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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 21 2024 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-	Manila Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation 6. (SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code:												
7-	GT Tower International, 6813 Ayala Avenue cor. H.V. Dela Costa St. Brgy. E Makati City Address of principal office	Bel Air, 1227 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

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 21 February 2024 approved the Declaration of Cash Dividend of PhP5.00/share (PhP3.0 regular, payable on semi-annual basis and PhP2.00 special dividends) amounting to PhP22,487,077,775.00 to be taken from the Bank's Unrestricted Retained earnings (URE) as of 31 December 2023:

1. First Payout

Total Dividend Amount

PhP3.50/share

(PhP1.50 regular and

PhP2.00 special) amounting to

PhP15,740,954,442.50

Record Date

:

:

March 08, 2024

Payment Date

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March 25, 2024

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

2. Second Payout

Total Dividend Amount

PhP1.50/share

(2nd half of the Php3.00

regular dividend) amounting to

Php6,746,123,332.50

Record and Payment Dates :

Exact date TBD (in September

2024)

Record and Payment Dates to be determined during the Board's Regular meeting in August 2024.

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:

JANELLAMARIE R. VANLILIO-AMORANTO
Assistant Corporate Secretary