

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 23, 2018
2. SEC Identification Number
9170
3. BIR Tax Identification No.
040-000-400-016
4. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
UNIVERSAL ROBINA CORPORATION
5. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
Philippines
6. Industry Classification Code(SEC Use Only)
7. Address of principal office
8th Floor, Tera Tower, Bridgetowne, E. Rodriguez, Jr. Avenue (C5 Road), Ugong Norte,
Quezon City, Metro Manila
Postal Code
1110
8. Issuer's telephone number, including area code
(632) 633-7631 to 40
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	2,204,161,868

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein
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Universal Robina Corporation

URC

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

Press Release

Background/Description of the Disclosure

Please find attached a press release entitled "URC to acquire Roxas Holdings' Central Azucarera Don Pedro sugar mill in Batangas".

Other Relevant Information

N/A

Filed on behalf by:

Name	Rosalinda Rivera
Designation	Corporate Secretary

URC TO ACQUIRE ROXAS HOLDINGS' CENTRAL AZUCARERA DON PEDRO SUGAR MILL IN BATANGAS

Universal Robina Corporation (URC), the largest listed food company in the Philippines involved in a wide range of food-related businesses, including the production and distribution of branded consumer foods, sugar milling and refining and flour milling, and agro-industrial operations, has reached an agreement with Roxas Holdings, Inc. (RHI) to acquire the milling and refining assets of its wholly-owned subsidiary Central Azucarera Don Pedro, Inc. (CADPI) and land owned by RHI, on which the milling and refining assets are situated in Batangas.

Under the terms of the sale transaction, URC will acquire all buildings, improvements, machineries and equipment, laboratory equipment, spare parts and transportation equipment, as well as the land on which the aforementioned assets of RHI and CADPI are located, including any other parcels of land that are necessary for the continuing operations of the refinery and milling plant located at Brgy. Lumbangan, Nasugbu, Batangas.

The transaction is currently still under review of the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC).

“Together with URC-Balayan, we believe that URC’s acquisition of the milling and refining assets of CADPI will create synergies in the sugar industry in Batangas that will benefit all stakeholders – sugarcane farmers, sugarcane workers and the communities,” said URC Chairman Mr. Lance Y. Gokongwei.

Total raw sugar production in Batangas for crop year 2017-2018 is around 2,600,000 million 50-kg bags, or roughly 6% of total annual national sugar production.

URC, through its Sugar and Renewables Division, operates six (6) sugar cane mills nationwide, producing raw sugar, refined sugar and molasses. It also operates a 20-megawatt cogeneration plant, a 100,000 liters per day fuel ethanol plant and a 40 tons per day liquid CO₂ plant.

“URC strongly believes in the long-term viability of the sugar cane industry in the Philippines and we shall always continue supporting the sugarcane farmers and workers,” added Mr. Gokongwei.

ABOUT URC

Universal Robina Corporation (URC) was founded in 1954 when Mr. John Gokongwei, Jr. established Universal Corn Products, Inc., a cornstarch manufacturing plant in Pasig.

URC operates its food business through operating divisions and wholly-owned or majority-owned subsidiaries that are organized into three core business segments, namely, branded consumer foods (BCF), agro-industrial products and commodity food products - flour milling and sugar milling and refining.

Under its Sugar and Renewables Division, it operates six (6) sugar cane mills: URC – Passi in Iloilo, URC – Tolong and URC – Ursumco in Negros Oriental, URC –Sonedco in Negros Occidental, URC – Carsumco in Cagayan, and URC – Balayan in Batangas, three (3) of which are integrated with sugar refining facilities. URC also ventured in the renewables business for sustainability through a cogeneration plant in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental and distillery and CO2 recovery and liquefaction plants in Bais, Negros Oriental.

URC is listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSEi: URC). Further information can be obtained by visiting the web at www.urb.com.ph.

This press release may contain some statements which constitute “forward-looking statements” that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could affect URC’s business and results of operations. Although URC believes that expectations reflected in any forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot guarantee future performance, action or events.