

September 10, 2020

## **HONORABLE EMILIO B. AQUINO**

Chairperson SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) 3F Secretariat Building, PICC Complex Roxas Boulevard, Manila, 1307

Dear Chairperson Aquino:

Upon the request of SL Agritech Corporation (SLAC), we are confirming that their existing rating is **PRS Aa (corp.)**, with a **Stable Outlook**. This is in relation to its planned commercial paper (CP) issuance within the year, amounting to up to ₱2.0 billion.

A company rated **PRS Aa (corp.)** differs from the highest-rated corporates only to a small degree, and has a strong capacity to meet its financial commitments relative to that of other Philippine corporates.

On the other hand, an Outlook is an indication as to the possible direction of any rating change within a one year period and serves as a further refinement to the assigned credit rating for the guidance of investors, regulators, and the general public. A **Stable Outlook** is defined as: "The rating is likely to be maintained or to remain unchanged in the next 12 months."

The rating and Outlook already consider recent developments and the performance of the company during this time of pandemic. PhilRatings notes that SLAC's products are considered as essential. Although production and delivery were affected initially when the lockdown was first imposed, such are expected to not be restricted and can be managed, moving forward.

Again, we wish to thank you for allowing us to be of continued service to the Commission in its objective to develop the Philippine capital market.

Very truly yours,

RENATO H. PERONILLA Chairman, Rating Committee

cc: ATTY. EMMANUEL Y. ARTIZA

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