

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

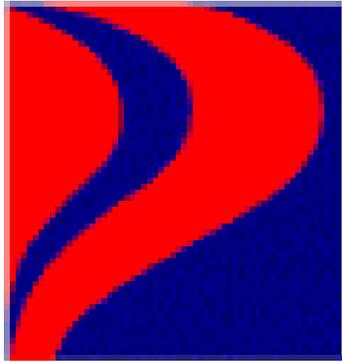
1. Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
Aug 8, 2018
2. SEC Identification Number
31171
3. BIR Tax Identification No.
000-168-801
4. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
PETRON CORPORATION
5. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
Philippines
6. Industry Classification Code(SEC Use Only)
7. Address of principal office
San Miguel Head Office Complex, 40 San Miguel Avenue, Mandaluyong City
Postal Code
1550
8. Issuer's telephone number, including area code
(63 2) 886-3888, 884-9200
9. Former name or former address, if changed since last report
N/A
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 and Amount of Debt Outstanding
COMMON (PCOR)	9,375,104,497
PREFERRED SERIES 2A (PRF2A)	7,122,320
PREFERRED SERIES 2B (PRF2B)	2,877,680
PCOR SERIES A BONDS DUE 2021 (IN MIL PESO)	13,000
PCOR SERIES B BONDS DUE 2023 (IN MIL PESO)	7,000
TOTAL DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2018 (IN MIL PESO-CONSO)	257,027

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein

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**Petron Corporation
PCOR**

PSE Disclosure Form 4-31 - Press Release
References: SRC Rule 17 (SEC Form 17-C)
Section 4.4 of the Revised Disclosure Rules

Subject of the Disclosure

Media release entitled "PETRON INCOME UP 16%, POSTS P9.5 BILLION IN FIRST HALF OF 2018".

Background/Description of the Disclosure

Media release entitled "PETRON INCOME UP 16%, POSTS P9.5 BILLION IN FIRST HALF OF 2018".

Other Relevant Information

Please see attached letter dated August 7, 2018.

The amendment in this SEC Form 17-C refers to the revision of the total debt amount indicated in the SEC Form 17-C dated August 7, 2018 from P257,751 Million to P257,027 Million (consolidated).

Filed on behalf by:

Name	Jhoanna Jasmine Javier-Elacio
Designation	Legal Manager and Assistant Corporate Secretary



August 7, 2018

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

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Attention: **Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion**
Head, Disclosure Department

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Attention: **Ms. Vina Vanessa S. Salonga**
Head – Issuer Compliance and Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

Please find attached the media release of the Company entitled
“PETRON INCOME UP 16%, POSTS ₱9.5 BILLION IN FIRST HALF OF 2018”.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JACruz".

JOEL ANGELO C. CRUZ
VP - General Counsel &
Corporate Secretary

**August 7, 2018
MEDIA RELEASE
FOR PUBLICATION & BROADCAST**



PETRON INCOME UP 16%, POSTS ₱9.5 BILLION IN FIRST HALF OF 2018

The country's leading oil company Petron Corporation (PCOR) sustained its strong performance in the first half of 2018 reaching a consolidated net income of ₱9.5 billion, up 16% from ₱8.2 billion in the same period last year.

Consolidated revenues increased 32 percent to ₱273.5 billion over the period from 2017's ₱207 billion, driven by sustained sales volumes of its Philippine and Malaysian operations and higher prices of crude oil and finished products. Consolidated sales volumes grew to 54.4 million barrels. Benchmark Dubai crude oil averaged US\$68/barrel in the first six months of 2018, 32% higher over the same period last year.

In the Philippine market, Petron's continued focus on other high-margin products resulted in petrochemicals generating strong sales, surpassing last year's first half volumes by 14%. Gasoline and aviation fuel likewise increased by 8% and 4%, respectively.

Petron Malaysia, in turn, reported a 7% growth in sales volumes boosted by stronger retail sales. The Company said its continuing network expansion program drove the increase in retail volumes. Petron Malaysia now has over 620 service stations and is becoming a significant force in this highly-competitive market. Petron also benefitted as the Malaysian Ringgit recovered and continued to strengthen during the period.

Operating income for the first six months of 2018 stood at ₱15.6 billion, higher than last year's ₱14.6 billion by 7%. This did not reflect the robust growth in revenues of 32% because the increase in cost of crude outpaced the increase in prices of finished goods. This reduced the Company's gross profit rate to 8.5% in the first half of 2018 versus last year's 10.2% over the same period.

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“We intend to fortify our leadership position as we ride on the continued economic growth of the Philippine and Malaysian markets. We continue to integrate our value chain, build up our supply and logistics capabilities, and roll-out more service stations than our competitors,” Petron President and CEO Ramon S. Ang said.

“We are well-positioned to fuel the government’s infrastructure program,” Mr. Ang added.

Despite its No.1 market position, Petron remains the fastest-growing oil company with a network of over 2,400 stations – the largest in the country and more than its three next competitors combined. Petron also continues to enjoy strong brand preference with continued product innovation. Its **Petron Blaze 100 Euro 6**, for instance, is the only one of its kind in the market and is the best gasoline in the country.

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About Petron Corporation

Petron Corporation is the largest oil refining and marketing company in the Philippines and is a leading player in the Malaysian market. It has a combined refining capacity of 268,000 barrels-per-day and produces a full range of world-class fuels and petrochemicals. It has over 3,000 service stations where it retails world-class gasoline and diesel. Petron is dedicated and passionate about its vision to be the leading provider of total customer solutions in the energy sector and its derivative businesses. Please visit us at www.petron.com for more information.

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