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- 1. <u>11 January 2021</u> Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
- 2. SEC Identification Number <u>14829</u> 3. BIR Tax Identification No. <u>000-164-757</u>
- <u>Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation</u>
 Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
- 5. <u>Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines</u>

Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

Industry Classification Code:

(SEC Use Only)

7. <u>41st Floor, The Finance Center, 26th Street corner 9th Avenue</u>Bonifacio Global City, Brgy. Fort Bonifacio Taguig City, Metro ManilaAddress of principal office1635Postal Code

- 8. (632) 3 499 4001 Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 9. <u>N/A</u> Former name or former address, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Number of Shares of Common Stock
Outstanding and Amount of Debt
Outstanding

Common

1,613,444,202

11. Indicate the item number reported herein: **Item 9 - Other Events**

<u>Item 9 - Other Events - Clarification of News Report - "Tax appeals court upholds</u> <u>refund of P56.8 million to Pilipinas Shell"</u>

The BusinessWorld (Online Edition) published on 04 January 2021 the attached news report entitled "Tax appeals court upholds refund of P56.8 million to Pilipinas Shell", the pertinent portion reads:

"THE Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) upheld its ruling granting P56.8million excise tax refund to Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp.

In a resolution dated Dec. 21, the court, sitting en banc, denied for lack of merit the motion for reconsideration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) over the tax refund granted to Pilipinas Shell.

The BIR claimed that the court erred in ruling that the company is entitled to the refund representing excise taxes it paid on Jet A-1 fuel sold to tax-exempt international carriers.

The court said the arguments raised were 'mere restatements' of those in the previous pleadings.

'Petitioner utterly failed to raise any new or substantial matter let alone any compelling reason to warrant the modification much less reversal of the Court En Banc's findings.,' the court said.

'The Court En Banc stands by its ruling that respondent is entitled to the refund of duly substantiated excise taxes paid on petroleum products sold to international carriers from August 12, 2013 to December 31, 2013,' it added.

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The court in June 2020 denied the petition for review of the BIR and upheld the 2018 decision and resolution of its special third division that partially granted the tax refund claim of Pilipinas Shell, ordering the BIR to refund the amount of P56.8 million out of its P61.5-million claim.

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On 04 January 2021, we disclosed that Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation ("SHLPH") was awaiting its copy of the cited favorable resolution dated 21 December 2020 from the Court of Tax Appeals *En Banc*.

We confirm that we have received a copy of the resolution today and that the statements in the above-quoted news article are correct. The resolution granted SHLPH P56.8 million refund on excise taxes paid on petroleum products sold to tax-exempt international carriers from 12 August 2013 to 31 December 2013. The Court of Tax Appeals *En Banc* denied the Motion of Reconsideration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Said ruling was based on similar cases decided by the Supreme Court. SHLPH shall continue to pursue and defend its claim for refund.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Corporation has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: 11 January 2021

ELLIE CHRIS C. NAVARRA Corporate Secretary