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A Primer on

# Petron Dealership Program

Thank you for taking an interest in the Petron dealership program.

The Petron dealership program presents a unique opportunity to a good man to set up his own business that will offer unlimited growth and potential. You will reap rewards in proportion to your efforts.

We hope that this will open the door of a great opportunity for you and your family. **Good Luck!** 

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## PETRON... a great reputation

The "Petron" brand is backed by a great reputation – something we work hard at each day...then and now....

#### Something we work hard at each day...

Petron was born out of the purchase by the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) of Esso Phils., on December 21, 1973 and the subsequent integration of the Filoil Companies in April 1974. This proved to be a masterstroke, pooling together a formidable core of exceptional managerial and technical competencies, resources, and capabilities in the local oil industry.

As a wholly-owned subsidiary of PNOC, Petron's initial mandate was to ensure adequate oil supply nationwide. Through the 1973-74 oil embargo, subsequent Middle East crisis and natural calamities, Petron was able to live up to this challenge. Petron dealers in calamity stricken areas were often cited for public service for bringing in much needed fuels and support for victims and community.

In August 1994, Petron became a private corporation with the sale of 20% of PNOC stocks to the public. Earlier, Saudi Aramco won the bid for a 40% share.

This gave Petron a *strategic partner* in Saudi Aramco assuring unlimited oil supply and *widest ownership base*.

Petron, in pursuing this mission, emerged the consistent leader in the industry in sales and profitability.

#### Now...

Petron continues to be the top oil company – serving over 40% of the domestic oil market.

In March 2008, Ashmore Investment Group (London-based investment group) through its nominee SEA Refinery Holdings B.V. purchased the 40% share of Saudi Aramco, dawning a new chapter in Petron's history. Ashmore is a leading investor in emerging markets, focusing exclusively on developing economies, with holdings in power generation, telecommunications and utilities.

Ashmore also offered a tender offer to buy the shares of other shareholders, and by July 2008 had acquired an additional 10.57% of Petron shares (thus becoming the majority owner of the company at 50.57%.)

On December 23, 2008, PNOC sold its remaining 40% shares to SEA Refinery Corporation (SRC), a local subsidiary of SEA Refinery Holdings B.V. In their respective SEC filing, SEA Refinery Holdings B.V. indicated 40.47% ownership in Petron, while SEA Refinery Corporation indicated 50.1% ownership in Petron. The remaining 9.43% is owned by the public.

It was also at this period where San Miguel Corporation (SMC) entered into an Option Agreement with SEA B.V. where SMC is given the option to buy out SRC within a two-year period ending on December 23, 2010. As part of the option agreement, SEA B.V. allowed SMC to take seats in Petron's Board of Directors and appoint key officers.

#### **Distribution Channels**

Petron has a nationwide network consisting of 32 terminals, bulk plants and sales offices that supply industrial accounts, and over 1,288 service stations serving urban centers, towns, fishing villages, and even remote highlands.

#### Refinery

Petron has its own petroleum refinery at Limay, Bataan, capable of refining 180,000 barrels of crude oil per day. It holds the distinction of being the only refinery in the country with an integrated computer-based operation for optimum cost-effectiveness. It is also the first to expand desulfurization capacity for more environmental friendly products.

In April 2008, Petron commissioned the country's first petrochemical feedstock units, namely, a Petro Fluidized Catalytic Cracker (PetroFCC) and a Propylene Recover Unit (PRU). This development is part of Petron's long-term diversification strategy. A Benzene-Toulene-Xylene (BTX) unit is currently under construction which shall also produce additional petrochemical feedstocks.

#### Products

Petron has a complete line of petroleum products for industrial, commercial, motoring and household applications for local and international markets. Top sellers are Petron Gasul, the leading brand in LPG, ULTRON and REV X (with the highest API rating in the market) lubricants, Petron Sprint 4T Motorcycle lubricants and Xtra Unleaded for gasoline fed engines.

At present, Petron has 5 fuel brands in the market and these are Blaze (96 + Octane), XCS (95 Octane), Xtra (93 Octane), Diesel Max and Petron E-10 (95+ Octane) which contains 10% Ethanol blend that was introduced in June 2008 and in now available in more than 40 select stations. Aside from these Petron also sells Regular gasoline and Kerosene at the service stations.

#### "A Culture of Professionalism"

#### Personnel

Petron prides itself for the quality of its personnel. As of January 2009, the company has 1279 regular employees of which 90% have college degrees. Anyone from the ranks can rise to an executive position by excellent performance and continuous training and self-improvement as exemplified by the ranks for senior management today. This is a deeply respected tradition which promotes a culture of professionalism, a culture that puts work first before anything else. A culture that is customer oriented.

# THE BUSINESS OF SERVICE STATIONS

The business of service stations is basically a retail operation – buying, storing, and reselling fuels, lubricants and company sanctioned products at the right quality and time customers need them. On this score, all service stations are the same.

But why do some stations have more customers than others?

These factors are thought to be important in influencing motorist's choice of station:

# Location

Travel time and accessibility

Station characteristics Station appearance Merchandising Quality of customer service Personnel Advertising and promotions

Image of the station Brand equity Price Business reputation of the dealer and public relations

#### **Quality of competitive outlets**

As you can infer from these factors, the business of service stations is not merely a matter of getting the "nozzle in the tank". It is more of making sure that the motorists <u>come back again and again</u> and it all boils down to the ability of **delighting customers** more consistently than competition.

That is where the challenge of a dealership lies.

#### **Types of Service Stations**

Petron has three types of outlets:

<u>Company-owned service stations (COSS)</u> – These are stations built, equipped and maintained by the company on either company-owned or leased lots. They usually have complete station facilities such as driveway, salesroom, service bays and convenience facilitates.

COSS dealer provides the operating capital which ranges from  $\mathbb{P}$  4 million to  $\mathbb{P}$  9 million depending on the size and array of services offered by the station. This covers among others stocks, tools and equipment like lubricators, wheel balancers, wheel aligner and for granting credit, accommodations. Dealer pays a monthly rental for the service station facilities.

**<u>Dealer Owned Service Stations (DOSS)</u>** – These are service stations built and financed by the dealer who is usually the owner of the lot.

The company provides the major equipment like underground tanks, dispensing pumps, lifters and compressors which in themselves constitute a major investment.

DOSS are generally smaller outlets limited to filling activities as those found in small towns and fishing villages. However, there is also a number of large DOSS in urban areas.

#### Micro Filling Stations (MFS)

#### <u>Tenure of Dealership</u>

Dealers of company and dealer-owned stations sign a dealership contract with the company covering a minimum period of three (3) years. The contract is renewable for additional three-year periods based on the performance of the dealer.

#### Transfer of Dealership

A dealer cannot transfer the dealership to his heirs or to anyone by succession, sale, assignment, etc. That right rests solely with Petron.

#### **Reseller Trade Division**

The function of maintaining, developing and ensuring the success of retail dealerships fall under the Reseller Trade Division of Petron.

Other questions pertaining to service station operating procedures will be entertained during an orientation for serious applicants.

### **DEALER SELECTION PROCESS**

Petron puts a lot of effort and care in the selection of dealers because careful selection is everything in the success of a service station.

Dealers are **"PETRON"** to the public. They are therefore the main link between the company and the largest number of its customers – the motorists. They can enhance the value of the Petron image or ruin it depending on the way they serve the motorists.

A dealer who fails to give friendly, prompt and efficient service or fails to maintain accepted standards of appearance of the station and personnel **discredits** the Petron image and **harms** the business of his fellow dealers.

What then are the qualities of one who eventually joins the family of Petron dealers?

Let us answer this by pointing out the common traits shared by our best dealers:

- They like people and serve them well.
- They find satisfaction in helping others solve their problems.
- They treat their people well.
- They talk to the personnel and ask their ideas and problems.
- They are proud of the Company and their business.

To be sure, those who exhibit these qualities consistently win and command the highest share of the market in their trading area and enjoy the highest returns on their investment.

Now take a look at the checklist of **Selection Criteria** and see how many of this attributes you possess. Following this is the **Performance Criteria**, which at this point, you ought to know to be able to assess your fitness with the business.

#### Musts:

- 1. Must meet established capitalization required for a given dealership (this will range between ₽ 4 million to ₽ 9 million depending on the type of trade and type of station available).
- 2. Must be able to dedicate most of his time, if not all, in running the station.
- 3. Must be dynamic and have the aggressiveness and desire not just to operate a service station business but to be the number one in his trading area.
- 4. Must be perceptive to new ideas and suggestions, pleasing in personality, and have good moral character that will assure the company of loyalty.
- 5. Must be willing to undergo a four-week Dealer Management course
- 6. Must have no past record of criminal case.
- 7. Must not be operating any existing Petron station or that of any other oil company.

#### Wants:

- 1. Desirable if the spouse and/or any other member of the family can help in the business.
- 2. Desirable if applicant's capitalization is backed-up by real estate properties for use as future collateral in expanding the business.
- 3. Desirable if applicant has previous record of business or employment success.
- 4. Desirable if applicant has no known vices
- 5. Desirable if service station can become his full-time business
- 6. Desirable if applicant is a member of any civic group in the community, i.e. Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Jaycees, etc.
- 7. Desirable if applicant is a resident of the community where the station applied for is located
- 8. Desirable if dealership is single proprietorship.
- 9. Desirable if applicant is not more than 45 years of age.

#### Performance Criteria

- Quantitative:
  - Sales volume growth
  - Market share
  - Financial sales revenue, profits and return on investments
- Qualitative:
  - Quality of station and personnel appearance/presentation
  - Merchandising
  - Quality customer service
    - Steady growth of new customers
    - Retention of old/regular customers
    - No customer complaints
  - Ability to plan
    - Business strategy
    - New programs/promotions
- Workforce:
  - Sufficient manpower at all times
  - Alert and highly inspired frontliners and service personnel
  - Low turnover/absenteeism
  - No personnel injuries/accidents

#### THE SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process described here applies to all types of stations but more particularly to company-owned stations. It involves three phases:

Phase I	Screening
Phase II	Training and Testing
Phase III	Installation

#### I. Screening:

- Dealer Application received
- Preliminary interviews
- Dealer is evaluated against criteria
- Background check and home visit
- Financial soundness check
- Panel interview by Dealer Selection Committee
- Applicant found suitable for dealership
- Recommend for training and testing

#### II. Training and Testing:

- 3-day orientation on Petron dealership and on-the-job observation
- Applicant demonstrates interest and potential aptitude for station work
- 4-week Dealership Management Course
- Applicant passes course
- Training Director endorses applicant as ready and qualified for dealership

#### III. Installation:

Applicants who pass the screening stage but cannot be installed immediately for lack of available sites, will be placed in an Active Pool. As soon as an opening exists, the applicants will again be called for further discussion, evaluation and comparison with other candidates.

#### HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Get to know the service station business by reading the Primer on Petron Dealership Program.
- 2. Accomplish the Dealer Application Form consisting of three parts:

Part I.	Dealer Application
Part II.	Financial and Personal Statement
Part III.	Business Plan

- 3. The initial screening will be based on the content of the application. So take time to fill out the required date and information. Do not leave blank spaces. Put "NA" in the blank if information sought is not applicable to your case.
- 4. Submit application to:

Luzon applicants:Visayas and Mindanao applicants:Luzon Reseller ManagerVisMin Reseller ManagerGround Flr. San Miguel Head OfficePetron CorporationComplex, 40 San Miguel AvenueMandaue Terminal1150 Mandaluyong CityLooc, Mandaue CityTel No. (02) 884 9251Visayas and Mindanao applicants:

- 5. Applicant will be informed in writing, of the status of his/her application after the preliminary screening phase.
- 6. Petron shall only process applications forms duly filled-up and with complete attachments. There is no need to follow-up applications as all applicants shall be informed of their status.
- 7. Even if a dealer applicant undergoes the 4-week Dealer Management Course (DMC) it does not serve as an assurance that he/she will be awarded the dealership to the station that he/she applied for. The awarding of dealership (installation) is on the sole discretion of the company based on a set criteria which include but are not limited to DMC performance/ Panel Interview Scores and Background Checks.

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# **PETRON CORPORATION** Service Station Dealership Application Form



Name of Applicant:

Date of Application:

Location of Service Station Applied For:

This form will help us become acquainted with your accomplishments and qualifications as a prospective dealer. Read each item carefully and answer accurately. Answer all questions completely. Be sure to write additional comments as requested.

# **Personal Information**

2" x 2" picture

<u>Name (in full):</u>				Age:
Date of Birth:	Birthpla	ce:	Ht.	Wt.
Home Address:				
		Home Tel.:		Fax:
Business Address:				
		Business Tel.:		Fax:
TIN:	SSS:	Citizenship:	Marital S	tatus:
No. of Dependents:		Name of Children		Age
Name of Children be	low 21:			
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Spouse's Name				
(Indicate address, if o	different from you)			
Educational Attainn	nent			
	<i>ICIII.</i>		Preser	tly Employed?
Primary	HS Undergraduate	College Undergra	duate	Yes
Elementary	HS Graduate	College Graduate		] No
Highest level achieve	ed:	Degree:		
Name of college and	or postgraduate school:			

# **Employment/Business Experience**

Present occupation:	Positi	on: Date e	mployed:		
Company:	Address:		Tel. No.:		
Describe duties, respon	sibilities				
Previous employment/h	DUSINESS EXPERIENCE. Beg	gin with your most recent, (Use extr	ra sheet if necessary)		
Date			Ave. Mo.		
From To Com	pany/Employer	Address	Earning		
Position with longest se	ervice:	Company:	No. of Years:		
Type of work – describe	briefly		_		
Activities in previous w	ork with very much exp	erience-check as many as	possible:		
Indoor work	Clerical	Mechanical			
Outdoor work	Contact with	person 🗌 Auto repair			
Physical activity	Selling	🖵 Eqpt mainten			
Standing, movir	ig Supervision		g 🗆		
Have you ever been self-employed? If so, explain.					
If you have sales experi	ence, indicate line or pr	oduct sold.			
		Did you contact customer i	in their home/office?		
Inside	F	Yes	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Outside					

# **Financial Information**

Do you own your home (partially	or entirely paid for)?							
At what age did you begin to support yourself? Please elaborate.								
Have you any financial obligation Exceeding a total of ₽ 500,000 (ot)								
Source of Income								
Applicant's Employer:	Position:	Salary PA:						
Address of Employer	ddress of Employer How long connected?							
Spouse's Employer	Position:	Salary PA:						
Will you resign if appointed deale	21?							
Other Source of Income								
Business Name	Business Name Est. Annual Income							
Business Address								

# Real Estate Property Owned by Applicant/Spouse, Valuation

OCT/TCT	Location	Area	Market Value	Mortgage if any
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## Building & Other Improvements

Description	Location	Агеа	Market Value	Mortgage if any

How long established?

Is business still ongoing?

# Valuable Personal property Owned by Applicant/Spouse

Car/Truck I	lake Model	Plate l	No. Whe	ere Regist	tered	Mortgage if any
		Shares of				
Bonds	Par Value		Market Va	lue	Matur	ity Date (if any)
		Liabil	ities			
Description	Locatio		Area	Market	Value	Mortgage if any
	Ci	edit and Bai	nk Reference			
	of Bank/Person	Length of Dealings	Kind of Dealing		mount posited	Credit Extended

Name of Insured	Kind	Company	Amount	Maturity Date	

	sets ?)	Liabilities (₽)		
Cash on Hand/In Banks	:	Accounts Payable	:	
Inventory (Goods)	:	Miscellaneous Accrua	als :	
Accounts Receivable	:	Loans Payable	:	
Investments	:	Other Liabilities	:	
Fixed Assets:				
Other Assets	:	Total Liabilities	:	
		Net Worth		
TOTAL ASSETS	:	TOTAL LIABILITIES &	NETW ORTH	
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR	THE LAST THREE (3) YEAF	RS (₽):		
Net Sales :				

# **Other Information**

Gross Income : Net Income :

#### Health

Do you have any physical handicaps or special precautions and worries about health that would be shown by a medical examination? (For example: hearing, eyesight, foot ailments, rupture, allergies, lung or heart condition, stomach condition, headaches, arthritis, sinus, asthma, affected by fumes or cold.

Yes	No	If yes, explain		
Have you had any illness during the last five years that required the services of the physician?				
Yes	No No	If yes, explain		

## Social Activities

List your sports and recreational activity:

Leadership/Academic awards, prizes, recognition in sports, hobbies, etc.:

List all civic social, military, business organization or clubs where you are an active member:

How will your home condition influence your success in this type of business? (Consider your family friends, ambitions, home worries, finances and living requirements);

#### Personal References

List 3 persons who have known you for 5 years or more (not relatives or former employers):

Name	Address	Business/Occupation

I hereby certify that the information furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant