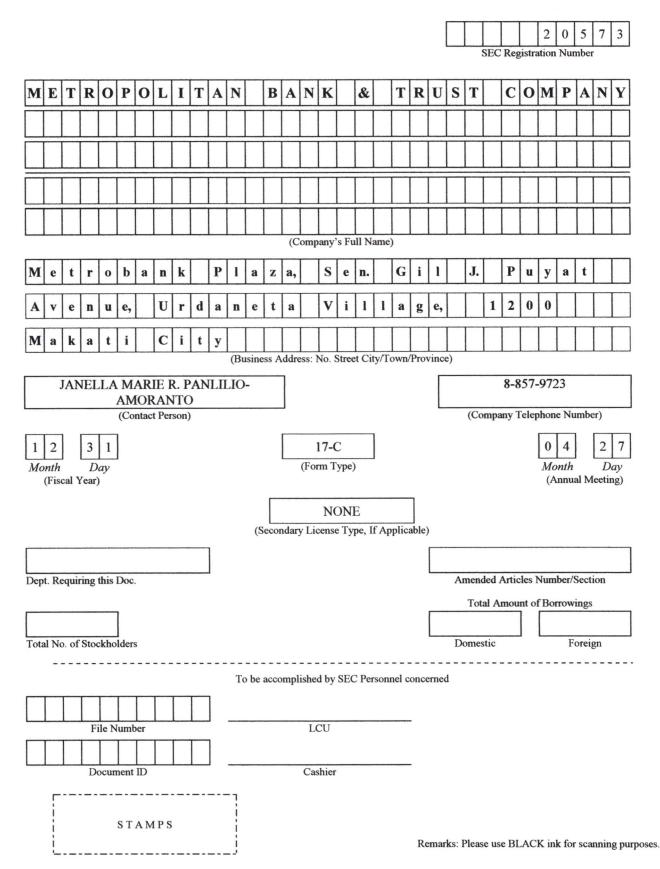
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2 (C) THEREUNDER

- 1. February 22 2023 Date of Report
- 2. SEC Identification Number 20573
- 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-477-863-000
- 4. METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
- 5.Manila6.(SEC Use Only)Province, country or other
jurisdiction of incorporationIndustry Classification Code:
- 7. Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Urdaneta Village Makati City Address of principal office Postal Code
- 8. (02) 8-898-8000 Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 9. N.A. Former name or former address, if changed since last report
- 10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding
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Common Shares

4,497,415,555

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein:

Item no. 9 – Other Events

Please be advised that the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company, at its regular meeting held on 22 February 2023 approved the Declaration of Cash Dividend of PhP3.00/share (PhP1.60 regular, payable on semi-annual basis and PhP1.40 special dividends) amounting to PhP13,492,246,665, to be taken from the Bank's Unrestricted Retained earnings (URE) as of 31 December 2022:

1. First Payout

Total Dividend Amount	:	PhP2.20/share <u>(PhP0.80 regular and</u> <u>PhP1.40 special)</u> amounting to PhP9,894,314,221
Record Date	:	March 17, 2023
Payment Date	:	March 31, 2023

and to authorize the President to change the dates as may be required by exigencies.

2. Second Payout

Total Dividend Amount	:	PhPo.80/share (<u>2nd half of the Php1.60</u> <u>regular dividend</u>) amounting to Php3,597,932,444
Record and Payment Dates	:	Exact date TBD (in September 2023)

Record and Payment Dates to be determined during the Board's Regular meeting in August 2023.

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

> METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY Issuer

By:

JANELLA MARIE R. PANLILIO-AMORANTO Assistant Corporate Secretary