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**Attention: ATTY. JOSEPH B. EVANGELISTA**  
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Gentlemen,

We write in response to your query dated 13 March 2019 seeking clarification on the news article entitled "SMIC allots P98b for 2019 investments" posted in manilastandard.net on March 13, 2019. The article reported that:

*"SMI Investments Corp., the holding company of the Sy family, earmarked P98 billion for 2019 capital expenditures to support the expansion of its real estate, banking and retail businesses.*

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*The conglomerate will allocate P9 billion to P12 billion for banking units BDO Unibank Inc. and China Banking Corporation for branch expansion and IT enhancements".*

We wish to confirm that China Bank capex is part of the SMIC total capex figure.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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